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THE ROYAL EDINBURGH MILITARY TATTOO DANCERS

Application Form 2024

Dance Director – Aileen Robertson

Applications are now being accepted for dancers to join The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Dancers. The chosen team for 2024 will perform in front of live audiences on Edinburgh Castle's Esplanade at The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2024.

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is seeking talented volunteer dancers from any organisation affiliated to the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.

Since its inception in 1950, The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo has raised over £12.3m for charitable causes, including funds to bolster traditional Scottish music and dance across Scotland. As we look ahead to the 2024 season, we are delighted to welcome applications from both new and returning volunteers to help us celebrate this momentous event and achieve this ambition.

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will take place from 2 – 24 August 2024. Successful applicants must arrive in Edinburgh on Thursday 25 July 2024 for rehearsals commencing on Friday 26 July 2024.

Who Should Apply

The 2024 Tattoo Dancers will comprise of dancers from any country affiliated to the Royal Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing.

Applicants must be 18 years or over as at 1 July 2024 and must be of Premier standard which must be maintained throughout the year.

What Will Be Required

The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo is a unique event, and an icon in the British events calendar, performing 25 shows across August. Therefore, most importantly, we are looking for individuals who have a positive attitude and are willing to commit to the full period required.

Dancers are expected to maintain a level of fitness to enable them to perform to a high standard. Should you be selected, your Dance Teacher will be contacted to confirm your regular attendance at classes.

All dancers should note that this is an unpaid voluntary arrangement. All dancers are responsible for arranging and paying for their own travel costs both to and from Edinburgh. Accommodation and meals will be provided for all dancers for the duration of the Tattoo, including rehearsals. The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo will also reimburse any reasonable out-of-pocket expenses that dancers may incur whilst in the course of volunteering with The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo.

The dancers are under the direction of Aileen Robertson, Dance Director for The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Dancers.

Any dancers performing in the Tattoo will be unable to compete at an event where the Dance Director, Aileen Robertson, is an Adjudicator for 3 months following the last performance on 24 August 2024. The same rule will apply to any dancer(s) who are RSOBHD Adjudicators who may be performing as part of The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Dancers.

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How to Apply

All applications should be submitted to dance@edintattoo.co.uk no later than **Friday 5 January 2024**. If you have any questions at all – relating to your application, the expected performance standard, and / or commitment etc. - please contact Aileen on the above email address to discuss.

All dancers are asked to submit a full-length photo in their kilt outfit in addition to a headshot with their application.

All UK based dancers will be invited to attend an audition which will be held in The Scotch Whisky Experience, 354 Castlehill, Edinburgh EH1 2NE on **Saturday 24 February 2024**. Audition times will be allocated after the application closing date.

All overseas dancers will be allocated a date to submit an online audition once their application has been received.

Auditions will also be held at the Marguerite Reid Memorial Workshop in Delco, Pennsylvania on Friday 2 February 2024. Any dancer wishing to audition in person at this event should indicate their attendance at the Workshop on the application form. Audition times will be allocated after the application closing date.

Details of the audition will be sent out after the closing date.

We look forward to welcoming your applications!



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Dancer Name			
Aged 18 or over at 1 July 2024	Yes / No		
Home Address			
Contact Telephone Number (Home and Mobile)			
E-mail Address			
Dance Teacher			
Dance Teacher Email Address			
Are you currently a competitive dancer?	Yes / No	IF YES please provide your Registration Number	
Can you perform all Highland, National, Hornpipe and Jig steps to a competitive level?			
Details of any choreography experience (including performances at Tattoos)			
Why do you want to be a member of Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo Dancers? (Max 200 words)			

Please send your completed application form, full-length photo and headshot to dance@edintattoo.co.uk by Friday 5 January 2024.