

Call for applications to the  
**ACCADEMIA TEATRO ALLA SCALA  
BALLET SCHOOL**  
**Admissions to Course Levels 1 to 7**

*Academic Year 2017-2018*

The Fondazione Accademia d'Arti e Mestieri dello Spettacolo Teatro alla Scala ("Accademia Teatro alla Scala" or "La Scala Academy") is now accepting applications for admission to its Ballet School courses, open to both males and females.

**1. Course Goals and Professional Profile**

The course trains participants who already have a background in **classical and modern/contemporary ballet** and seek to become professional dancers ready to join ballet companies in Italy or abroad.

**2. Course Length and Structure**

Candidates applying for any of the level 1-7 courses must pass a selection process. The academic year runs from September to June. An exam is given at the end of each year to allow admission to the following year.

The best pupils will have the chance to perform in the shows on the La Scala program.

**3. Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory. Lessons are held Monday through Friday for levels 1-5 and Monday through Saturday for higher-level courses. Courses 1-3 meet in the afternoon; courses 4-7 are full-day.

Absences must be justified and cannot exceed 25% of total course time or the pupil will be expelled from the course.

The language used in the courses is Italian: pupils are expected to acquire adequate proficiency in Italian (especially listening and speaking).

**4. Course Locations**

The courses are principally held in the following locations:

- Ballet School of the Accademia Teatro alla Scala, Via Campo Lodigiano 2/4, Milan;
- Accademia Teatro alla Scala, Via S. Marta 18, Milan.

**5. Requisites**

Candidates who are in the 5th year of elementary school during the 2016-2017 school year may apply for the Level 1 course.

For higher courses (Levels 2-7), the candidates must show that they are prepared to be admitted to the courses corresponding to their middle school or high school level. Specifically:

Class attended during academic year 2016-2017	Corresponding course for academic year 2017-2018
5th year elementary school	Level 1
1st year middle school	Level 2
2nd year middle school	Level 3
3rd year middle school	Level 4
1st year high school	Level 5
2nd year high school	Level 6
3rd, 4th or 5th year high school	Level 7

Candidates for Level 7 must be 17 years old or younger as of **Friday, March 24, 2017**.

## 6. Application Procedures and Deadlines

Applications must be completed and submitted online by clicking on the “Apply now” button at the web page [www.accademiascala.it/en/dance/courses/ballerini-professionisti.html](http://www.accademiascala.it/en/dance/courses/ballerini-professionisti.html) **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017.**

**The following documents (scanned) must be included with the online application:**

- valid identification for both parents or legal guardian (identity card or passport);
- receipt for payment of €85.00 (eighty-five euros), including VAT. Payment may be made:
  - **via direct deposit** to the Fondazione Accademia d’Arti e Mestieri dello Spettacolo Teatro alla Scala (Banco di Brescia, San Paolo, CAB – UBI Banca – Via Silvio Pellico, 10/12, 20121 Milano – IBAN IT 11 A 03500 01630 00000 00567 47 – BIC/SWIFT code BCABIT21 – VIA code BLOPIT22)
  - **directly online via credit card** at [www.accademiascala.it/en/dance/courses/ballerini-professionisti.html](http://www.accademiascala.it/en/dance/courses/ballerini-professionisti.html). The receipt will be sent via email to the address provided during the payment process. Make sure you provide a correct and functioning email address. Write the candidate's name and the name of the course for which you are paying in the memo section;
- if the owner of the credit card or bank account by which payment is made is an Italian resident or citizen with a *codice fiscale*, include a copy of the owner’s *codice fiscale* card;
- if the candidate is an Italian resident or citizen, include a copy of the candidate’s *codice fiscale* card;
- a professional quality photograph, passport format or larger.

**Candidates meeting the physical aptitude or physical aptitude and technique requirements must submit the original application signed by both parents or legal guardian to the Medical Committee. Those failing to do so will not be allowed to participate in the selection process (and thus will not be admitted to the Ballet School).**

Candidates who are not residents of a European Union member state and whose applications are accepted must submit the documents required by law for persons residing outside of the EU and required by the regulations of the Italian Public Security Authorities (request for permit of stay [*permesso di soggiorno*] for reasons of study) for the following periods:

- a) **admission to the trial month for candidates for course levels 1-3:** June 12-28, 2017;
- b) **admission to the Ballet School:** September 4, 2017 to July 31, 2018.

