

# VALOIS FEST

## FESTIVAL & DANCE CONTEST

GREAT BRITAIN - TURKEY  
2023 - 2024

### ABOUT VALOIS FEST



The International Festival and Dance Contest VALOIS FEST are dedicated to the 125th anniversary of the birth of Ninette de Valois, an outstanding choreographer and teacher. The Festival will include a Gala Concert, a Round Table and a Historical and Art Exhibition about the life and work of Ninette de Valois.

Ninette de Valois is a cult figure in the world of choreographic art, the founder of the Royal Ballet in Great Britain. In 1947, Ninette de Valois established the first ballet school in Turkey, which is now part of the State Conservatory of Music and Drama in Ankara. She was also involved in the formation of the national ballets of Ireland, Canada, Australia and Iran.

VALOIS FEST includes a Dance Contest for Young Dancers (ON-LINE).

Participants of the Dance Contest will be awarded with diplomas, medals, souvenirs, other awards.

The VALOIS FEST program includes a Historical and Art exhibition about the life and work of Ninette de Valois. The exhibition reflects the cultural processes that took place in the field of Theater, Music, Ballet and Fine Arts in the period of the 19th-20th centuries.

### ORGANIZERS, PARTICIPANTS,

#### PARTNERS AND HONOURABLE GUESTS

ORGANIZERS: AKSEL BASKENT (Turkey), ETHNO ART FEST (Great Britain), other companies.

PARTICIPANTS: Young dancers, students of ballet and dance academies, schools, studios, students of dance departments of cultural institutions and other organizations are invited to participate in VALOIS FEST. Participants can participate in the Contest as a representative of an educational institution (academies, schools, studios, etc.) or as an independent participant.

PARTNERS: Companies, cultural institutions, state and public organizations of Great Britain, Turkey and other countries are invited as VALOIS FEST Partners.

HONOURABLE GUESTS: Famous figures of choreographic and musical art, representatives of partner companies and other organizations are invited as VALOIS FEST Honored guests.

### THE MISSION OF THE FESTIVAL

The organizers express their hope that VALOIS FEST will become an unforgettable event for participants, guests and partners of the Festival. The mission of the Festival includes the following goals:

VALOIS FEST is organized on the occasion of the 125th anniversary of the birth of the outstanding choreographer and teacher Ninette de Valois; The events of the Festival are aimed at popularization of dance, theater and music art;

VALOIS FEST is designed to support talented youth in the field of choreographic art; The festival seeks to raise the international prestige of ballet and dance schools;

VALOIS FEST promotes the development of professional cooperation between dance institutions from different countries; organizes cooperation with partner companies, patrons and sponsors;



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## DANCE CONTEST

### (ON-LINE)

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### 2023 - 2024

#### AGE OF PARTICIPANTS

Young dancers in the following age groups can take part in the Contest:

**FIRST AGE GROUP 6-9 years**

**SECOND AGE GROUP 10-13 years**

**THIRD AGE GROUP 14-16 years**

The age of the Contest participants is determined as of January 01, 2023.

#### TIME FRAME

Applications and Video recordings of performances for the Contest are accepted from 01.01.2023 to 30.10.2023. By decision of the Organizing Committee, the acceptance of applications may be reduced. The results of the Contest will be published before December 31, 2023.

Applications can be downloaded from the website: <https://www.ethnoartfest.co.uk/valois-fest>

**FIRST STEP.** Participants of the Competition send Applications to the Organizing Committee and attach videos of performances on Internet resources. The Organizing Committee accepts and processes Applications and video performances of the Contest participants.

**SECOND STEP.** The jury watches the video materials and evaluates the performances of the participants of the Competition. Based on the results of the work of the Jury, lists of Winners are formed in each Nomination and each Age Group. The lists of winners are agreed with the Honorary Members of the Jury, Organizers, Partners of the Festival.

**THIRD STEP.** Competition results. Determination of prizes in each Nomination and each Age Group. Announcement of the winners of the Contest. Awards.

#### CATEGORIES OF PARTICIPANTS AND FEES

In each age group, the Contest is held in the following categories:

**Category "SOLOIST"** registration fee: £50 / 1 175 TL

**Category "DUET"** registration fee: £90 / 2 120 TL

**Category "TEAM"** registration fee: £35 / 825 TL (per participant)

#### PERFORMANCES (VIDEOS)

**SOLOISTS** provide 1 performance (video) for the Contest. Timing is no more than **3 minutes**.

**DUETS** provide 1 performance (video) for the Contest. Timing is no more than **4 minutes**.

**TEAMS** provide 1-2 performances (video) for the Contest. Timing is no more than **6 minutes**.

#### NOMINATIONS

Participants are invited to perform the following nominations:

**CLASSICAL DANCE**

**MODERN DANCE**

**CHARACTER DANCE**

**FOLK DANCE**

Each participant of the Contest can take part in any number of nominations. For each additional nomination, you must send a separate Application Form and pay an additional registration fee.

