

SWALE STAGE FESTIVAL 2019 ~ LAST DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ENTRIES ~ 6th July 2019

X10	Baby Classical Solo	6 yrs & under	(1.5 mins)
X15	Baby Cabaret Solo	6 yrs & under	(1.5 mins)
A10	Ballet Solo	7 & 8 years	(1.5 mins)
A11	National Solo	7 & 8 years	(1.5 mins)
A12	Character Solo	7 & 8 years	(1.5 mins)
A14	Tap Solo	7 & 8 years	(1.5 mins)
A15	Modern Solo	7 & 8 years	(1.5 mins)
A16	Song & Dance Solo	7 & 8 years	(2.0 mins)
B10	Ballet Solo	9 & 10 years	(1.5 mins)
B11	National Solo	9 & 10 years	(1.5 mins)
B12	Character Solo	9 & 10 years	(1.5 mins)
B14	Tap Solo	9 & 10 years	(1.5 mins)
B15	Modern Solo	9 & 10 years	(1.5 mins)
B16	Song & Dance Solo	9 & 10 years	(2.0 mins)
B19	Lyrical Modern Solo	9 & 10 years	(1.5 mins)
C10	Ballet Solo	11 & 12 years	(2.0 mins)
C11	National Solo	11 & 12 years	(2.0 mins)
C12	Character Solo	11 & 12 years	(2.0 mins)
C14	Tap Solo	11 & 12 years	(2.0 mins)
C15	Modern Solo	11 & 12 years	(2.0 mins)
C16	Song & Dance Solo	11 & 12 years	(2.5 mins)
C19	Lyrical Modern Solo	11 & 12 years	(2.0 mins)
D10	Ballet Solo	13 & 14 years	(2.0 mins)
D11	National Solo	13 & 14 years	(2.0 mins)
D12	Character Solo	13 & 14 years	(2.0 mins)
D14	Tap Solo	13 & 14 years	(2.0 mins)
D15	Modern Solo	13 & 14 years	(2.0 mins)
D16	Song & Dance Solo	13 & 14 years	(2.5 mins)
D19	Lyrical Modern Solo	13 & 14 years	(2.0 mins)
E10	Ballet Solo	15 & under 19	(2.0 mins)
E11	National Solo	15 & under 19	(2.0 mins)
E12	Character Solo	15 & under 19	(2.0 mins)
E14	Tap Solo	15 & under 19	(2.0 mins)
E15	Modern Solo	15 & under 19	(2.0 mins)
E16	Song & Dance Solo	15 & under 19	(2.5 mins)
E19	Lyrical Modern Solo	15 & under 19	(2.0 mins)

X21	Duets Classical	10 yrs & under	(2.5 mins)
X22	Duets Musical Theatre	10 yrs & under	(3.0 mins)
X23	Duets Classical	14 yrs & under	(2.5 mins)
X24	Duets Musical Theatre	14 yrs & under	(3.0 mins)
X25	Duets Classical	21 yrs & under	(2.5 mins)
X26	Duets Musical Theatre	21 yrs & under	(3.0 mins)
X31	Trios/Quartets Classical	10 yrs & under	(2.5 mins)
X32	Trios/Quartets Mus.Theatre	10 yrs & under	(3.0 mins)
X33	Trios/Quartets Classical	14 yrs & under	(2.5 mins)
X34	Trios/Quartets Mus.Theatre	14 yrs & under	(3.0 mins)
X35	Trios/Quartets Classical	21 yrs & under	(2.5 mins)
X36	Trios/Quartets Mus.Theatre	21 yrs & under	(3.0 mins)
X40	*Groups (Classical)	10 yrs & under	(5.0 mins)
X41	*Groups (Classical)	14 yrs & under	(5.0 mins)
X42	*Groups (Classical)	21 yrs & under	(5.0 mins)
X45	*Troupes (Mus. Theatre)	10 yrs & under	(5.0 mins)
X46	*Troupes (Mus. Theatre)	14 yrs & under	(5.0 mins)
X47	*Troupes (Mus. Theatre)	21 yrs & under	(5.0 mins)
*NB. A MAXIMUM OF FOUR GROUPS OR TROUPES PER SCHOOL CAN BE ENTERED INTO ANY ONE CLASS			
X50	Greek Solo	12 yrs & under	(2.0 mins)
X51	Greek Solo	13 & under 19	(2.0 mins)
X60	Choreographic Solo	Under 19	(2.5 mins)
X62	Choreographic Open (duets & above)	21 yrs & under	(2.5 mins)
X73	Vocal Solo	12 yrs & under	(2.5 mins)
X74	Vocal Solo	13 & under 19	(2.5 mins)
X76	Vocal Open (duets & above) <i>(All Vocals – Own Choice Song)</i>	21 yrs & under	(3.0 mins)
X80	Alternative Open <i>(includes Disco/Street/Hip-Hop/ Freestyle and Commercial)</i>	21 yrs & under	(2.5 mins)
X90	Contemporary Open	21 yrs & under	(2.5 mins)

