



Welcome to
Unity Classical Challenge
2025

DATES:

25th-27th July 2025

VENUE:

Calwell High School Theatre

ADJUDICATORS:

Melanie Steel

Solos - \$45

Pas De Deux - \$40

Contemporary Scholarship - \$95

Classical Scholarship - \$95

Competitor Fee - \$45 per dancer

(Inclusive of 2 spectator day passes, separate to competitor)

REGISTRATION VIA <https://www.canberradancecollective.com/unity>

ENTRIES CLOSE JUNE 23rd, 2025

*NO ENTRIES ACCEPTED WITHOUT FULL PAYMENT / *NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED

COMPETITION RULES

AGE

1. Competitor age is taken from 1st January 2025
2. Proof of age must be available for each competitor
3. Duo entry is to be entered strictly at the age of the eldest competitor
4. Scholarship sections use the following age categories, of which may be combined based on the number of entries in a section:
 - Junior – 8-10yrs
 - Intermediate – 11-13yrs
 - Senior – 14yrs+

ADJUDICATORS

1. The adjudicators' decisions are final. Competitors, studio directors and family members are not to approach the adjudicators' table at any time
2. No competitor can repeat/restart a routine over the age of 10 years
3. No communication is to be had between adjudicator and competitor for the duration of the competition. If any competitor or competitors' parent/carer attempts communication, it will result in an immediate disqualification

COMMITTEE

The Canberra Dance Collective committee reserves the right to:

4. Accept/reject any entry
5. Combine, split or cancel any section
6. Appoint a substitute adjudicator
7. Make the final decision on any issues that arise that are not listed in the rules

ENTRIES

8. Refunds will not be given once entries are received unless sections are cancelled or evidence of injury is provided from a doctor or physiotherapist. All refunds are up to the discretion of Canberra Dance Collective.
9. All entries are to be received by 23rd June, 2025 unless event is sold out before this date
10. Late entries will not be accepted under any circumstances
11. As of the closing date, changes will not be made to existing entries. This includes adjustments to restricted/open entries due to placing since the time of entries.
12. Full payment must be received at the time of registration
13. Entries can be completed via the 'Unity' tab at www.canberradancecollective.com
14. The committee must receive a minimum of three entries per section in order for section to run individually. In the event that there are less than three competitors, sections may be combined. This includes sub categories (small and large troupes). Canberra Dance Collective will list the original category that each competitor has been entered into for the adjudicator to consider.
15. By entering Unity Dance Challenge, you agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the syllabus. This includes the use of photography and videography for advertising and marketing on behalf of Canberra Dance Collective. If you do not wish to have photographs or videos taken of you or your dancer at the event, please contact Canberra Dance Collective via email prior to the event.

COMPETITORS

16. Failure to attend at the time of your entered section will result in a disqualification from the section and no refund for entry
17. Dancing en pointe is not permitted for competitors 10 years and under
18. Only one parent per dancer is permitted in the changing spaces to assist their dancer with costume changes. Canberra Dance Collective encourages parents to hold a WWVP card (free for a volunteer type) and have this on their person on competition days. There is strictly NO photography permitted in changing spaces and/or backstage. Anyone found to be taking photos in these areas will be in breach of the Canberra Dance Collective child safe policy and will be banned from Unity Dance Challenge for a minimum of 12 months.
19. Competitors perform at their own risk. Canberra Dance Collective and Unity Dance Challenge do not accept any responsible for injuries that are obtained whilst at the competition, backstage, in the dressing rooms or performing spaces.*
20. Canberra Dance Collective and Unity Dance Challenge do not accept any responsibility for broken or stolen property (performer or spectator).
21. No rehearsals in hallways, dressing rooms or on stage at any time
22. Competitors must check in with the stage manager/runner two routines before competing. Once checked in, performers are to compete in the order in which the program lists the section
23. Solos and duos are only permitted to perform once in each section.
24. All performers and spectators will show respect and courtesy to all CDC and Unity staff at all times. Any attendee who does not follow these rules will be asked to leave the competition. That same courtesy is expected to be extended to fellow competitors and spectators in line with our events values and ethos.
25. Strictly NO photography/videography to be taken either in the theatre or dressing rooms at any time. Doing so may result in a ban from Unity Dance Challenge for up to 12 months.
26. Competitor fee only needs to be paid once per performer. The \$45 competitor fee includes 2 x spectator day pass. These passes are valid for one day only and can be used as either a day pass or a section pass. Once used, the passes becomes invalid and spectators will be required to purchase additional entry passes for the remainder of the competition.

*Canberra Dance Collective will provide a Tarkett floor for the event to reduce the risk of injury on the dance surface.

MUSIC AND PROPS

27. All music will be received electronically via Music Uploads, this platform will close 1 week prior to the start of the event.
28. No back up vocals are permitted in classical or demi character sections.
29. All music needs to be uploaded in mp3 format
30. Props must be prepared off stage and not whilst another competitor is on stage. Props are to be safely and promptly positioned prior to, and removed after, the competitor performing.
31. All props are the responsibility of the competitor. The safe and appropriate transportation and placement of props on the stage is the responsibility of the competitor.
32. The use of props during a performance is at the risk of the competitor. Canberra Dance Collective will not assume responsibility of any injury caused in this way.

