



Impulsarte 2024 Award

Origin and Foundations

The **Impulsarte Award** was created by Mariana Robles Abad, founder of *GirosProdanza*. Since 2008, *GirosProdanza* has been promoting dance and its various participants not only through healthy competition but also by bringing high-quality artistic and human experiences and teachers to the interior of our country and neighbouring countries in recent years through the Itinerant School.

Our primary objective is to provide young students and their teachers with challenging and transformative experiences that inspire them to become agents of positive change and to create a more peaceful and sustainable future through dance.

We are convinced that education in the arts helps students develop resilience and the ability to face both failure and success. We understand that being young is synonymous with change, progress, and the future, with the disposition to turn problems into opportunities and solutions, acting as the driving force of societies. Currently, young people are leading change globally, fostering sustainable development, and opening paths to new possibilities for engagement and connectivity worldwide.

Aware of the challenges that young people face today, the **Impulsarte Award 2024** proposals in Classical Dance and Contemporary Dance emerge from this perspective. After a long journey, we are delighted to be at this point, where the experiences we offer to students through training scholarships and their real possibility of realizing them with the Impulsarte Award broadly reflect our vision of education and the role of each of its participants.

Giros ProDanza Partnership with Elmhurst Ballet School 2024

In absolute alignment with the objectives pursued by the Impulsarte Award 2024, the partnership with Elmhurst Ballet School was established, an entity that not only supports our actions but also enriches them.

Elmhurst Ballet School

Elmhurst Ballet School was one of the first vocational dance schools in the UK, founded in Camberley, Surrey, England, in 1923. In 2004, the school moved to its new facilities in Edgbaston, Birmingham, forming a close association with the Birmingham Royal Ballet. Elmhurst is an independent school for classical ballet students aged between 11 and 19 years. Admission is through an audition, with students joining from age 7 and graduating after 14 years. Fifteen percent of its students are international. The school has capacity for 169 students to live on-site or nearby at The Elms boarding house. Postgraduate students live independently. They also welcome day students.

World-Class Facilities

Their state-of-the-art facilities include:

- A 220-seat Theatre.
- Seven dance studios.
- Academic classrooms.
- On-site accommodation.
- A sector-leading Health and Wellbeing Center.
- An outdoor sports field.

Although they are an independent school, they firmly believe that talent transcends social class and that access to elite classical ballet training should be available to the most talented students, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Whom We Wish to Reward

We seek to encourage young people who, in addition to having intermediate and/or advanced technical knowledge in Classical Dance, meet requirements that complete their persona beyond being a dance student. We seek a proactive young person who responsibly handles this opportunity, values the effort it represents for both GirosProdanza and Elmhurst Ballet School to fund their studies, and makes the most of this growth experience. It is of great importance to keep in mind then that the selection of the young winner is not subject to the score obtained alone, but rather this is only one of the items to be evaluated. Personal characteristics of proactivity, projection and responsibility will also be considered.

Impulsarte Award 2024 for Classical Dance by GIROS PRODANZA in collaboration with ELMHURST BALLETSCHOOL

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Giros ProDanza and Elmhurst Ballet School announce the call for applications for the Impulsarte Award 2024, where a dancer aged between 14 and 19 years will receive a **Full Scholarship** for the Summer Seminar to be held in August 2025.

The scholarship includes:

Giros ProDanza offers and finances the selected student:

- Turn aifare from the Airport closest to their residencia up to USD 1200 (any amount that exceeds this must be covered by the student).

Elmhurst Ballet School offers and finances the selected student:

- Accommodation.
- Meals.
- Participation in the complete programme Summer 2025
- Transportation from the airport to Edgbaston, Birmingham.

SUMMER SEMINAR 2025

Students aged 14 to 19 years

Dates: Six-day programme during August 2025 (arrival the evening before).

Students aged 14 to 19 join for a week-long programme focused on classical ballet and supporting styles. The programme includes classes in classical ballet, repertoire, pas de deux, pointe work, contemporary, jazz, and strength and conditioning. Working with both male and female members of Elmhurst Ballet School's artistic team along with guest teachers, students receive practical teaching and guidance. Evening programmes include opportunities to get to know fellow classmates better, along with masterclasses and Q&A sessions with BRB company members. The week culminates in an informal sharing of work in front of parents in our on-site Studio Theatre.

STEPS TO FOLLOW

Stage 1

Once you have registered for the **YGP Argentina 2024**, whether as a Soloist, Duo, Trio or Ensemble, you have time until **Sunday, September 29, 11:59 am** Argentina time to send an email to the following emails:

Elmhurst Ballet School: robertparker@elmhurstdance.co.uk

Giros ProDanza: girosprodanzaymovimiento@gmail.com

With the following material:

1. A link to a video of a classical repertoire variation (recorded within the last six months) via a **YOUTUBE** link named: **YourName-BECAGIROSELMHURSTBALLETSCHOOL2025**.
2. A letter of intent explaining if you are familiar with the work of GIROS PRODANZA and Elmhurst Ballet School, your city and country of residence, and your personal and artistic reasons for applying for the scholarship. This letter should be addressed to the director of Elmhurst Ballet School, Robert Parker, and signed by your legal guardian if you are a minor.
3. An updated CV with all your personal details, including your WhatsApp number and that of a responsible adult, your Instagram or Facebook if used, along with at least two reference letters from two teachers.
4. A photo of your current ID and passport.
5. A recent high-quality headshot photo.

Stage 2

You will be notified to attend a Meet meeting. You must participate accompanied by a guardian if you are a minor. Teachers in charge are also invited to participate if they wish.

Meet: Date: 12th October, time to be confirmed*

Issue: Elmhurst Ballet School - Experience Details. Administrative and Organizational Considerations for the Trip.

This meeting will detail the experience, organizational aspects will be communicated, and all doubts will be cleared. The date and time are non-negotiable, and participation is mandatory; no exceptions will be made for school, sports, or other commitments.

Stage 3

You will participate in YGP Argentina 2024 in Buenos Aires, whether in a solo, duo, trio, or ensemble piece, or in more than one of these forms.

Stage 4 / Definitoria

After reviewing the results and scores, the Impulsarte Award Jury, consisting of Robert Parker, Director of Elmhurst Ballet School, and Mariana Robles, Director of Giros Pro Danza, will evaluate the group of students who have scored a minimum of 90 points in Classical Repertoire and have completed all previous stages.

The winner of the **Impulsarte Award 2024 for Classical Dance** will be announced during the Award Ceremony on 2nd November.

The winner has 72 consecutive hours to confirm participation. If there is no confirmation within this period, the Scholarship will automatically go to the **runner-up**.

Within the following 10 days, all required documentation must be submitted to purchase the airfare:

- Valid passport.
- Authorisation to leave the country (minors).
- Medical fitness certificate.
- Commitment to purchase travel insurance.
- Comply with the health regulations of the country of entry.

IMPORTANT: Please only submit your material if you genuinely wish to receive this benefit.

We look forward to receiving your application! Good luck!

Elmhurst Ballet School and Giros ProDanza / Impulsarte Award.

