

Shared Ground: Space Scheme Information

Welcome from English National Ballet

English National Ballet (ENB) brings world class ballet to the widest possible audience through performances across the UK and on eminent international stages; its distinguished orchestra, English National Ballet Philharmonic; its digital platforms [Ballet on Demand](#) and [BalletActive](#); being a UK leader in creative learning and engagement practice, building innovative partnerships to deliver flagship programmes such as [Dance for Parkinson's](#); and through talent development initiatives including Ballet Futures, which looks to create a more diverse and inclusive future for the artform.

Under the Artistic Directorship of Aaron S. Watkin, English National Ballet continues to add ground-breaking new works to its repertoire whilst celebrating the tradition of great classical ballet, gaining acclaim for artistic excellence and creativity. 2019 saw the Company enter a new chapter in its history with a move to a purpose-built state-of-the-art home in east London, allowing a renewed commitment to creativity, ambition, and connection to more people, near and far, than ever before.

The Offer – what is it and who is it for?

The **Space Scheme** is part of English National Ballet's artist support scheme, **Shared Ground**, with the aim of giving east London-based independent dance artists and creatives an inspiring space, **FREE OF CHARGE**, at the Mulryan Centre for Dance in which to explore and enrich their creative practice without expectations of a return.

Applications are open to dance artists from **any dance background**, who are **resident in east London, or who can demonstrate that the majority of their work is based in east London**. Residencies are available across the year on stipulated dates: studio space is offered for 5 days to dancers/choreographers with 5+ years' experience, and for 3 days to early career artists. **Applications are essential.**

When is it?

Space Scheme 2023 dates for artists with 5+ years experience:

5-day residency in a large rehearsal studio, suitable for max. 20 dancers

Tuesday 28th November to Saturday 2nd December 2023

OR

Tuesday 12th December to Saturday 16th December 2023

(please select your preferred week on the google form)

Our larger rehearsal studios offer state of the art facilities:

- Studio size = 15 wide x 15 deep x 5.5h high metres
- Harlequin sprung dance flooring
- Surround sound speakers with smart phone dock
- 55" screen
- Piano available on request
- Natural light from floor-ceiling windows
- Mirrors and ballet barres on 2 – 3 walls (mirrors can be covered)

Space Scheme 2023 dates for early career artists:

3-day residency in one of our two Engagement spaces, suitable for max. 5 dancers

Between 27th November 2023 – 1st December 2023

(please select 3 dates within the week stated on the google form)

Our Engagement studios offer state of the art facilities:

- Clore Studio = 73m2 OR London Marathon Charitable Trust Space = 74m2
- Harlequin sprung dance flooring
- Surround sound speakers with smart phone dock
- Lecturn with mini computer screen for playback
- Mirrors and ballet barres on 1 wall (Clore Studio only)

*Please note that the London Marathon Space does not have ballet barres or mirrors. An interactive white board is available on request.

How to apply

Applications must be submitted via the Google form.

Applications open on Wednesday 20th September and close on Friday 20th October. In this application form, we will ask you about your dance experience, what you would like to achieve during the residency, and why you would benefit from this opportunity.

Responses should be submitted in a written format, and should you have any access needs relating to the application, please contact engagement@ballet.org.uk

Applications from artists who meet the criteria outlined will progress to consideration in a selection process managed by members of ENB's Engagement team.

Successful applicants will be notified a minimum of 3 weeks prior to the start date. Upon confirmation of an artist residency, you will be required to agree to the code of conduct at ENB for all guest artists and sign a Shared Ground Space Scheme agreement. Details to be sent upon confirmation of a successful application.

FAQ's

Do you have to work in a classical dance style to apply?

This offer is open to choreographers working in all dance styles.

Is there an expectation of a performance outcome at the end of the process?

This opportunity is focused on research and development. There is no expected performance outcome at the end of the residency.

Are any other time blocks available for studio space?

Studios at English National Ballet are extremely sought after and as such the dates advertised are those available for the space scheme.

What times are studios available?

Studios are available from 10am – 6pm.

Are there age restrictions for this programme?

You must be 18 or over to apply for this opportunity.

Can I apply if I am a dancer in training?

This opportunity is open to people in formal education and those in vocational training as well as graduates and ENBYouthCo alumni.

Please note this opportunity is not available to dancers who are currently part of ENBYouthCo.

Contact

For further information relating to this opportunity, please contact engagement@ballet.org.uk or call 020 7581 1245.