CATEGORIES

33. It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure competitors are entered into the appropriate section as per the following guidelines:

Specially Restricted: Competing less than 12 months, never placed first, second or third

Restricted: Competing 12 months or more, never placed first OR placed first in the corresponding specially restricted category/section

Open: Placed first in the corresponding restricted category/section in the past

Elite: Placed first in the corresponding open category/section in the last year

34. Category specifications apply to placing in that category/section in any competition, eisteddfod or festival across Australia. This is not specific to the routine, rather the title in general.

35. In the event that sections are combined, competitors may be competing more than the twice allowed per section.

VARIATION SECTIONS

36. Competitors entered into a Ballet (Variation) section in Unity Dance Challenge are required to adhere to the rules outlined under the appropriate age category below. Unity Dance Challenge will be open to any variation solos.

SCHOLARSHIP SECTIONS

37. All scholarship competitors must be available for masterclass sessions between **5pm-7pm on Friday 25th July**. In the program, scholarship competitors will be required to perform their prepared routine (as detailed below) for the adjudicator. The scores from both the master class and the performed solo for each competitor will be added together to determine the placings for the scholarships in each of the age categories.

38. Classical scholarship competitors must adhere to all of the following requirements:

Competitors must attend the technique-based master class at the scheduled time. The following uniform requirements will apply for the class:

- Plain black leotard/plain black top
- Pink ballet tights/black ballet tights
- Flat ballet shoes
- No skirt, jewellery or accessories

AND competitors must be prepared to perform **one** routine that would otherwise be entered into one of the following sections (appropriately according to age and experience)

- Open Ballet (Classical)
- Open Ballet (Demi-Character)
- Open Ballet (Variation)
- Elite Ballet (Classical)
- Elite Ballet (Demi-Character)
- Elite Ballet (Variation)

39. Contemporary scholarship competitors must adhere to all of the following requirements: Competitors must attend the technique-based master class at the scheduled time. The following uniform requirements will apply for the class:

- Plain black leotard/plain black top
- Beige or tan tights/black tights
- No shoes
- No skirt, jewellery or accessories

AND competitors must be prepared to perform **one** routine that would otherwise be entered into one of the following sections (appropriately according to age and experience)

- Open Contemporary
- Elite Contemporary

40. The prizes on offer are as below:

Junior Classical Scholarship

1st Place: \$150 cash prize and prestigious trophy

Runner Up: \$50 voucher toward 2026 entries and honorary medal

Intermediate Classical Scholarship

1st place: \$200 cash prize and prestigious trophy

Runner Up: \$50 voucher toward 2026 entries and honorary medal

Senior Classical Scholarship

1st place: \$250 cash prize and prestigious trophy

Runner Up: \$50 voucher toward 2026 entries and honorary medal

Junior Contemporary Scholarship

1st place: \$150 cash prize and prestigious trophy

Runner Up: \$50 voucher toward 2026 entries and honorary medal

Intermediate Contemporary Scholarship

1st place: \$200 cash prize and prestigious trophy

Runner Up: \$50 voucher toward 2026 entries and honorary medal

Senior Contemporary Scholarship

1st place: \$250 cash prize and prestigious trophy

Runner Up: \$50 voucher toward 2026 entries and honorary medal

TIME LIMITS

41. All routines entered into Unity Classical Challenge must be 3mins or less. Any performance that exceeds this time limit will be automatically disqualified.

SCORING AND AWARDS

42. The adjudicator/s score will be based on the following criteria for all sections:
- 15 – Technique
 - 15 – Execution
 - 10 – Choreography
 - 5 – Stage Presence
 - 5 – Overall Appearance
43. Adjudication will take place at the end of each section.
44. Scores will be made available via Stardom shortly after the event
45. Voice critiques will be made available via Music Uploads shortly after the event

PROGRAM

46. All programs will be published electronically.
47. Electronic program will be emailed to the email address listed at registration and posted on the Canberra Dance Collective website
48. It is the responsibility of the competitor to regularly check the program listed on the website as this will be the most up to date version. Canberra Dance Collective will endeavour to inform significant changes via email. Some last minute changes may occur due to withdrawals or other unforeseen circumstances.

INJURY/ILLNESS

1. Do not attend Unity Dance Challenge if you are feeling unwell or are injured at the time of the event. In the event that a competitor falls ill or injured, a refund of entry fees may be considered by the committee if provided with adequate notice.
2. Access to first aid supplies are subject to availability at the event. Each performer should ensure that the appropriate first aid personnel and supplies are organised prior to, and readily available during the event. Canberra Dance Collective will not be held responsible for administering first aid supplies or personnel at or during the event.

CHILD SAFE POLICY

3. Canberra Dance Collective and Unity Dance Challenge advocate for child safety, please click the following link to access our Child Safe Policy: <https://tinyurl.com/3kkmk9ac>.