

Are you interested in auditioning for The Lowry CAT?

The Lowry Centre for Advanced Training in Dance (CAT) has opened APPLICATIONS to be considered for the scheme, starting September 2020.

The regional pre-vocational training scheme is open to young people from the North West aged 11 - 16, with passion for and potential in dance.

Whilst our home/ centre The Lowry Theatre is currently closed until at least 3rd July in response to Covid-19, we will be facilitating our audition process with some changes in place, to ensure all young dancers interested in the scheme have the opportunity to be considered digitally. There will be two opportunities in which to be considered:

1. **The Lowry CAT Weekly Digital Workshop Series:** The Lowry CAT is offering the opportunity to experience **FREE** practical and informative dance workshops delivered live online via ZOOM over June, July and August 2020.

These workshops will take place on Friday evenings between 5.45pm - 7pm. All workshops are 1 hour 15 minutes in length and will be an opportunity for you to experience what training as a student of The Lowry CAT programme entails (in a digital environment!) whilst exploring contemporary technique, conditioning and creative exploration. All sessions are led by a member of our core CAT artist team.

Upon signing up for the classes you will also have the opportunity to choose if you would like to be considered to audition for The Lowry CAT. Instead of hosting a single digital audition day, a panel consisting of the CAT Management team and artist team will informally observe your application and responses to tasks set in these online sessions, over a course of a number of weeks.

If you are interested in participating in the Digital Workshop Series, regardless of whether you wish to be considered for audition or not, please complete our short Google Form (link provided at bottom of page) by Monday 15th June 2020. Further class details will then be provided.

Class Dates/ Times:

Friday 19th June - 5.45pm - 7pm
Friday 26th June - 5.45pm - 7pm
Friday 3rd July - 5.45pm - 7pm
Friday 10th July - 5.45pm - 7pm
Friday 17th July - 5.45pm - 7pm
Friday 24th July - 5.45pm - 7pm
Friday 31st July - 5.45pm - 7pm
Friday 7th August - 5.45pm - 7pm



Please note where possible, we suggest attending as many of the classes as you can to ensure you get the best opportunity to be observed by The Lowry CAT Panel and so you have the opportunity to develop your contemporary technique and dance practices with our specialist CAT Tutors over the series of workshops.

2. **The Lowry CAT Digital Experience Days:** In addition, to the Digital Workshop Series we will also be hosting 2 FREE Digital Experience Day Workshops across July and August, which will offer interested young dancers the opportunity to experience The Lowry CAT Scheme in more depth.

The Experience Days will include:

- an introduction to the National CAT Schemes and The Lowry
- an outline of the programme
- a talk from the CAT Manager and tutors outlining the training ethos, technical areas of focus, creative opportunities, students individual training plans and progression routes
- a practical workshop in contemporary technique and a creative/ choreographic workshop
- plus an opportunity for parents/ guardians and students to ask questions about the course

Experience Day Dates/ Times:

Saturday 18th July - 10am - 1pm

Saturday 8th August - 10am - 1pm

All Digital Experience Days will be 3 hours in length with breaks and will take place via ZOOM links to be provided upon registering your interest to audition for The Lowry CAT.

Upon signing up for the Experience Day you will automatically be considered to audition for The Lowry CAT and a panel consisting of the CAT Management team and artist team will informally observe your application and responses to tasks set in the technical and creative workshops across the day.

If you are interested in participating in one of the Digital Experience Days please complete our short Google Form (link provided below) by Monday 6th July 2020, selecting which Experience Day you wish to attend.

Please note you only need to attend one Digital Experience Day in order to be considered for The Lowry CAT Scheme. However, should you attend an Experience Day without attending the Digital Workshop Series, we may ask you to attend one of the Friday evening sessions, so that if the panel feels they didn't get opportunity to properly observe you dancing, we can have the opportunity to observe you dance on a separate occasion.

Further class details will be provided upon submission of an expression of interest form.



What are we looking for?

The main things we are looking for are passion and commitment to your dance practice and a physical and creative potential in dance. We are aware that there will be a reasonable level of challenge due to differing home environments, environmental distractions and WiFi connectivity issues.

For this reason, this unique recruitment process has been designed to run over a long period of engagement, to allow for a process that is as fair and equal as possible, giving young people the opportunity to demonstrate the breadth of their creativity and facility, within what we understand is a challenging setting/ unusual circumstances.

Should you have any issues in accessing classes digitally or be concerned about a video/ digital audition, please do get in contact with the CAT Team via CAT@thelowry.com. The National Dance CAT Centres are set up to help identify, and assist, young people with exceptional potential, regardless of their personal circumstances, so should there be any barriers in you accessing the workshops/ experience days please get in contact and we are happy to support to try and find a solution.

How to book/ sign up?

To sign up to our Workshop Series or book on to our Experience Days, please complete the below Expression of Interest Google Form before the below deadlines. Upon receipt, a member of The Lowry CAT Team will be in touch to send you a formal Participant Form and further details of the workshop (ZOOM ID/ Password, safe dance practice at home guidelines, dance clothing etc)

Digital Workshop Series Deadline by Monday 15th June 2020

Digital Experience Days Deadline by Monday 6th July 2020

To be considered (AUDITIONED) for The Lowry CAT Scheme please select the relevant box on the Google Form.

Google Form: <https://forms.gle/YfRYpgC1JPwQrec39>