#### CONTEST MATERIALS

Participants send the following competitive materials to the Organizing Committee e-mail [artclubef@gmail.com](mailto:artclubef@gmail.com):

1. VALOIS FEST Application (in English).

2. Link to the video with the competitive performance, posted on YouTube / on another resource. The link must be public.

The organizing committee has the right to stop accepting and registering applications before the deadline, if the limit of participants in the nomination has been exhausted.

## **CONDITIONS FOR VIDEOS**

1. Video recordings of a live performance filmed on stage with a static camera (without editing elements, gluing frames, overlaying audio tracks) are allowed for the Contest.
2. One separate competition number must be recorded on the video.
3. Stopping the video camera while recording a performance is not allowed.
4. On the video recordings of the participants in the nomination, the hands, feet and faces of the contestants must be visible.
5. It is recommended to demonstrate video recordings with a quality of at least 720p, the participant independently evaluates the admissibility of filming as a competitive material.

The Participant of the Contest, by sending the Application and a link to the video performance, confirms his consent to the use of the material by third parties (the Organizers, the Jury), as well as to post the video on the Internet resources of the Organizers.

## **ORGANIZING COMMITTEE & JURY**

The Organizing Committee of the VALOIS FEST forms the Contest Jury. The Organizing Committee determines the schedule for the events of the Festival and the Contest, coordinates with the Jury the issues of rewarding the participants, establishes special awards, and informs the participants about the course of the Contest. The organizing committee reserves the right to change the timing of the events of the Festival and the Contest, the sequence and procedure for awarding awards, to make other changes with the notification of the participants.

Experts in the field of dance art, representatives of public organizations, partners of the Festival are invited to the Jury of the Contest. Honorary guests of the Festival may be invited to coordinate the activities of the Jury, as well as to agree on the list of winners.

The Jury watches the video materials and evaluates the performances of the participants in accordance with the Terms of the Contest. Participants' performances are evaluated according to the following criteria: technical skills (according to age and nomination), artistry, stage image creation, etc.

The Jury determines the winners of the Contest in nominations, sums up and analyzes the Contest. The Organizing Committee does not comment on the results of the Contest, and does not accept claims from participants based on the decisions of the Jury.

## **AWARDS AND SOUVENIRS**

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Each Participant receives:

- VALOIS FEST DIPLOMA with the logo of the International Festival and symbols of the Dance Contest. The Diploma contains Name and Surname of the Participant, the place of study.
- VALOIS FEST SOUVENIR. A Memorable Souvenir with the logo of the VALOIS FEST International Festival and Dance Contest. Souvenirs are made with the support of partners. (See information in the SOUVENIRS section).

Directors (teachers, mentors, choreographers) of the Festival participants will be awarded Letters of Appreciation from the organizers of VALOIS FEST.

Diplomas, Letters of Appreciation are sent electronically to the e-mail of the Participants. By agreement with the organizer, Diplomas, Souvenirs and Letters of Appreciation can be sent by mail or delivery service to the postal address specified in the Application.

### **WINNERS**

Awards for the Winners of the Contest include the following prizes:

- VALOIS FEST WINNER'S DIPLOMA with the logo of the VALOIS FEST International Festival and Dance Contest. Assignment of I, II, III places based on the results of participation in the Contest in each Nomination and each Age Group The Diploma contains Name and Surname of the Participant, the place of study, Nomination and Age Group.
- VALOIS FEST SOUVENIR. A Memorable Souvenir with the logo of the VALOIS FEST International Festival and Dance Contest. Souvenirs are made with the support of partners. (See information in the SOUVENIRS section).

- VALOIS FEST MEDAL. By decision of the Organizing Committee, participants, partners, honored guests of the Festival and the Dance Contest can be awarded the VALOIS FEST Memorable Medal.
- THE GRAND PRIX. Participants of the Contest can be awarded the Grand Prix of the Festival - an internship in one of the prestigious choreographic schools (provided by the Partners).
- Participants of various Nominations can be awarded with additional prizes and valuable gifts from the Partners of the Festival.

Awards are presented to participants at the Gala Concert or other events of the Festival. By agreement with the organizer, Awards, Diplomas, Souvenirs and Letters of Appreciation can be sent by mail or delivery service to the postal address specified in the Application. Diplomas, Letters of Appreciation can be sent electronically to the e-mail of the Participants.

## **SOUVENIRS**

### **VALOIS FEST COLLECTION**

Each Participant receives 1 (one) VALOIS FEST Memorable Souvenir with the logo of the International Festival and the symbols of the VALOIS FEST Dance Contest. Souvenirs are made with the support of Partners. The collection features portraits of prominent choreographers and dancers, as well as the themes of famous ballet productions of the 19th-20th centuries.

One item from the VALOIS FEST COLLECTION is included in the Contest fee and is awarded to the Participant at the end of the Festival events. Additional souvenirs are not included in the participation fee and are paid separately. Specify information by e-mail: [artclubbeaf@gmail.com](mailto:artclubbeaf@gmail.com)

See information about VALOIS FEST COLLECTION on the website:

<https://www.ethnoartfest.co.uk/valois-fest-souvenir-collection>

### **CONTACTS**

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