



THE ROYAL BALLET SCHOOL



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Through its unstinting pursuit of excellence in classical ballet, The Royal Ballet School has contributed immeasurably to our nation's dance heritage and acts as a beacon on the international dance scene.

Former students such as Margot Fonteyn, Antoinette Sibley, Anthony Dowell, Anya Linden, Wayne Sleep and Darcey Bussell have contributed to the art form across the world alongside influential choreographers such as Kenneth MacMillan, David Bintley and Christopher Wheeldon.

The School searches for exceptionally talented young dancers through its popular Associate Programme, run in eight national centres and two International Summer Schools held annually in London.

In addition, the School's Dance Partnership and Access Programme introduces dance to thousands of schoolchildren across the UK who may otherwise have little or no access to the arts.

Admission to The Royal Ballet School is based on talent and potential and the School prides itself in never turning a young dancer away due to lack of financial means. Currently 90% of students rely on financial assistance.

Support from our valued benefactors is essential in maintaining the School's international pre-eminence and ensuring that the most talented students are able to benefit from the School's unique system of training.

# Support us by making a regular donation to The Royal Ballet School

The generosity of our supporters is fundamental to the continued success of The Royal Ballet School. A regular donation, at any level, can make a real difference in helping the School with the planning and training of its very talented young dancers.

Despite support the School receives through the Department for Education's Music and Dance Scheme, a significant sum still needs to be raised annually for the following:

**Student Bursaries** – for students who are ineligible for or only receive a partial government grant towards their annual School Fees.

**Student Scholarships** – awarded to winners of competitions such as The Prix de Lausanne and the Youth American Grand Prix

**Student Hardship Fund** – for those students struggling to meet those costs not covered by their government grant - their uniform, ballet shoes, auditions, travel etc

**Staging Performances** – to showcase the excellence of the graduate year students to ballet companies seeking new talent, and the progress of younger students to their families, and the School's supporters

**Commissioning** – new choreography and staging ballets for School performances and international tours

**Guest Teachers** – to enhance the excellent training the students receive.

**Overseas Tours** – to present the graduate year students on the international stage and to hone their performance skills in preparation for professional careers.

**Maintenance and Asset Replacement** – with two School sites (including one Grade I listed building) and three boarding houses there is an ongoing maintenance and asset replacement programme.

All the above are an important part of a dancer's training at The Royal Ballet School and crucial in maintaining the School's reputation as one of the great ballet schools of the world. A regular and reliable source of income from our committed donors enables the School to provide the most effective and efficient planning and use of resources.



## How do I set up a regular donation?

1. Direct debit: an instruction to your bank to pay a specified amount to The Royal Ballet School on a date or several dates as decided by you. This may be done by completing and returning the attached form to The Royal Ballet School.

2. Payroll Giving or Give as you Earn (GAYE): many companies offer a scheme whereby they deduct an amount specified by you direct from your salary and donate it to the charity of your choice. This is treated as a pre-tax deduction, so if you are a UK standard rate taxpayer and wish to give The Royal Ballet School a regular donation of £20 per month, it will only cost you £16 (or if you are a higher rate taxpayer, just £12). Some companies also offer a scheme by which they will add a matching

donation to yours. Please ask your employer if they offer such a scheme and, if you can set one up, be sure to let us know the details so we can identify and confirm receipt of your donations.

## Is my donation eligible for Gift Aid?

If you are a UK taxpayer, The Royal Ballet School can reclaim any tax paid on your donation increasing its value by 25% at no extra cost to yourself. To enable the School to do this, please sign the Gift Aid declaration on the attached form. If you are a higher rate taxpayer you can claim further tax relief.

Please note that Gift Aid cannot be claimed on donations made through the Payroll Giving or GAYE Schemes as the donation is made before the tax has been deducted from your salary. Corporate and Trust donations are also ineligible for Gift Aid.



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## How does The Royal Ballet School recognise its Regular Donors?

As a committed regular donor we would be delighted to welcome you as a member of our *Corps*. We hope you will enjoy hearing about the School and following the progress of the students through social media, our website and also *Encore*, our biannual newsletter. As a valued supporter of the School, you will also be offered the opportunity to visit the School and watch the students in class and will be invited to attend events, competitions and performances throughout the year.

## Members of the Corps who make regular donations of:

### £25 - £99 per month will receive:

- Priority booking for Royal Ballet School events
- Priority booking for our Summer Performances at the Royal Opera House
- Annual invitations to visit the School and watch students in class
- Invitations to special *Corps* events
- *Encore* - our biannual e-newsletter

### £100 - £199 per month will receive:

- Priority booking for Royal Ballet School events
- Two tickets to our Linbury Season at the Royal Opera House in July
- Priority booking for The Royal Ballet School Matinée at the Royal Opera House
- Annual invitation to visit the School and watch students in class
- Invitations to special *Corps* events
- *Encore* - our biannual e-newsletter
- Acknowledgement in The Royal Ballet School Annual Report

### Over £200 per month will receive:

- Two tickets to all Royal Ballet School events with reserved seating
- Two tickets to our Linbury Season at the Royal Opera House in July
- Priority booking for The Royal Ballet School Matinée at the Royal Opera House
- Regular invitations to visit The Royal Ballet School and watch the students in class
- Invitations to special *Corps* events
- *Encore* - The Royal Ballet School's biannual e-newsletter
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*The more you are able to give to the School, the more the School can give to you.*

# Thank you

Thank you so much. A regular donation, large or small, will be greatly appreciated by our talented and hard-working young dancers as they develop their careers.



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