

Position Title: *Dance Educator*
Department: *Education & Outreach*
Report to: *Senior Education Manager, Education & Outreach*
Direct Reports: *Not applicable*
Touring: *Yes*
Date: *13th Jan - 4th Nov 2022*

Summary

Dance Educators work within a team to deliver workshops and performances, primarily for Primary and Secondary students in schools and communities throughout Australia. Dance Educators are passionate about undertaking the role of an educator within Australia's national ballet company and have the ability to be a strong team member, teacher and performer.

The Australian Ballet delivers a range of education programs each year including in-schools, partnership and public programs. Dance Educators will work in a range of venues, schools and community spaces with young people with varied dance experience and with those that face social, geographical and financial challenges. Content selection for each aspect of the program delivery will be the responsibility of senior members of the team. Dance Educators will be required to contribute ideas to teaching planning, choreographic and performance content.

There is a significant touring component to this role.

Find out more about our programs here: www.australianballet.com.au/education

Our Company

The Australian Ballet is one of the world's leading national ballet companies and a globally recognised Australian major performing arts organisation. Each year the company presents upwards of 220 performances through its main stage seasons in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth; along with public programs, special events, an extensive regional tour, a Children's Ballet and Education programs and regular overseas tours.

Orchestra Victoria (OV), provides pit services for ballet and opera in Victoria, and is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Australian Ballet. The Australian Ballet and Orchestra Victoria have an annual turnover of more than \$70 million and employ over 265 staff.

Our Values

We are exceptional In our art we strive to inspire, transform and to connect emotionally with our audiences. Beauty, athleticism, technical excellence and strength are hallmarks of our aesthetic.

We are ambitious We know where we are going. We believe in our ability to make things happen and to reach for the stars. We're disciplined and don't give up. We do things today.

We are innovators Creativity powers our company. We value knowledge, experience, open-mindedness, fresh thinking and passion on and off the stage.

We are proudly Australian Our company joyfully reflects the rich diversity of our nation, speaking to all Australians, and about Australia, to the world.

We are one team We work as one team towards common goals across the entire organisation, wherever we are and whatever we do. We are friendly, trusting in our relationships, always open to the other point of view, and willing to have courageous conversations.

We are sustainable We recognise the importance of diverse and growing income streams, and our dependence on state-of-the-art facilities and systems. We emphasise analysis, critical thinking, and careful planning in all our work.

Duties and Responsibilities

During rehearsal phase the dance educator is required to:

- attend daily class, warm-up and/or gym during rehearsal phase
- participate in teaching studies workshops
- participate in development and rehearsal of performance material
- participate in tutorials in teaching and choreography

During program delivery the Dance Educator will be required to:

- Work cooperatively with a teaching partner to plan and deliver workshops
- Deliver dance workshops to students of varying ages and ability
- Perform the adapted Ballet's during the workshops and performances
- Participate in dance forums with students and teachers
- Attend daily class/gym program when possible
- Be responsible for program and personal requirements
- To work collaboratively with their manager, the coordinator, artistic personnel, and peers.
- Undertake other responsibilities as reasonably requested by their manager

Other responsibilities include:

- Liaise with key school personnel regarding program activities
- Supervise the unpacking of van / bump in and the packing of van / bump out
- Drive or assist with navigation to and from programs
- Liaise with Melbourne office to provide team with updates
- Secure teacher survey responses from teachers and record attendance
- Report any materials that need repair to IT, wardrobe or the office.
- Risk assessment checks and form

Knowledge, skills and abilities

- Tertiary or professional level of dance training with a high level of classical technique
- Experience or strong interest in dance education
- Willingness to work within a community engagement approach to dance (a different approach than elite dance training)
- Strong team member with excellent communication skills
- Excellent organisational skills
- Experience going on tour/traveling for work (preferred but not essential)
- Satisfactory Police Records check
- Working with Children certification
- Full Driving licence (preferred but not essential)

How to apply

Please submit:

- 1) A cover letter outlining your interest and suitability for the role.
- 2) A short video consisting of either ballet class work or performance footage that demonstrates strong dance ability.