

# CAROUSEL DANCE CENTRE ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE GRADED BALLET EXAMS SPRING 2023

We are currently preparing our entry forms for graded ballet exams. This year, the graded exams (grades 1 to 5) will be held at the studio during the spring exam session. Spring exam session dates are from April 10 to May 14. Once the RAD office receives our entries, they will begin scheduling and will inform us of our specific date which will fall within the session dates.

There is a high standard required for examinations which requires hard work and dedication. Working towards a goal challenges the students and encourages them to work to their highest potential. The students and teachers look forward to hard work, commitment and the improvement in dance skill that comes along with working towards this goal. Examiners are provided by the RAD head office (London, England) and they conduct examinations around the world in over 40 countries.

**To confirm your child's participation in exams this spring, please respond to this e-mail no later than Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm.**

Answers to a few of the common questions about RAD exams are detailed below, but please feel free to call the office or send us an e-mail if you have additional questions about exams.

## WHAT TO EXPECT ON EXAM DAY

Exams take place at Carousel in the green studio. Students are entered in groups of up to 4 dancers and perform the RAD syllabus exercises and dances that they have learned. Exams are scheduled during daytime hours from Monday to Friday and on Sundays. Exams are not typically scheduled during the evening or on Saturday. In the past, we have found that all the examiners are very friendly and encouraging which helps the students to show their best work. Students are graded based on their performance and receive a certificate for successful completion. We have found that exams are a very positive experience for the students.

## EXTRA PRACTISES

We have scheduled a few extra practices on Sunday afternoons and during March Break to ensure that the students are well prepared, have a chance to practise in the exam studio and have a chance to run their dances solo. If your child is unable to make it to these extra practices, please let us know as soon as possible.

<p><b><u>Sunday, February 26th</u></b> 10:30-11:30am – Grade 1 11:45-1:00pm - Grade 2 1:00-2:15pm - Grade 3 2:15-3:45pm - Grade 5 3:45-5:15pm - Grade 4</p> <p><b><u>Monday, March 13th</u></b> 9:00-10:00am - Grade 2 10:00-11:15am – Grade 3 11:15-12:00pm – Grade 5 (Dance A Coaching) 12:00-1:30pm – Grade 5 1:30-2:15pm – Grade 5 (Dance B Coaching) 7:30-8:30pm – Grade 4</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday, March 14th</u></b> 9:00-10:00 – Grade 2 10:00-11:15am – Grade 3 11:15-12:45pm – Grade 5</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, March 15th</u></b> 6:30-8:00pm – Grade 4</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, March 19th</u></b> 1:00-2:00pm – Grade 1</p>
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## MOCK EXAMS

Mock exams are an excellent opportunity for students to do a practice exam so they know what it will be like on exam day. A Carousel teacher will pose as the “mock examiner” and provide feedback to the students. **Mock exams will be held on Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.** If you have a conflict with this date, please e-mail us to let us know as soon as possible. It is very important that all students attend their scheduled mock exam. The detailed mock exam schedule will be forwarded in February.

## EXAM UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

- All uniforms should be clean and well-fitting
- Jewellery should not be worn unless required for religious or cultural reasons
- If hair is too short to be worn in a bun, it should be neatly groomed and styled off the face and neck so that the line of the head and neck is not obscured
- Tank style leotard in light blue (grade 1), navy (grade 2 & 3), burgundy (grade 4 & 5)
- Tights and ballet shoes to match skin tone or ballet pink
- Black character skirt and black character shoes. Character skirts can have any ribbon colours.

## FEES

Exam and mock exam fees are detailed below. Carousel will submit one payment to the RAD to cover the exam entry fees and families will submit payment to Carousel. Fees for RAD exams are due by January 31st and **must be paid by e-transfer, debit or cheque**. All fees listed below include relevant taxes.

	<b>RAD Exam Fee</b>	<b>Studio Exam &amp; Mock Exam Fee</b> <i>(this fee helps to cover the studio cost to host mock exams and exams)</i>	<b>Extra Practise Fee</b> <i>(this fee cover the cost of extra RAD practices)</i>	<b>Total</b>
Grade 1	\$87	\$30	\$20	\$137
Grade 2	\$91	\$30	\$30	\$151
Grade 3	\$96	\$30	\$30	\$156
Grade 4	\$100	\$35	\$35	\$170
Grade 5	\$105	\$35	\$35 *no charge for the extra coaching of dances on March 13 <sup>th</sup> to make up for the cancelled RAD class in November	\$175

We are looking forward to preparing this year’s group of exam candidates. If you have any questions regarding examinations, please do not hesitate to contact Heidi or to speak to your child’s RAD teacher.