The aim for the London Youth Circus audition is to create a relaxed and non-competitive environment. We are not looking for excellence, but instead those that are interested in circus and the potential to learn.

FAQ

Will I need to prepare a solo?

No, we will run a basic workshop in each of the disciplines you've chosen and ask you to take part as if it's a normal class. At no point will we ask you to show us a solo, so you do not need to prepare anything for the audition.

I don't have any circus experience, will that matter?

Many of our London Youth Circus participant do not come from a circus background. We don't expect you to know anything about circus, just a strong potential to learn.

What happens after the audition?

We will contact you within one month of the audition to let you know what skill and level we have placed you in for the year. Please bear in mind that we have a limited capacity in LYC, so you we may not receive a place, or receive your first skill choice.

Can I change the order of my skill choices?

Yes, if on the day of the audition you decide you would like to change the preference order of your skill choices, you will have a chance to do this at the end of the day.

For example, if you chose: 1st Silks, 2nd Juggling, 3rd Acrobatics but during the audition really enjoyed Juggling and would like to be considered for this skill first, then we can arrange to change that for you at the end of the audition.

What should I wear to the audition?

- Long hair tied back
- No jewellery
- Comfortable exercise clothing, no pockets or zips
- Please wear a vest under any baggy t-shirts
- Be prepared to work barefoot with no socks for the majority of the activities

When will I start LYC?

If you accept your place, you will start on the LYC in January 2022.

Once applications close, you will receive further information about the audition day. We expect the audition to last between 2 - 3 hours on the day.

Please be advised that we do not allow parents/guardians to watch the auditions however please feel free to wait in reception during the day.

If you have any other questions, please contact Participation@nationalcircus.org.uk

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