**PLEASE MAKE SURE
THAT YOU HAVE ENTERED
DANCERS INTO THE CORRECT
CLASSES & AGE GROUP!**

INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR YOUR HELP AND ASSISTANCE

- 1 **PLEASE NOTE TIMINGS AND AGE GROUPS AND BE SURE YOU HAVE ENTERED DANCERS INTO THE CORRECT CLASS!**
- 2 Times shown are the maximum allowed and should not be exceeded.
- 3 'Classical' includes Ballet, National, Character and Greek. 'Cabaret' and 'Musical Theatre' in this context includes Modern, Lyrical Modern, Tap and Song & Dance, as well as Alternative styles of dance.
- 4 In Ballet and Classical classes dancing on pointe is allowed from the age of 13yrs only.
- 5 The correct age group to enter in duets, trios, quartets, groups and troupes is determined by the age of the eldest dancer participating.
- 6 **Competitors may enter only once in a solo class, and a maximum of four times in any one class of duet, trio or quartet, and only if they are with a different partner in each dance.**
- 7 We are able to accept backing music in finalised CD-R format only. **We do not have the facility to play CD-RW discs, mini-discs or MP3s.** CD-R discs might not play unless they have been finalised to play on ANY equipment.
- 8 All CD-R discs should have only one track on them and must be clearly marked with the Name of Entry, Class and Position of entry in class plus Title where appropriate
- 9 All backing music must be handed to our collectors at least 30 minutes before the advertised start time of your class. Late arriving music may result in the competitor not being able to participate. (Rule 13)
- 10 If copyright clearance is required it is the responsibility of the owner of the recordings to make the necessary arrangements. (Rule 14)
- 11 Don't forget to bring back-up copies of your music in case the original is damaged in some way or will not play in the machine. Remember - well-recorded backing music can make all the difference to a performance, and so can a bad recording!
- 12 It is the responsibility of each competitor to collect their backing music from the collection desk at the completion of their class.
- 13 Although every effort will be made for the safekeeping of CD's whilst in our possession, no responsibility for loss or damage can be accepted. All backing tracks are accepted by us only under this express condition.

SWALE STAGE FESTIVAL GENERAL CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED

