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BEIJING DANCE ACADEMY



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SUMMER
WORKSHOP &
GALA PERFORMANCE

AT BEIJING DANCE ACADEMY





DEAR STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND PARENTS,

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome you to the first International Ballet Workshop and Gala Performance presented by Youth America Grand Prix in partnership with the world-renowned Beijing Dance Academy.

This historic collaboration will take place in the prestigious studios of Beijing Dance Academy, an institution where countless exceptional dancers have been trained. With more than seventy years of distinguished history, the academy is not only the most prestigious professional dance institution in China, but also one of the most influential dance schools in the world.

Founded in 1954, Beijing Dance Academy has played a leading role in preserving, cultivating, and advancing the art of dance education. Today, it stands as a national center for the training of outstanding dancers, educators, and choreographers.

Conveniently located in the Haidian District of Beijing, the academy benefits from being surrounded by many of China's leading theaters, companies, and cultural institutions. Through performances, academic exchanges, and international partnerships, the academy frequently represents both the city and the nation on the global stage.

This historic partnership between Youth America Grand Prix and Beijing Dance Academy represents an extraordinary artistic alliance—bringing together the world's most influential youth ballet competition and one of the most respected institutions of dance education. This collaboration promises to create a truly inspiring and transformative experience for ballet students from China and around the world.

For more than eight centuries, Beijing has served as the capital of several major Chinese dynasties, becoming the center of political power, cultural life, and ceremonial tradition. Today the city remains both the political heart of China and a vibrant global cultural capital. Visitors can experience world-renowned landmarks such as the Forbidden City, the Temple of Heaven, and nearby sections of the Great Wall of China.

We are delighted to host this inaugural international workshop and gala at Beijing Dance Academy in Beijing, from **July 16–21, 2026**.

In this guide, you will find important information about the program. Please read carefully to help you prepare for this exciting week.





THE COMPANY EXPERIENCE

YAGP experience at Beijing Dance Academy is specially organized to give young dancers a unique chance to experience a week in the life of a professional dance artist working in a professional dance company. Daily classes and rehearsal will take place at the studios of Beijing Dance Academy

There is a special schedule of rehearsals so that dancers would learn to pace themselves through the day. And there is, of course, a chance to work with some of the most respected ballet masters and rehearsal directors around the world.

Casting is part of everyday life in every professional dance company, and the participants in this workshop will get to experience it, as well – with costume fittings, first and second casts, and understudying various parts of different repertoire – which means learning the repertoire and being prepared to perform it on a moment's notice, but not necessarily getting to perform it on stage.

THE WORKSHOP EXPERIENCE

The YAGP Workshop Experience is carefully designed to give students the opportunity to train with some of the world's most respected teachers and choreographers. The program will be organized into four age groups: 10–11, 12–13, 14–15, and 16–18 years old.

Daily ballet technique classes will serve as the foundation for developing and refining both technical precision and artistic expression. Throughout the week, students will study with distinguished faculty members who represent a wide range of internationally recognized ballet methodologies. Each teacher brings invaluable knowledge and experience from both the stage and the classroom. Students will also participate in contemporary ballet classes that explore innovative movement vocabulary and creative expression. These classes encourage dancers to expand their physical awareness and artistic range—skills that are increasingly essential for today's ballet competitions and professional careers.

In addition to daily classes, students will rehearse ensemble choreography for the final gala performance. Among the works presented will be the famous Grand Défilé, which set a Guinness World Records record in 2025 for the largest number of dancers performing en pointe on stage.

THE GALA PERFORMANCE

One of the most exciting highlights of the workshop will be the **Gala Performance at the Beijing Dance Academy Theatre**. This special evening will bring together international guest artists, faculty members, and workshop participants for a vibrant celebration of dance. Students will have the opportunity to perform ensemble works and selected variations learned during the workshop, sharing the stage with some of today's most distinguished ballet artists.

The gala will serve as a wonderful culmination of the week's training and an unforgettable performance experience for all participants.



SCHEDULE

Classes and rehearsals will begin on Thursday, July 16, and will continue daily through Monday, July 20, taking place in the studios of Beijing Dance Academy.

Tuesday, July 21 will be dedicated to stage rehearsals and the final gala performance at the Beijing Dance Academy Theatre. Technical rehearsals will take place during the day, followed by the gala performance in the evening.

While a detailed schedule will be provided closer to the event, students should expect a full and intensive daily program with appropriate breaks for rest and meals. This workshop is designed to challenge dancers both physically and artistically, so participants should be prepared for a busy and rewarding week.

Parents and family members will have ample opportunity to explore Beijing during the day while students are in classes and rehearsals. For those planning additional sightseeing with their dancers, we recommend extending your stay before or after the workshop to fully enjoy the city.

MEAL BREAKS

Meal breaks will be incorporated into the daily schedule; however, a specific “lunch break” may not always appear on the printed schedule, as each group’s timetable may vary.

Parents and teachers are encouraged to coordinate daily plans in advance. Depending on the schedule, dancers may either be picked up for lunch offsite or bring food to eat during designated breaks.

The cafeteria at Beijing Dance Academy offers lunch and snacks available for purchase. Since workshop days are long and physically demanding, please ensure that dancers stay well hydrated and have sufficient food throughout the day.

CLASS DRESS CODE

For daily classes:

- Ladies may wear any color leotard with pink tights.
- Gentlemen should wear standard ballet class attire.

Please note that some classes may be filmed or livestreamed.

For the gala performance:

- Ladies must wear white spaghetti-strap leotards, pink tights, and a white practice tutu.
- Gentlemen must wear a fitted T-shirt, black tights, and ballet shoes.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

Travel within Beijing is modern, efficient, and well connected. The city offers an extensive transportation network that makes it easy to navigate both locally and throughout China.

The Beijing Subway is one of the largest metro systems in the world and provides convenient access to major districts, cultural sites, railway stations, and airports. It is fast, affordable, and widely used by both residents and visitors.

Taxis are readily available throughout the city. Many travelers also use ride-hailing services such as DiDi, which operates similarly to Uber and offers convenient app-based transportation.

For international arrivals, Beijing is served by two major airports:

- Beijing Capital International Airport
- Beijing Daxing International Airport

Both airports provide express trains, buses, and taxi services connecting travelers directly to the city center.

Beijing is also the hub of China's high-speed rail network. Stations such as Beijing South Railway Station offer high-speed connections to cities including Shanghai, Xi'an, and Tianjin.



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