

Young Aussie dancer invited to 'Olympics of ballet'

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They spend more than 40 hours a week in classes and rehearsals, maintain strict diets so they can sustain long, high-energy performances, and need at least eight hours' sleep each night to rest their bodies.



But the world's top young ballet dancers say when it all comes together on stage, it's the "best feeling in the world".

To have any hope of reaching the world stage, you must be accepted into a leading international dance school, which means being spotted by a talent scout.

These scouts rarely travel to Australia, so the best chance for our young dancers is to be invited to the Prix de Lausanne in Switzerland -- widely known as the "Olympics of ballet".

Seventeen-year-old Sam Winkler has just received an invitation to attend the prestigious event.

what are these?

Guests

Sam Winkler

Ballet dancer

Jacqui Francis

Sam's mother

Credits

Producer

David Taylor