**Candidates who withdraw from or fail to pass the selection process will not be entitled to a refund of the application fee.**

**Documentation submitted to the Ballet School Office will not be returned to the candidate.**

**For information please call (+39) 02-92882100 or sent an email to: [audizioni.ballo@accademiascala.it](mailto:audizioni.ballo@accademiascala.it) – fax (+39) 02-8051622.**

## 7. Examining Committee

Admission to any course is subject to the incontestable discretion of the Examining Committee and Medical Committee.

The Examining Committee is appointed by the Office of the Director and is composed of the Director of the Dance Department and Ballet School instructors.

The Medical Committee is appointed by the Office of the Director of the Academy and is composed of an orthopedic physician from the La Scala Health Service and a cardiologist with experience in sports medicine.

## 8. Admission

In order to be admitted to the courses, the candidate must pass a screening test (selection process), which is structured as follows:

- a) **Physical aptitude test – for Level 1 candidates** – which assesses the abilities and aptitude of the candidate in simple exercises under the supervision of instructors.

**Physical aptitude and technique test – for Level 2-7 candidates** – comprising:

- the complete or partial execution, at the discretion of the Examining Committee, of a classical ballet lesson from the course program for the candidate's age group;
- candidates for levels 6 or 7 may be asked to perform a contemporary movement sequence.

- b) **Orthopedic and cardiological exam – for all candidates** who have

- passed the physical-aptitude or physical-aptitude-and-technique tests;
- submitted the original application signed by both parents or legal guardian to the Medical Committee;
- submitted to the Medical Committee any medical documentation that may be pertinent in the selection process. Non-Italian candidates must submit said documentation in Italian or English (translated as necessary).

Further diagnostic tests may be requested during the medical exam and must be presented no later than May 16, 2017;

- c) **Trial period – for level 1-3 candidates** who have satisfied the requirements at Points a) and b).

Attendance during the trial period is mandatory. Lessons are held from Monday to Saturday. Lessons take place in the afternoon during the week and all day on Saturday.

Admission to the Ballet School requires:

- a favorable judgment from the Examining Committee and the Medical Committee;
- formal enrolment in the Ballet School by filling out the online enrolment form and attaching any required supplementary documentation. The enrolment form must be submitted **BEFORE MIDNIGHT ON SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2017**. The link to the enrolment form will be provided to the family of candidates who have passed the selection process (screening tests).

The decisions of both committees are incontestable and Accademia Teatro alla Scala will not provide explanations for non admission. Candidates missing any part of the screening tests or failing to submit the online enrolment form to academic year 2017-2018 by the specified deadline will be considered as having intentionally renounced enrolment in the Ballet School.

**To facilitate communication during the Ballet School admissions process, non-Italian candidates or their chaperones who are not proficient in Italian or English should provide an interpreter/translator.**

**All pupils are admitted for one academic year and must reapply for the following years.**

Candidates must accept all provisions contained in this call for applications in order to be admitted to the selection process.

## 9. Selection Process Calendar

The screening tests will take place at the Ballet School, Via Campo Lodigiano 4, 20122 Milan, according to the calendar below.

The Office of the Director of the Ballet School will determine the time and date for the selection process. No requests for variations will be accepted. Candidates admitted to the selection process will be notified via email, fax or mail.

The application fee for Candidates who fail to present themselves for the selection process will not be refunded.

Calendar:

Course levels 1-3:

- **April 26-28, 2017:** physical aptitude test for Level 1, physical aptitude and technique test for Levels 2 and 3;
- **April 27-30, 2017:** orthopedic and cardiological exam (may take place on the same day as the physical aptitude or physical aptitude and technique test or on the following day);
- **May 16, 2017:** review of medical reports if further diagnostic tests have been requested as specified at Point 8.b above. If the medical reports satisfy requirements, the candidate will be admitted to the trial period;
- **June 12, 2017, 10:30 AM:** meeting for the beginning of the trial period;
- **June 12-28, 2017:** trial period for candidates for Levels 1, 2 and 3;
- **June 29, 2017:** final exam for trial period;

Course levels 4-7:

- **April 26-28, 2017:** physical aptitude and technique test;
- **April 27-30, 2017:** orthopedic and cardiological exam (may take place on the same day as the physical aptitude and technique test or the following day). If no further diagnostic tests are requested and the medical exam produces a positive result, the candidate will be admitted to the Ballet School. At that time, the candidate will receive the link to the enrolment form for the coming academic year. Candidates who fail to submit the enrolment form will not be admitted to the Ballet School;
- **May 16, 2017:** review of medical reports if further diagnostic tests have been requested as specified at Point 8.b above. If the medical reports are positive, the candidate will be admitted to the Ballet School and enrolment will be formalized.

