



## Examinations – Phase Two

Teachers may now enter up to four candidates per examination (as permitted for some dance genres). However, teachers must ensure that their studio has sufficient space to accommodate more candidates whilst adhering to social distancing rules and ensuring the safety of all involved in the examination day.

Teachers should rehearse using these instructions and procedures before the exam to ensure candidates are familiar and confident with the exam format.

### **Mark out the following spaces in the exam studio using a strong adhesive tape, ensuring it is firmly in place and cannot cause a tripping hazard:**

- Mark the spot where each exam candidate will stand when they enter the room, allowing at least one-metre distance between them. These positions will be their 'home space' areas.
- Mark out a protective area on the floor around the examiner's table. There should be at least two metres space at each side of the desk and several metres in front. Candidates must not have close contact with the examiner, and or move into this area when dancing.
- Mark out places for candidates' drink bottles (and pointe shoes, if applicable) These must be at opposite ends, or on opposite sides of the room.
- Candidates must bring their own small/travel size hand sanitizer gel into the exam studio. This is to be used before and after barre work and floor work, and kept next to drink bottles.
- Mark out a safe distancing area for the pianist or music operator, with at least one metre on each side. Candidates must not move into this area at any time. Pianists and music operators should bring their own lunch and drinks.
- For ballet and modern exams, mark a place on the barre for each candidate, ensuring at least a metre between candidates if using the same barre.
- Mark out areas on the floor which can be used when candidates are required to dance at the same time. There must always be at least one metre distancing between candidates.
- Mark out socially distanced 'waiting spaces' in the studio. If one candidate is asked to dance alone, the other candidates must move to these spaces.
- For exercises which travel from the corners of the room, place a small tape marker at the start point in each back or front corner and use this and the 'waiting spaces' to ensure social distancing.
- Instead of practising the exercises all together as required in some exams, candidates will be asked to practice individually. Use the 'waiting spaces' for the candidates who are not dancing.



### **Preparation for the Exam Day**

- Send out clear instructions ahead of the exam day to all involved, detailing how and when they should enter and exit the building. This includes pianists/music operators, examiners, candidates, and parents. You may wish to limit the number of people in your building on exam days by requesting that only one parent/guardian accompanies each candidate. This will help to reduce risk and simplify the procedures for the day.
- Remind all involved not to attend the exam day if they have a high temperature or coronavirus symptoms.
- For modern theatre exams please ensure candidates wear footwear with flexible soles such as jazz/ ballet shoes. Teachers also have the option of each candidate using their own mat for floor work in the limbering sections.
- Make sure information is displayed to remind visitors to take precautions, such as washing hands and social distancing, and that candidates do not share drink bottles or snacks.
- Please ask pianists/music operators to bring their own drinks and lunch.
- Ensure that exam candidates have areas within the changing area clearly marked out to remain socially distanced. You may wish for candidates to arrive already dressed for their exam, but they will still need a safe designated waiting/warming up space.
- You must provide soap and hand towels in washing/ toilet facilities. The examiner and pianist or music operator should have separate facilities if possible.
- Make sure you have antibacterial wipes or spray to regularly wipe down 'touch' areas including toilet and changing areas throughout the day.

### **Procedures for the Examiner**

- Teachers must remain socially distanced when welcoming the examiner and lead or direct them to the exam room, informing them of the location of the toilet facilities. Please then leave the room.
- Examiners will bring their own lunches and drinks. Do not enter the room during breaks. This guidance is to protect both yourself, and the examiner.