

ASIAN SPRING 2022 – OPEN CALL FOR DANCE GROUPS

We are excited to open applications in search of 4 dance groups that have never featured before in Sampad's Asian Spring dance showcase.

Event information

- When:** Sunday 10th April 2022, starting at 6pm (with tech runs earlier in the day)
Where: Birmingham Town Hall
Who: Dance groups local to the West Midlands, who haven't featured in Asian Spring before, of at least 5 performers aged 8-100!
Tech: We can only accept routines using pre-recorded music, and please note venue tech is limited and very basic.
Fees: We can offer a small amount towards group travel expenses, amount TBC.

Important dates

2021

- 3rd December** 9am, applications close.
10th December Latest date for results to be sent to applicants.
17th December If successful, deadline to accept place, and submit Marketing & Safeguarding Form.

2022

- 11th January** Deadline to submit child licensing details (if relevant).
21st January Deadline to confirm marketing details for final designs.
4th March Deadline to submit backing tracks and technical details.
10th April Technical rehearsals and performance day.

Application process

This is a digital application process – dance groups should submit an example video on YouTube (pre-existing or your proposed routine), plus an online application form. Applications will be assessed on merit and how the group would fit into the rest of the programme. Please read the following carefully prior to applying.

Recording criteria

For your application to be passed onto the panel, please ensure your video is:

- Of a live performance – by this we mean that your video hasn't been assembled from multiple staged takes, so it was therefore recorded in one go;
- Not (or minimally) edited – a few changes in camera angles are fine, provided the video is from one complete take of a performance;
- Under 5 minutes in length (if successful, your stage routine must also not exceed 5 minutes);
- Well-lit and clear, with most dancers clearly in frame;
- Performed to a pre-recorded track, as we cannot host performances with live accompaniment.

Your video can have been filmed anywhere, provided it meets the criteria above. You may also submit existing videos, but feel free to record and submit a video of your proposed routine for the showcase.

Upload criteria

For your application to be accepted, please upload your video to YouTube. We cannot accept video file transfers.

You are welcome to submit videos of yours that are already on YouTube. If you are uploading a new video for the purposes of this application, we recommend you upload as follows:

- As an unlisted video;
 - If you are unsure how to upload your video, please refer to this [video tutorial](#).
 - This means only those people with the link can view it, and it doesn't appear in search results or on your profile. Do not upload your audition as a private video.
- The title should clearly indicate the group name, and the routine title.
- Videos can be uploaded to any channel, so long as it is clearly indicated which group and piece you are performing.

How to submit your application

Once you have uploaded your video to YouTube, please fill in this [application form](#), including the link to your video.

Application forms must be submitted by 9am on Friday 3 December 2021.

However, we would advise uploading your video to YouTube by Friday 26th November, allowing enough time to get in touch with us about any technical difficulties, as we may be able to help resolve them. You are also welcome to submit your application form well in advance of this deadline if you are ready to.

What next?

After the deadline closes on 3rd December at 9am, videos will then be collated into a private YouTube playlist and passed on to the panel.

We will share the results by 10th December 2021 at the latest, and successful applicants will have until the 17th December to accept their place, and submit a Marketing & Safeguarding Form.

**We would like to wish you the best of luck in your application,
and we can't wait to see your performance!**

If you have any questions, please email adele@sampad.org.uk.