

POLLINO DANZA FESTIVAL

INTERNATIONAL DANCE COMPETITION

July 25th - 27th, 2025
Episcopia - Basilicata
South Italy

The Pollino Dance Festival Competition will take place at Fardella (PZ) from July 25th to July 27th, 2025.

Art.1 Sections and Categories

The competition includes only one category: SOLOISTS.

Art. 1.1

The SOLOISTS category is divided into:

- Under 13: 9-13 years old
- Juniors: 14-17 years old
- Seniors: 18-23 years old

Art.2

The SOLOISTS category has two sections: CLASSICAL DANCE and MODERN/CONTEMPORARY DANCE.

Art.3

The competition is divided into 3 phases:

1. ELIMINATION
2. SEMI-FINAL
3. FINAL

Art. 3.1

The FINAL phase grants access to the Gala evening, featuring prominent dance stars, during which the winners will be awarded prestigious Scholarships and Employment Contracts with Companies and Theaters in Italy and abroad.

Art. 4

Each SOLOIST can compete in both the classical and modern/contemporary dance sections.

Art.5

CLASSICAL DANCE soloists must present TWO VARIATIONS and meet the following requirements:

- **Under 13:** Two free or repertoire variations adapted to the participant's age and technical level. The use of pointe shoes is optional.
- **Juniors:** Two variations from the traditional classical repertoire on pointe, also adapted to the participant's age and technical level. The use of pointe shoes is mandatory.
- **Seniors:** Two variations from the traditional classical repertoire on pointe. The use of pointe shoes is mandatory.

Art. 5.1

It is also possible to present a PAS DE DEUX, in case one of the two is an accompanist and not a participant.

Art. 6

MODERN/CONTEMPORARY DANCE soloists (Under 13, Juniors, and Seniors) must present a SOLO and meet the following requirements:

- **ELIMINATION:** presentation of a solo taught during the Festival. The solo is the same for everyone, and soloists will be evaluated in this phase on that choreography.
- **SEMI-FINAL:** presentation of their own solo lasting a maximum of 2.45 minutes.
- **FINAL:** the candidate will dance the solo decided by the jury.

Art.6.1

Those without a second solo wanting to participate in the competition in the modern/contemporary dance soloists section can present one of the solos learned during the Festival lessons.

Art. 6.2

Rehearsals to learn the solo to be presented in the elimination phase are scheduled so that all participants have sufficient time to learn the choreography.

Art. 7 Costumes

- For the ELIMINATION phase, modern/contemporary dance soloists must wear a costume of their choice that is snug and allows the body lines to be clearly visible.
- For their solos/variations in both sections, wear themed, professional, and decent stage costumes.

Art. 8 Music

Each candidate must have the musical file of their variation/solo in mp3 format. The file must be sent to the email address ballettolucano2018@gmail.com one week before the start of the festival. In the email body, specify: NAME and SURNAME of the participant, VARIATION TITLE, MUSIC, CHOREOGRAPHY, DURATION.

Art.9 Stage Rehearsals

Depending on the number of participants, the Organization will create a list with the official rehearsal schedule. Each participant will have the opportunity to have a space rehearsal and a full rehearsal supervised by the Festival's Teaching Staff.

Art.9.1

Outside the official rehearsal and lesson hours, participants can use the stage (if available) to rehearse their solos. The Organization is not responsible for unofficial rehearsals.

Art.10 Jury

The judgment of the jury is final and not subject to appeal.

If desired, the jury may choose not to award prizes or, conversely, to award more prizes than planned.

In case one or more jury members are unable to attend various phases of the competition or lessons due to force majeure, the organization will replace them or proceed with the event with the present members only.

Art. 11 Cost

The cost for participating in the competition is €100.00. For Open Card holders, the competition registration fee is included.

Payment must be made by bank transfer to the account of the Balletto Lucano Association:

IBAN: IT83 B076 0104 2000 0008 1556 250

Reason: SOLOISTS COMPETITION POLLINO DANCE FESTIVAL 25, name and surname

Art.12 Information

For information, consult the official website: <http://www.pollinodanza.it>

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