**A PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN MUST BE PRESENT:**

- **during the orthopedic and cardiological exam;**
- **on June 12, 2017 (only for candidates for levels 1-3).**

The list of accepted candidates will be posted at the main entrance to the Ballet School and on the Academy website [www.accademialascale.it/en/news.html](http://www.accademialascale.it/en/news.html) during the days of the selection process.

**No other exam sessions are scheduled for the year.**

## 10. Auditing Students

The Examining Committee may also express a favorable and incontestable judgment with respect to Level-7 candidates who

- are not judged fully suitable in the physical aptitude test; and/or
- are eighteen or older as of Friday, March 24, 2017; and/or
- are not yet twenty years old as of Friday, March 24, 2017.

and have shown that they have the requisites for admission to the School. In this case, the chosen candidates will be admitted as auditing students ("studenti esterni") and will not be eligible to receive a diploma from the school upon completing the 8th year. A Certificate of Attendance will be issued for auditing students.

## 11. Fee for trial period, Levels 1-3

A trial period is provided for course levels 1-3. The tuition fee for the trial period is two hundred euros (€200) including VAT. Payment may be made via **direct deposit** to the Fondazione Accademia d'Arti e Mestieri dello Spettacolo Teatro alla Scala (Banco di Brescia, San Paolo, CAB – UBI Banca – Via Silvio Pellico, 10/12, 20121 Milano – IBAN IT 11 A 03500 01630 00000 00567 47 – BIC/SWIFT code BCABIT21 – VIA code BLOPIT22).

**The receipt of payment must be sent to the Ballet School Office via email to [audizioni.ballo@accademialascale.it](mailto:audizioni.ballo@accademialascale.it) or by fax to (+39) 02-8051622 no later than June 5, 2017.**

## 12. Tuition for academic year 2017-2018

Yearly tuition is

- 3,100 (three thousand one hundred) euros, including VAT, for course levels 1-3;
- 3,700 (three thousand seven hundred) euros, including VAT, for levels 4 and 5;
- 2,100 (two thousand one hundred) euros, including VAT, for course level 6;
- 2,300 (two thousand three hundred) euros, including VAT, for course level 7;
- 5,000 (five thousand) euros, including VAT, for auditing students.

For those owning a bank account in the Single Euro Payments Area (EU, EFTA, Monaco, San Marino) tuition fees must be paid by means of **SEPA direct debit** (also for holders of post office bank accounts). The forms must be downloaded during the online enrollment process to academic year 2017-2018. Those not owning a bank account in the SEPA zone shall pay tuition fees by means of **direct deposit** (electronic funds transfer) to the international bank account number (IBAN) that will be provided by the Ballet School office.

Payment will be made in three installments as follows:

Course levels	First installment deadline 15/09/2017	Second installment deadline 18/12/2017	Third installment deadline 30/03/2018
1-3	€1,100 (one thousand one hundred euros)	€1,000 (one thousand euros)	€1,000 (one thousand euros)
4 and 5	€1,700 (one thousand seven hundred euros)	€1,000 (one thousand euros)	€1,000 (one thousand euros)
6	€1,000 (one thousand euros)	€550 (five hundred fifty euros)	€550 (five hundred fifty euros)
7 and 8	€1,000 (one thousand euros)	€650 (six hundred fifty euros)	€650 (six hundred fifty euros)
Auditing students	€2,000 (two thousand euros)	€1,500 (one thousand five hundred euros)	€1,500 (one thousand five hundred euros)

Bank charges will be levied in the event of non-payment.

**The above tuition must be paid in full even if attendance is interrupted during the school year. Tuition will only be refunded on a prorated basis in the event that the pupil is no longer able to attend courses due to certified medical reasons.**

**In the event of failure to pay, the Office of the Director of the Academy may decide to suspend the pupil until all tuition due has been paid. If requests for payment are not honored, the Director's Office reserves the right to expel the pupil.**

## 13. Scholarships

Applications for scholarships may be presented by pupils in course levels 1-7 whose ISEE (equivalent financial status indicator) form does not exceed:

- €27,000 for pupils residing in the province of Milan;
- €37,000 for pupils residing outside of the province of Milan.

Candidates not residing in Italy and thus not having an ISEE form must present an official declaration of family income issued by the relevant authorities from their country of residence. This declaration must be translated into Italian and all monetary amounts expressed in euros.

The printed scholarship application form for the Ballet School may be obtained from the Ballet School Office or downloaded from <http://www.accademiascala.it/en/dance/courses/ballerini-professionisti.html> and must be submitted to said Office together with the ISEE or equivalent form **before midnight on July 2, 2017**.

