



## NAVADAL 2019 | Application Guidance

Akademi present NAVADAL 2019, the National South Asian Youth Dance Competition and NAVADAL Rising Stars in partnership with Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (ISTD) and Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) Yuva Gati as part of One Dance UK's U.Dance Fringe at Southbank Centre.

Meaning 'new shoots' in Hindi, NAVADAL is Akademi's biennial National South Asian Youth Dance Competition, NAVADAL is a celebration of up and coming young classical South Asian dance artists within the UK.

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## When and where is NAVADAL 2019?

This year, NAVADAL is taking place on 20 July 2019 at Southbank Centre, Belvedere Road, London, SE1 8XX. The NAVADAL Competition will take place in the Clore Ballroom, 11am-3pm.

The winners of NAVADAL Competition will have the opportunity to perform at the NAVADAL Rising Stars in the Purcell Room on the same day from 5.30-6.30pm where they will be joined by a carefully curated line up of rising stars of South Asian dance in the UK.

## How do I apply?

Please fill out the application form [here](#).

## What are the competition categories?

The categories are as follows:

- Age 13 - 18 Solos
- Age 19 - 25 Solos
- Age 13 - 18 Groups
- Age 19 – 25 Groups

## What is needed to apply for the competition?

We ask for a link to footage of the piece that you hope to perform at the competition. The link does not have to be of the full piece but enough to give a taster of the dancer(s) performing the piece.

Please be sure to check that access does not need to be granted to watch the video in the link.

If you are unable to post a link, you may send a DVD to Meera Patel, Akademi, Hampstead Town Hall, 213 Haverstock Hill, London NW3 4Q. The DVD must arrive by 22 April for your application to be considered.

## What is the expected length of performance pieces?

Performance pieces must be between 3 and 5 minutes long.

## When is the application deadline?

11:59 pm on Monday 22 April 2019

## How will the shortlisting panel assess each applicant?

Criteria for Soloists:

- The strength of your technique in your chosen dance form
- The quality of performance - including use of different dynamics, focus, and expression
- The Musicality demonstrated in your performance
- The use of choreography to show your technique and abilities (please note that it may be a teacher, the dancer, a guest choreographer, or a mixture of contributors which create the choreography of your piece).
- Your ability to relate and communicate with the audience

Criteria for Groups:

- The strength of overall technique within the group in the chosen dance form
- The quality of group performance overall, including use of different dynamics, focus, and expression.
- The Musicality demonstrated by the group in your performance
- How the choreography best shows the technique and abilities of the group members (please note that it may be a teacher, the dancers, a guest choreographer or a mixture of contributors which create the choreography for your piece).
- The quality of choreographic elements such as differing spacial patterns, formations, levels, transitions, rhythm, tempo, and dancer relationship.
- The quality of audience and group engagement
- The relationship between dancers

## When will applicants find out if they have been shortlisted for NAVADAL Competition?

We aim to let all applicants know by the first week of June.

## How do I know which age category I fit into?

Please apply to the category that includes the age that you/your student/your student group will be on 20 July 2019. I.e. the age you/your student are when you wake up on the morning of Saturday 20th July 2019, is the age category you select when applying.

For those who have not had their 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by 20 July 2019, you would apply in the 13-18 category.

## What age do the members of the group I am entering need to be?

All members of a group should be in the age category that the group is being entered into.

## What is Akademi's Safeguarding policy and who does it apply to?

Click [here](#) to see Akademi's Safeguarding Policy 2018 document. This document applies to all young people under the age of 18

This document helps Akademi ensure that children and young people we work with have the best possible outcomes during their interaction with Akademi. It establishes best practices that Akademi adhere to across all events, educational workshops and/or educational/professional performances to keep children and young people safe from harm.

## When will the winners of NAVADAL Competition be announced?

The results of each category will be announced at the end of the NAVADAL Competition in the Clore Ballroom, when winners will be awarded the prizes.

## What are the prizes for winning the NAVADAL Competition?

The winners of NAVADAL Competition will have the opportunity to perform at the NAVADAL Rising Stars in the Purcell Room on the same day from 5.30-6.30pm where they will be joined by a carefully curated line up of rising stars of South Asian dance in the UK.

Other exciting prizes will be announced in the coming months.

## What piece will the winners perform at NAVADAL Rising Stars?

The shortlisted participants will be asked to prepare two pieces. Upon winning the competition, they will get an opportunity to perform the second piece at the NAVADAL Rising Stars in the Purcell Room at Southbank Centre. We are very excited to present the winners next to rising stars in South Asian Dance in the UK and we hope performing a second piece will build the excitement for applicants.