

**NATIONAL YOUNG PERFORMER AWARDS
2023 CRITERIA FOR TROUPES**



- A. Competitors will be under 21 years as at 1st of October 2023. Competitors may compete in **ONE** nominated Troupe only. The **ONLY** exception is when they perform in their Studio Troupe AND for their Primary School/High School/Educational Institution. In order to represent a Studio or School, the Dancer **MUST** be a registered (fee paying) Student of the Organisation.
- B. Each Troupe will be nominated at a Member Society Competition by performing in any dance genre pertinent to the Competition they enter. This competition is for amateur troupes only and is not open to professionals*.
- C. There will be a maximum time limit of 4 1/2 minutes, taken from the beginning to the conclusion of the music.
- D. Troupes who gain nomination **must** be able to attend the National Young Performer Competition which will be held in Palmerston North. Compulsory Registration/Orientation will be on Thursday 19th October and the Competition will be on Friday 20th October 2023.
- E. A Final will be held on the afternoon/evening of Friday 20th October, with up to **18 Troupes** recalled to perform. The number of Troupes in the Final may change, at the discretion of the Adjudicator(s)
- F. It **MAY** be possible for the top 3 Troupes to perform at the Soloist Final Award Concert on the evening of Sunday 22nd October 2023.
- G. Costumes, choreography & music should be appropriate to the age of both the competitors and suitable for a family audience.

ADDITIONAL RULES

- A. Once a Troupe Item has received a Nomination, it is no longer eligible to enter another Nomination class. The Dancers in the Nominated Troupe cannot perform in an additional Troupe to assist in gaining a Nomination. The Studio name, the Item name and the genre of the nominated item will be published on the PACANZ website as soon as PACANZ is notified by the nominating Society.
- B. The Nominating Troupe will be required to complete the entire Entry process, via the APP, within 14 days of receiving a Nomination. The Entry process will include uploading a Video file of the Nominated Troupe item. Video footage taken at the Competition where the Nomination was awarded would be most appropriate.
- C. The Item receiving a Nomination and submitted in the Video file following nomination, will be **substantially** the same Item when it is performed at the National Young Performer Awards on 20th October 2023. The genre and theme will be the same with **minor** alterations allowed in music, choreography, dancer number and costuming.
- D. Troupe nominations are subject to challenge and a Troupe risks disqualifying themselves, if the above criteria are not adhered to. If clarity is required in regards to any minor changes, please contact the PACANZ Office **PRIOR** to making the changes.

NB. The **CLOSING DATES** will be relative to the date of Nomination. Troupe members' names and ages, the Item name and genre & entry fee will need to be submitted on the Official Entry by the closing date. The Video file will also need to be uploaded as part of the Entry process. Nominees in the Troupe section are required to upload performance copies of their music in MP3 format when submitting their entry, and a list of the titles and composer and/or artists for each piece. They must bring the same music on USB to registration.

Music files are allowed MINOR changes between the time of entering and the NYPA competition. The FINAL DATE for submitting MINOR music changes ONLY, is 8th October 2023.

SOCIETY NOMINATION

Each Society, which is a financial member of PACANZ, may nominate **ONE Troupe****, who shall be selected by the adjudicator, based on a performance at the Member Society Competition.

The adjudicator will determine that the Troupe has displayed a sufficient standard of performance to competently represent that society at the National Troupe Finals.

The standard required will be at the absolute discretion of the adjudicator but will include:

- A demonstration of adequate preparation
- An authority of performance
- A performance with a level of expertise commensurate with a national final competition.

If the adjudicator considers that sufficient standard has **NOT** been reached by any Troupe, then **NO** nomination will be made.

The nominated Troupe is responsible for paying the entry fee to the National Young Performer Awards, which is **\$250.00 incl gst.**

* A professional is someone whose primary employment is being paid to perform or work in the performing arts. For the present purposes, being a student constitutes "primary employment" and therefore is not seen as a Professional. For the Student who receives payment for participation, either teaching or performing, this should not impose professional status on a person if it is by way only of an occasional bonus or benefit rather than their principal means of earning a livelihood.

** As some Societies split their dance genres and run large Competitions with different Judges and/or at different times of the year, they will be able to nominate more than one Troupe to represent their Society.

** If a Society has 10 or more Troupes that enter and compete for a Troupe Nomination, then they are entitled to offer an additional Nomination. This applies to every multiple of 10 Troupes that enter and compete for a Troupe Nomination. Therefore –

1-9 Troupes = 1 Nomination

10 Troupes = 1 additional Nomination

20 Troupes = 2 additional Nominations

30 Troupes = 3 additional Nominations

40 Troupes = 4 additional Nominations