

Russian Ballet Quiz: Trivia Questions and Answers

1. The first ballet school in Russia was opened by the French dancer and choreographer Jean-Baptiste Landé. In what year did this take place?
 - In 1547
 - In 1734
 - In 1899
2. Nikita Beketov, Peter Melissino, Peter Svistunov and Timothy Osterwald excelled in dancing during the reign of Empress Elizabeth Petrovna were ...
 - cadets of the Land Corps
 - Elizabeth's minions
 - clergymen
3. Who is considered the first Russian ballet master?
 - Nikolai Sergeevich Aistov
 - Adam Pavlovich Glushkovsky
 - Ivan Ivanovich Walberch
4. Under which choreographer did such Russian ballet stars as Maria Danilova, Evdokia Istomina, Anastasia Likhutina, Pyotr Didier, Nikolai Goltz, Ekaterina Teleshova, and Vera Zubova begin to shine?
 - Charles Didelot
 - Gasparo Angiolini
 - Lev Ivanovich Ivanov
5. On what days were ballets given at the Mariinsky Theater under Alexander III?
 - On Saturdays and Sundays
 - On Wednesdays and Sundays
 - On Tuesdays and Wednesdays
6. What was the origin of the famous prima ballerina of the Mariinsky Theater Matilda Kshesinskaya?
 - Russian

- French
- Polish
- German

7. This famous ballerina was the author of the book *Fundamentals of Classical Dance*, published in 1934. And developed her own system of classical dance, which to this day is an important part of the training of Russian ballet dancers.

- Anna Pavlova
- Maria Petipa
- Agrippina Vaganova

8. In 1783, by order of Catherine the Great, a new theater was founded, which is now one of the leading musical theaters in Russia and the world. It is ...

- Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg
- Bolshoi Theater in Moscow
- Novosibirsk Opera and Ballet Theater

9. Sergei Pavlovich Diaghilev organized the Russian Seasons in Paris and the Diaghilev Russian Ballet troupe. Was he himself a soloist of the ballet?

- No
- Yes

10. She was prima ballerina of the Mariinsky Theater from 1906-1913, and is considered one of the greatest ballerinas of the 20th century. Her choreographic miniature monologue, *The Dying Swan*, has become one of the benchmarks of the Russian ballet school.

- Galina Ulanova
- Anna Pavlova
- Maya Plisetskaya

11. Arthur Saint-Léon staged several ballets based on Russian fairy tales, among which was the *Tale of ...*

- The Little Humpbacked Horse
- The Golden Fish (Le Poisson doré)
- Both answers are correct

12. Tchaikovsky's ballet *The Sleeping Beauty* premiered at the Mariinsky Theater on January 3, 1890. The role

of Prince Désiré in it was performed by ...

- Pavel Gerdt
- Mikhail Dudko
- Ivan Khlyustin

13. How many major fires that nearly destroyed the theater building have the Bolshoi Theater in Moscow survived?

- One
- Two
- Three

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- Countess Lidia Ivanovna
- Betsy Tverskaya

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