

WATFORD DANCE FESTIVAL

An All England Dance festival
affiliated to the British and International Federation of Festivals

2026 SYLLABUS

The festival will be held at:

The James Theatre
Watford Grammar School for Boys
Rickmansworth Road
Watford
WD18 7JF

Saturdays and Sundays 11/12 April, 18/19 April and 25/26 April

Festival adjudicator – Janet Devenish

Closing date for entries is Monday 12 January



Watford Dance Festival 2026 Syllabus – Disciplines, Time Limits and Fees

Fee - £9 per Solo – Maximum of 5 solos per soloist

| SOLOS | 6 years & under | 7 years | 8 years | 9 years | 10 years | 11 years | 12 years | 13 & 14 years | 13 years | 14 years | 15 & 16 years | 15 years | 16 years | 17 to 21 years |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-----------|----------------|
| Classical Ballet | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. |
| Modern Ballet * | | | | | | | | 2 mins. | | | 2 mins. | | | 2 mins. |
| Narrative/Character | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. |
| Contemporary * | | | | | | | | 2 mins. | | | 2 mins. | | | 2 mins. |
| Global | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. |
| Greek | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. |
| Musical Theatre | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2.5 mins. | 2.5 mins. | | 2.5 mins. | 2.5 mins. | | 2.5 mins. | 2.5 mins. | 2.5 mins. |
| Tap | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. |
| Jazz/Modern or Lyrical | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | 1.5 mins. | | | | | | | | | |
| Jazz/Modern | | | | | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. |
| Lyrical | | | | | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | | 2 mins. | 2 mins. | 2 mins. |

Please note:

*Dancers under the age of 13 may not enter Modern Ballet or Contemporary sections except in a group setting

Ages in those two disciplines will be combined in one of 3 classes – 1) 13 and 14 years 2) 15 and 16 years 3) 17 to 21 years

Dancers aged 6 years and under through to 10 years may only enter in the ‘Jazz/Modern or Lyrical’ section once

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Fee - £5 per dancer

| DUETS | 7 years & under | 10 years & under | 14 years & under | 21 years & under |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Classical Ballet | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Modern Ballet * | | | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Narrative/Character | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Contemporary * | | | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Global | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Greek | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Musical Theatre | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes |
| Tap | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Jazz/Modern or Lyrical | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | | |
| Jazz/Modern | | | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Lyrical | | | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |

| TRIOS & QUARTETS | 7 years & under | 10 years & under | 14 years & under | 21 years & under |
|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Classical Ballet | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Modern Ballet * | | | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Narrative/Character | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Contemporary * | | | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Global | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Greek | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Musical Theatre | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes |
| Tap | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Jazz/Modern or Lyrical | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes | | |
| Jazz/Modern | | | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |
| Lyrical | | | 2.5 minutes | 2.5 minutes |

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Small Group fee - £35 per entry

Large Group fee - £3.50 per dancer

Maximum of 2 entries per group section

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| SMALL GROUPS 5 to 10 Dancers | 10 years & under | 14 years & under | 21 years & under | Adult |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Classical Ballet | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | |
| Modern Ballet * | | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | |
| Narrative/Character | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | |
| Contemporary * | | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | |
| Global | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | |
| Greek | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | |
| Musical Theatre | 3.5 minutes | 3.5 minutes | 3.5 minutes | |
| Tap | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | |
| Jazz/Modern or Lyrical | 3 minutes | | | |
| Jazz/Modern | | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | |
| Lyrical | | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | |
| Open | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 3 minutes | 5 minutes |

| LARGE GROUPS 11 to 30 Dancers | 10 years & under | 14 years & under | 21 years & under | Adult |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------|
| Classical Ballet | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | |
| Modern Ballet * | | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | |
| Narrative/Character | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | |
| Contemporary * | | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | |
| Global | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | |
| Greek | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | |
| Musical Theatre | 4.5 minutes | 4.5 minutes | 4.5 minutes | |
| Tap | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | |
| Jazz/Modern or Lyrical | 4 minutes | | | |
| Jazz/Modern | | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | |
| Lyrical | | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | |
| Open | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | 4 minutes | 5 minutes |

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