

BALLET EXAMS & CLASS AWARDS 2018

Please read and enter online by **TUESDAY 7 AUGUST**



What are Class Awards & Exams?

Learning and presenting a set of ballet exercises and dances helps students focus and progress.

Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) 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 (in groups of up to 8) 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 and we offer it to our younger dancers.

Exam: Students (in groups of 4) present exercises and two dances (classical ballet and character), 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.

Solo Performance Award: Students perform three solos (e.g. classical, demi-character, character). There is a larger focus on performance and musicality.

What should my child enter?

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

Grades 1-5 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.

Grades 2-5 Extension Class students: We would like you to also enter the Solo Performance Award.

Repertoire 2 & 3 students: We would like you to enter the Variation module of the Repertoire syllabus.

Who are the examiners?

Our studio is registered with Royal Academy of Dance for ballet. Examiners are qualified professionals, 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 learning lists.
- ☆ Work hard in class and attend the extra practices. Ask your teacher if you need help with particular steps.

Parent key points:

- ☆ Tentative dates for exams, tests and extra practices are overleaf. Extra practices (at Thorndon) are required if entering. Exact dates and times of exams and class awards will be confirmed as soon as we are notified by the RAD.
- ☆ 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 final group numbers.

PRE-PRIMARY & PRIMARY, REPERTOIRE 2 & 3 – 2X PRACTICES

2x practices: Saturday 13th October **AND** Sunday 14th October

9.30am: Pre-Primary (Miss Demi's students)

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| 10.15am: | Pre-Primary (Miss Bridget's students) |
| 11.00am: | Pre-Primary (Miss Emma & Miss Suzanne's students) |
| 11.45am: | Pre-Primary (Miss Liesl's students)- (finish 12.30pm) |
| 12.30pm: | Primary (Miss Bridget's students) |
| 1.15pm: | Primary (Miss Liesl & Miss Nikita's students) |
| 2.00pm: | Primary (Miss Emma's students) - (finish 3.00pm) |
| 2.45pm: | Primary (Miss Suzanne and Miss Abbie's students) - (finish 3.30pm) |
| 3.30pm: | Repertoire 2 |
| 4.30pm: | Repertoire 3 - (finish 5.30pm) |

GRADES 1-5 - 5X PRACTICES – 'GRADE SCHOOL' SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER HOLIDAYS

2x practices: Mon 8th - Fri 12th Oct (daily – parents invited to watch on the Friday)

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| 9.00am: | Grade 1 - ALL |
| 11.00am: | Grade 2 - ALL |
| 1.00pm: | Break |
| 1.30pm: | Solo Performance Award (Grade 2 & Grade 3) |
| 2.00pm: | Grade 3 - ALL |
| 3.30pm: | Grade 4 - ALL |
| 5.15pm: | Solo Performance Award (Grade 4 & Grade 5) |
| 5.45pm: | Grade 5 (finish 7.00pm) |

TENTATIVE EXAM DATES

Mon 15th through Friday 28th October at Thorndon. To be confirmed to us by the Royal Academy of Dance mid-Sept.

ENTRY FEES

| Class | Class Award Entry Fee | Exam Entry Fee | Solo Performance Award Entry Fee | Extra Practices |
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| | (incl. admin / exam day) Payable with entry | | | (as per practice timetable) Payable 4th Sept |
| Pre-Primary | \$59 | | | \$30 |
| Primary | \$63 | | | \$30 |
| Grade 1 | \$68 | \$86 | | \$82.50 |
| Grade 2 | \$79 | \$99 | \$69 | \$82.50 |
| Grade 3 | \$89 | \$111 | \$77 | \$82.50 |
| Grade 4 | | \$120 | \$84 | \$82.50 |
| Grade 5 | | \$129 | \$89 | \$82.50 |
| Repertoire 2 | | \$67 | | \$33 |
| Repertoire 3 | | \$73 | | \$33 |

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