



Swindon Dance

Regent Circus, Swindon, SN1 1QF

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ABOUT US

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH DANCE

Swindon Dance's Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) delivers world-class dance training to young talents aged 11-19. Our programmes cater to dedicated dancers with a passion for their art.

Comprising the Swindon Street Dance, Swindon Ballet, Swindon Contemporary and Exeter Contemporary programmes, we are one of nine National CATs across the UK.

ABOUT THE PROGRAMME



Nestled within Swindon Dance, the Swindon Street Dance programme runs weekly on Sunday afternoons from 11am to 4:30pm during term time. Under the tutelage of industry-leading choreographers and artists, students delve into skills and techniques of:

- hip hop
- popping
- breaking
- house
- commercial
- improvisation
- choreography

Talented young dancers join us from the South West to embark on this transformative journey. Supported by the Music and Dance Scheme under the Department for Education, grants make our training accessible, often free or at a subsidised fee*. We're also committed to alleviating additional financial burdens, covering travel, class reimbursements outside of those offered by CAT, performance tickets, and physiotherapy sessions when necessary.

For prospective dancers, we strongly recommend attending our free Open Day or Experience Day as a vital introduction to our world of dance excellence.



*On first entry to the CAT, applicants must be 15 or under to qualify for a grant. Photo credits: Deborah Jaffe



OPEN DAY

A day that promises to unite young, passionate dancers from all corners of the street dance world. You'll delve into the heart of the CAT programme, gaining invaluable insights, and connecting with our exceptional team.

Throughout the day, you'll participate in two invigorating workshops, expertly guided by industry leaders. The culmination of the day will be a series of electrifying performances by local street groups as part of Street Dance Connect. This segment will offer a unique sharing of information, with leaders from these youth groups sharing their expertise, enlightening you on what they have to offer and how they can nurture your talents. Rest assured, you'll leave with a renewed sense of inspiration, a wealth of knowledge, and a contagious excitement for your dance future.



For those new to the CAT programme, this Open Day serves as your portal to understanding our extensive offerings including the grants available and the unwavering support we provide on your dance journey. The best part? This event is entirely cost-free, and we extend a warm invitation to parents and guardians to join us in this enriching experience. It's a day you won't want to miss.

EXPERIENCE DAY

Step into the world of CAT and experience the excitement of our programme first-hand. Gain valuable insights into our specialized training before you take that important audition leap.

Throughout the day, you'll have the unique opportunity to meet our dedicated teaching team and participate in two enriching classes. Learn about the audition process, explore the fully funded places we offer, and understand the commitment expected from CAT participants.



We embrace dancers of all experience levels, with classes designed at a general level for this day, ensuring an inclusive and enlightening experience for all.

AUDITION

We welcome anybody who has energy, commitment, potential and, most of all, passion for dance. If successful you will get to train with like-minded dancers, improve your technique, creative approach, and experience training from industry leaders. If you would like to audition, register your interest online and your free place will be confirmed by a member of the CAT team.



BOOK YOUR PLACE ON THE OPEN DAY, EXPERIENCE DAY & AUDITION