

BALLET EXAMS & CLASS AWARDS 2017

Please read and enter online by **TUESDAY 15 AUGUST**



What are Class Awards & Exams?

Learning and presenting their work really helps students progress with their ballet. *Royal Academy of Dance* Class Awards & Exams give students a goal to reach for and a sense of achievement throughout the preparation and on the day. Entering for a class award or exam is optional but highly recommended.

Class Award: Their teacher guides the class on the exam day. Students perform their exercises and one dance for the examiner. The marking is on an *Occasionally-Generally-Frequently* scale and a certificate and badge are awarded. This is a newer option introduced by the RAD.

Exam: Students present their exercises and two dances, without their teacher present. They receive a mark out of 100. Pass (40-54), Merit (55-74), Distinction (75-100). A certificate and badge are awarded.

What should my child enter?

Pre-Primary & Primary students: We would like you all to sit a Class Award. This is optional but recommended.

Grades 1-6 students: Your teacher will recommend either a class award or exam, depending on grade level, age and preparedness. Their recommendation will be noted in an email sent to you. To prepare, please attend class consistently.

Who are the examiners?

Our studio is registered with Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) for ballet. Examiners are qualified professionals with a vast background in dance and experience examining. They are trained to put dancers at ease and encourage them to dance to the best of their ability on the day.

Preparation:

- ☆ Students will have access to a password-protected 'practice page' with videos.
- ☆ Work hard in class and attend the extra practices. Ask your teacher if you need help.

Parent key points:

- ☆ Tentative date for exams, tests and extra practices are overleaf. Extra practices (at Thorndon or City) are required if entering. Exact dates and times of exams and medal tests will be confirmed after entries close.
- ☆ Exams and medal tests mostly take place during school time on weekdays, or sometimes on weekends.
- ☆ Uniform is as for class – please see wellingtondance.co.nz. Hair will be done for you by studio staff on exam day.
- ☆ Your class & private lesson tuition must be up to date before exam entries are accepted.
- ☆ Exams and tests are optional, but progression to the next level if not sitting is at the studio's discretion.

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PRACTICE TIMETABLE

- All at THORNDON STUDIO (182 Thorndon Quay)
- ALL PRACTICES ARE COMPULSORY IF ENTERING
- These are tentative times and will be confirmed once we have enrolment numbers

PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY – 3X PRACTICES

3x practices: Sunday 24th September, Saturday 14th October AND Sunday 15th October

- 9.30: Pre-Primary - Miss Suzanne's **THORNDON** classes & Miss Georgia's **SEATOUN** classes
- 10.30: Pre-Primary - Miss Anna's **THORNDON** classes & Miss Georgia's **CITY** classes,
- 11.30: Pre-Primary - Miss Emma's **CITY** classes & Miss Demi's **THORNDON** classes (finish 12.30pm)
- 1.00: Primary – Miss Abbie's & Miss Georgia's classes
- 2.30: Primary – Miss Suzanne's, Miss Emma's classes & Miss Demi's classes (finish 4.00)

GRADES 1-6 – 5X PRACTICES – SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

Grades 1-6: Mon 9th - Fri 13th Oct (one practice each day = 5 practices) – parents invited to watch on Friday.

- 9.00: Grade 1 - ALL
- 11.00: Grade 2 - ALL
- 12.30: *Lunch*
- 1.00: Grade 3 - ALL
- 3.00: Grade 4 - ALL
- 4.30: Grade 5 - ALL
- 6.00: Grade 6 (finish 7.30)

TENTATIVE EXAM DATES

Mon 16th through Thurs 19th October at Thorndon. To be confirmed to us by the Royal Academy of Dance mid-Sept.

ENTRY FEES

Class	Level	Entry Fee (incl. admin / exam day) <i>Payable with entry</i>	Extra Practices (as per practice timetable) <i>Payable Monday 4th Sept</i>
Pre-Primary	Pre-Primary RAD Class Award	\$51	\$45
Primary	Primary RAD Class Award	\$55	\$45
Grade 1 CLASS AWARD	Grade 1 RAD Class Award	\$68	\$82.50
Grade 1 EXAM	Grade 1 RAD Exam	\$87	\$82.50
Grade 2 CLASS AWARD	Grade 2 RAD Class Award	\$80	\$82.50
Grade 2 EXAM	Grade 2 RAD Exam	\$100	\$82.50
Grade 3 CLASS AWARD	Grade 3 RAD Class Award	\$89	\$82.50
Grade 3 EXAM	Grade 3 RAD Exam	\$111	\$82.50
Grade 4 EXAM	Grade 4 RAD Exam	\$120	\$82.50
Grade 5 EXAM	Grade 5 RAD Exam	\$129	\$82.50
Grade 6 EXAM	Grade 6 RAD Exam	\$134	\$82.50
Intermediate Foundation EXAM	Intermediate Foundation Exam (including pianist) + extra practices with pianist TBC	\$198	TBC

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