- 1) All competitions are limited to non-professionals up to the age of 18 yrs in solo dances, or up to 21yrs in duets and above and Open classes. Professionals are those deriving their main means of livelihood from teaching or performing in the subject of competition. Persons receiving an occasional fee will be deemed to be non-professionals for the purpose of the festival.
- 2) Any question regarding the eligibility of any competitor will be decided by the Festival Committee, whose decision will be final.
- 3) **The age of the competitor will be deemed as his or her age at 00.01 on the first day of the Festival.**
- 4) Competitors will not be allowed to enter more than one routine in each class. However, competitors may enter more than one Duet/ Trio/ Quartet/ Group/ Troupe provided that it is with different partners, upto a maximum of four routines.
- 5) All entries must be sent on an official entry form accompanied by the fee, which is non returnable. More than one competitor may be entered on each form. Photo-copies of the form are acceptable for additional entries and assume full acceptance of the general conditions of the Festival. Cheques should be made payable to 'Swale Stage Festival'.
- 6) Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the organisers and in any event no later than the commencement of the morning or afternoon sessions. Late entries, if accepted, must be paid in cash prior to the performance.
- 7) The times of the competitions and order of performance will be decided by the organisers as soon as possible after the entry list has closed. Teachers will be informed of times as soon as possible. However, the organisers reserve the right to change the advertised order or times without notice and times shown in the programme are provided as guidance only.
- 8) **Competitors will be expected to report to the festival reception desk at least 45 minutes before the festival advertised time of their performance, and be ready to perform, as classes can run up to 30 minutes earlier than might be printed in the programme.**
- 9) Competitors are not allowed to compete in a class of a higher age group except where the class states "and under"
- 10) The organisers reserve the right to cancel or merge any competition classes or to alter times and dates of any classes.
- 11) Marks will be designated as follows: Distinction - 90 plus, Honours - 85-89, Merit - 80-84, Proficiency - 75-79. Certificates will be awarded to all gaining Proficiency, Merit, Honours and Distinction marks. Certificates and Marking sheets will be available to teachers no earlier than 30 minutes after the end of the class.
- 12) Routines may be performed to any instrument, but competitors are required to provide their own accompanist. Recorded accompaniments must be on CD-R disc, one track per CD.
IMPORTANT - We cannot play tracks on CD-RW, MP3 or mini-discs. Also, CD-R's that have not been finalised might not play.
- 13) All CD-R discs must be handed to our music collectors at least 30 minutes before the advertised start time of your class. Failure to hand in your music could result in disqualification.
- 14) If copyright clearance is required for any backing music it is the responsibility of the owner of the CD/tape to make the necessary arrangements.
- 15) **ALL TIME LIMITS ON THE PROSPECTUS ARE MAXIMUM TIMES ALLOCATED TO AN INDIVIDUAL CLASS. THE ADJUDICATOR RESERVES THE RIGHT TO STOP THE ROUTINE AND/OR DEDUCT MARKS IF HE OR SHE CONSIDERS THAT THE TIME LIMIT HAS BEEN EXCEEDED.**
- 16) No competitor over the age of 11 will be allowed to perform for a second time if they leave the stage for any reason other than technical, and in any case only at the adjudicator's discretion.
- 17) Teachers, accompanists and competitors are asked to be ready and prepared to start at the time advertised in the official programme **or as otherwise advised on the day.** Any delay may result in disqualification. Please note that classes can run up to 30 minutes earlier or later than advertised in the programme so please ensure you are ready and prepared for either eventuality.
- 18) MEDALS - Over 5 entries in a class - 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded. Under 5 entries in a class, awards presented will be made at the adjudicator's discretion. Medals will not be awarded in Groups and Troupes sections or in any class where there are more than 5 competitors in an entry. The organisers may have sufficient medals for classes where medals are not awarded but if they are available they will be charged at £2 per medal (ribbons extra).
- 19) All awards are made at the sole discretion of the adjudicator. If in the opinion of the adjudicator any or all of the entries do not warrant an award, then none will be presented. The adjudicator's decision is final in the award of medals and no correspondence or discussion will be entered into regarding the contents of marking sheets. The adjudicators comments, verbal or in writing are given without prejudice and in a sincere effort to help both competitor and teacher.
- 20) Cups and trophies will be awarded on the last day of the Festival. Any competitor unable to collect awards personally must make their own arrangements for collection at their own cost.
- 21) Winners of cups and trophies are expected to have them engraved at their own expense. All cups and trophies must be returned to the organisers, in good condition, by the 1st Oct or on the first day of the festival, whichever is the earlier. Any damage to trophies must be made good at the expense of the holder of the trophy, and if being returned by post must be sent post paid and insured, and in suitable packaging. Any damages incurred in the post will be charged to the sender.
- 22) **No responsibility can be accepted for any personal injuries sustained by competitors or patrons while taking part in, or attending the Festival, no matter how caused, nor for any loss or damage to any clothing or personal property of competitors or visitors attending the Festival. Teachers are responsible for the good behaviour and preparedness (e.g. sufficient warm-up) of their students whilst on the festival premises.**
- 23) Complimentary tickets must be handed in on arrival or the full admission price will be charged. Each competitor may be asked to show their proof of entry at the door. Only 2 Teachers from each school will be given free entry to the festival each day, and they may also be asked to show their proof of identity at the door.
- 24) The right of admission is reserved, as is the right to refuse to accept any entry and to withhold the reason for any such refusal.
- 25) Presentation of medals will be made on completion of each class. Certificates and marking sheets will be available for collection by Teachers only on the day of the performance. Certificates may be posted to competitors only if a suitable stamped addressed envelope, at least 12" x 8" is left with the organisers before the competitor leaves the hall. No responsibility will be accepted for the safe delivery of certificates dispatched in this way.
- 26) Entries are accepted only on the distinct understanding that completion of the requisite entry form and the payment of the appropriate fees shall be deemed as acceptance of the syllabus and general conditions under which entries are accepted and a willingness of the parent, guardian or teacher and the competitor to abide by the same.
- 27) **FOR CHILD SAFE-GUARDING REASONS PHOTOGRAPHY IN ANY FORMAT OR THE RECORDING OR FILMING OF ANY PART OF THE FESTIVAL FOR ANY PURPOSE IS NOT ALLOWED EXCEPT BY THE OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPHER AND/OR DVD CAMERA OPERATOR.**
- 28) **THE USE OF MOBILE PHONES IS NOT ALLOWED IN ANY ROOM WHERE THE FESTIVAL IS TAKING PLACE. FAILURE TO OBSERVE THIS RULE MAY RESULT IN THE BANNING OF THE INDIVIDUAL FROM THE FESTIVAL. NO REFUNDS WILL BE MADE.**
- 29) **General Data Protection Regulations.** The Festival will hold personal data provided solely for the purpose of organising and running the Swale and Medway Festivals, and in order to comply with BOPA requirements.
- 30) Every care has been taken in the preparation of the Festival syllabus, the competition schedule and the general conditions under which entries are accepted, but no responsibility can be accepted for any errors or omissions.
- 31) In the event of any dispute, the decision of the organisers shall be final and binding. The organisers reserve the right to delete or amend or add to these conditions of entry at any time, without prior notice, as the organisers may deem appropriate.



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Sat/Sun 28th/ 29th Sept
Sat/Sun 5th/ 6th October

Adjudicator: TBA

Entry Fees (All Fees per entry)

Solo Dances (any age)	£5.50
Duets (any age)	£7.50
Trios/Quartets (any age)	£8.50
Groups (Classical – min 5 dancers)	£11.00
Troupes (Mus. Theatre - min 5 dancers)	£11.00

Please make cheques payable to Swale Stage Festival

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