

CAROUSEL DANCE CENTRE ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE INTRODUCTION TO BALLET EXAMS FOR LEVEL 1 STUDENTS

We are excited to offer students in our Junior 1 Ballet program the opportunity to participate in a Royal Academy of Dance Grade 1 Class Award this spring. This is an excellent introduction to ballet exams and is highly recommended for students who are interested in pursuing future RAD exams.

WHAT IS THE RAD?

The Royal Academy of dance is one of the world's most influential dance education organizations. Founded in 1920, the RAD has presence in 79 countries with 36 offices and approximately 14,000 members globally. There are more than 1,000 students enrolled worldwide in their teacher training programs and more than a quarter million students being examined in the syllabi. A global leader in dance education and continuing professional development for dance, the organization sets high standards in classical ballet worldwide.

WHAT IS A CLASS AWARD AND HOW IS IT DIFFERENT THAN A BALLET EXAM?

Class awards are offered as an introduction to exams. Students perform their syllabus material for an examiner. They enter in groups of up to 8 students, along with their teacher, to demonstrate their syllabus knowledge and technique. Students are not assessed on a pass/fail basis but are provided with feedback on their performance in the class award. The setting is very similar to a ballet exam without the pressure of being graded. Students are also reassured by the presence of their teacher in the exam room and show slightly fewer exercises/dances than in an actual exam.

WHY ARE BALLET EXAMS & CLASS AWARDS RECOMMENDED?

Ballet exams & class awards are encouraged as they provide the dancers with a goal to work towards and a sense of achievement when the goal is completed. In our experience, we have found that working towards exams leads to more rapid development of technical skills and we find that the students very much enjoy their exam experiences. If you think that future exams are something that your child would enjoy, we highly recommend taking the opportunity to complete the class award this spring.

WHAT EXTRA COMMITMENT & COST IS REQUIRED TO TAKE THE EXAM?

Students who choose to participate in the Grade 1 class award will be required to attend the GRADE 1 CLASS AWARD PREPARATION CLASS held during spring session on Saturday mornings from 9:00-10:00am. The session begins on May 14th and runs until June 26th. We expect the class award to be held sometime within the second or third week of June. Examiners typically conduct their exam sessions during the daytime so students may be required to miss a half day of school on the day of their Class Award. The cost of the Saturday morning classes is \$95 plus HST and the cost to enter for the Class Award is \$74. Once the class award has been completed, we'll use one of the last classes of the spring session to perform the Grade 1 RAD exercises and dances for parents in the studio.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENT FOR CLASS AWARD

Blue leotard, tights to match skin tone, ballet shoes to match skin tone, hair in bun.

HOW DO YOU SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE?

If you are interested in registering for the spring class and the class award, please register on-line for the Saturday spring session **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH**.