**Scholarships will be awarded at the end of each school year, hence full payment of tuition is due as specified in Section 12 of this call for applications.**

**The application for a scholarship does not constitute a guarantee that one will be granted.**

**For those paying income taxes in Italy, the scholarship amount is subject to IRPEF (income) tax.**

#### 14. Student Loans

All pupils admitted to the Ballet School may apply for a student loan. Information is provided by the Ballet School Office: [audizioni.ballo@accademiascala.it](mailto:audizioni.ballo@accademiascala.it).

The application for a student loan is not a guarantee that one will be granted.

#### 15. Exemptions

All pupils admitted to the Ballet School having an ISEE form or equivalent (see below) not exceeding 17,000 euros may apply for complete or partial exemption from paying the balance of the yearly tuition.

The printed exemption request form for the Ballet School may be obtained from the Ballet School Office or downloaded from <http://www.accademiascala.it/en/dance/courses/ballerini-professionisti.html> and must be submitted to said Office together with the ISEE form or equivalent **before midnight on July 2, 2017**.

In place of the ISEE form, candidates not residing in Italy must present an official declaration of family income issued by the relevant authorities from their country of residence. This declaration must be translated into Italian and all monetary amounts expressed in euros.

**Submission of a request for exemption does not constitute a guarantee that the request will be accepted.**

The Office of the Director of the Accademia Teatro alla Scala will assess each request on a case-by-case basis.

#### 16. Compulsory Education

Pupils shall comply with Italian Law no. 53 of 28 March 2003 regarding compulsory schooling. **Parents of candidates are advised to pre-enroll their candidate child or children in the appropriate local school before the deadline in the event that they are not admitted to the La Scala Academy.**

The Accademia Teatro alla Scala has signed an agreement with the "Pietro Longone" boarding school and with the City of Milan whereby the pupils may attend

- the "Pietro Longone" Middle School (for those attending the first, second or third year of middle school during academic year 2017-2018);
- the Choreutic High School at Convitto Nazionale "Pietro Longone" (for those attending the first, second or third year of high school during academic year 2017-2018);
- the La Scala Municipal Linguistic High School (for those attending the fourth or fifth year of high school during academic year 2017-2018).

Students admitted to the Ballet School and intending to attend one of these schools must contact the offices of the school itself, which will provide the necessary information regarding enrollment process and tuition.

For further information, please contact the relevant offices as follows:

- "Pietro Longone" Middle School – Via Vigevano 19, Milan – tel. (+39) 02-45374392 – website: [www.convittolongone.it](http://www.convittolongone.it) – email: [segreteria@convittolongone.it](mailto:segreteria@convittolongone.it);
- Choreutic High School at Convitto Nazionale "Pietro Longone" – Via degli Olivetani 9, Milan – tel. (+39) 02-45374392 – website: [www.convittolongone.it](http://www.convittolongone.it) – email: [segreteria@convittolongone.it](mailto:segreteria@convittolongone.it);

- La Scala Municipal Linguistic High School – Via Deledda 11, Milan – tel. (+39) 02-88441393/94 – website: [www.lamanzoni.it](http://www.lamanzoni.it) – e-mail: [segreteria@lamanzoni.it](mailto:segreteria@lamanzoni.it)

N.B. The locations of the middle school or high school may change. If this occurs, prompt notification will be provided.

### 17. Transportation/Accommodations

Pupils residing outside of Milan must make their own accommodation and/or transportation arrangements.

### 18. Ballet Clothes and Course Materials

Pupils admitted to the Ballet School must obtain the required ballet clothes (to be purchased at the Accademia Shop at Via Santa Marta 18, Milan) and the necessary course materials.

A detailed list of course materials will be provided to pupils at the conclusion of the selection process (see Point 8 above).

**Pupils in course levels 1-3 may only purchase and wear the ballet clothes after passing the trial period.**

### 19. School Cafeteria

The Ballet School has a cafeteria that is open Monday through Friday from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM. Pupils must purchase meal tickets at the Ufficio delle Assistenti. For candidates in the trial period, the cost of each meal ticket is eight euros (€8.00) including VAT.

### 20. Final Certification

Upon passing the final exam for course level 8, the Accademia Teatro alla Scala issues a Diploma in Classical Ballet and Modern-Contemporary Ballet provided that:

- the pupil has fulfilled the 75% attendance requirement;
- all tuition has been paid.

For further information:

tel. (+39) 02-92882100 – fax (+39) 02-8051622

Hours of the Academy Office in Via Campo Lodigiano 4, Milan:

Monday through Friday 10:30-13:00 and 15:00-17:00

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