Northern School of Contemporary Dance

Application Information

MA Contemporary Dance Performance: VERVE and MA Contemporary Dance Performance: Postgraduate Apprenticeship Scheme (PAS)

Our first round auditions are combined for these two courses as many candidates may wish to apply for both* and this way they only need to attend one initial audition. Candidates who are shortlisted, from the first round audition, for one or both of the above courses would then need to attend either the VERVE recall audition and/or some or all of the participating Company auditions. * *Please note: PAS is not open to applications from International students due to UK Visa and Immigration restrictions; the course largely takes place 'off-site' at the Company venue and therefore does not allow us to meet sponsor duties.*

We have a limited number of places available at our auditions and so recommend early submission of your application to secure an audition date; most applications are made and auditions booked by late December/early January. **Applications open on Monday 1st October 2018**. Our final closing date for applications is Tuesday 15th January 2019, however, you will need to submit your application in advance of the audition you wish to attend.

The **NSCD online application form** will be available on the course **How to Apply** webpage between the dates stated above.

To make your online application you will be required to enter / upload the following information:

1. **Select the MA Contemporary Dance Performance course/s that you are applying for**. You have the option of applying for either or both of the MA Contemporary Dance Performance courses.

2. **Personal Details** (name, contact details etc)

3. **Your current or most recent place of education**

4. **The highest qualification level** you expect to have completed by course entry

5. **A Personal Statement** which you can pre-prepare and then copy and paste to the box requested. (250-1000 words / 1000-4300 characters with no spaces / 1300-5300 with spaces)

   Include
   - Your reasons for applying for an MA course
   - Your reasons for choosing Northern School of Contemporary Dance
   - What you hope to achieve after completing your training

6. **An academic task**
   This should be in the form of EITHER
   a) a written document (report/essay/mode of your choice) of between 1000-1500 words (in pdf format, including your name, to be uploaded)

   <u>or</u>

   b) a link to an online verbal presentation (lecture/presentation/mode of your choice) between 5-7 mins long

      Content: Present an informed discussion focused on a particular aspect of contemporary dance and/or performance that interests you. For example you might choose to explore ideas around stage presence by comparing the work of specific artists, or to investigate the audience/performer relationship. We are interested to see and hear what interests you so you can choose to discuss anything at all that in some way relates to contemporary dance practice.

      Whilst you are welcome to draw on personal experience, we would also like to see how you can support your ideas through research and the use of relevant primary and secondary sources; we will expect you to draw on published research material. We therefore ask that you please include a bibliography (a list of resources).

7. **Equality and Diversity Information** (ethnicity, disability and household income). The information you give in this section is used for statistical and monitoring processes only and does not form any part of the selection or admissions process. If, however, you wish us to make any disability access arrangements please contact admissions@nscd.ac.uk prior to your audition.

8. **Select your audition venue / type and pay the audition fee.**
   You will then be asked to select one of the following

   a) **<u>NSCD, UK audition</u>** ⇨ which will direct you to the MA Contemporary Dance Performance audition webpage from which you can select your chosen venue/date. This will then direct you to the **NSCD Box Office Online** to select your chosen audition date, subject to availability, and pay the £50 audition fee.

   b) **<u>Overseas audition</u>** ⇨ which will direct you to the MA Contemporary Dance Performance audition webpage from which you can select your chosen venue/date. This will then direct you to the **NSCD Box Office Online** to select your chosen audition date, subject to availability, and pay the £50 audition fee.

   c) **<u>Remote audition</u>** ⇨ which will then provide the facility to upload your remote audition link or links; if you have not yet prepared these you can save your form and return to it when they are ready to upload. When you have uploaded your remote audition you will then be directed to the **NSCD Box Office Online** to pay the £50 audition fee.

9. After you have submitted your application you will receive an **email confirmation**; it is likely to go directly to your junk mail so please look there. Please check and save this email.