

The British Academy of Performing Arts.

MUSICAL THEATRE COMPETITION FAQ

What is Musical Theatre Competition?

Entry into Musical Theatre Competition is by audition, this involves acting and singing, students can choose their own material. There are three levels of Competition class, 5 - 8 year olds / 9 - 12 year olds / Teens. You do **not** have to be a member of Musical Theatre Show Company to participate in Competition, often students take part in both. All musical theatre classes perform in two or three group pieces. In addition to taking the competition class students must also take one dance technique class, this can be jazz, tap, modern, ballet.

Access Broadway is the competition we participate in and that takes place in Atlanta.

Cost: we anticipate that participation in each group piece will be approx \$75 per piece.

Optional: actors can opt to present solos and /or duets. Please note that these **MUST** be approved by Miss Marsha and each actor will need approx. 5 private lessons to get them stage ready.

The benefits of competition for actors; competition is like musical theatre meets synchronized swimming... we work on the set pieces for most of the year. With the emphasis being on excellence and precision. Actors have to be extremely focused and able to walk on stage delivering 100% from the first second the audience sees them. For competition they have to perform in front of a panel of judges who are professional in the industry. It is not like watching an entire show where performers have time to get into character etc. In that respect is it like an audition where you have to be able to produce the goods immediately. Competition is excellent preparation for auditions.

Optional Additional Entries (*solo, duet, trio, small group*)

Students have the option to enter additional pieces to each competition, these will be worked on during private classes. This is a great opportunity for students to both choose performance pieces that they really love, and it is a way to target instruction that focuses upon a skill area they specifically need to develop. We would be happy to discuss option with you if this is something your students might like to do. Cost of Private Classes starts at: 30 mins. \$30 / 60 mins \$50

Dance: Broadway / Tap / Ballet / Jazz / Contemporary / Hip Hop / Lyrical / Open Dance

Acting: Acting - Comedy / Acting - Dramatic

Vocal: Broadway - Ballad / Broadway - Uptempo / Concert - Ballad / Concert - Uptempo
Song and Dance / Open Vocal (*opera not allowed*)