



BALLET EXAMS & CLASS AWARDS 2021

Please read and enter online by **TUESDAY 6th JULY**

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 year 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 and those dancers in their first year of ballet.

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. 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?

Grades 1-5: 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.

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

Vocational: We would like you to enter the Vocational Exam.

Repertoire Levels 2B & 4: We would like you to enter the Repertoire Exam if you are not entering a Vocational exam this year.

Who are the examiners?

Our studio is registered with the 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 for each grade.

☆ Work hard in class and attend the extra practices. Ask your teacher if you need help with particular steps.

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Parent key points:

- ☆ Tentative dates for exams, tests and extra practices are below. 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 class awards mostly take place during school time on weekdays, or sometimes on weekends.
- ☆ Uniform is as for class – please see wellingtondance.co.nz/dance-uniform. 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 an exam, is at the studio's discretion.

PRACTICES

WHERE: All at THORNDON STUDIO (182 Thorndon Quay). ALL PRACTICES ARE COMPULSORY IF ENTERING

WHEN: Dates and times are below. These are tentative times and will be confirmed once we have final group numbers.

'GRADE SCHOOL' SECOND WEEK OF OCTOBER HOLIDAYS: 5x practices: Mon 11th - Fri 15th Oct		
STUDIO 1	STUDIO 2	HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
9.00am Grade 1		School Holiday Programme - Grade School wraparound!! Like last year, we are proposing an optional extra wrap-around school holiday programme option. Children will enjoy outdoor and indoor activities and games. We will walk them to and from the studio ready for their practices and drop-off/pickup. Per child +\$35 per full day (from 9am to 4.00pm) or +\$20 per half day (9am to 12.30pm or 12.30pm to 4.00pm)
10.15am Grade 2		
12.15pm Grade 3	12.15pm Extension Grade 2*	
2.15pm <i>Break</i>	2.00pm Extension Grade 4*	
2.30pm Grade 4	2.30pm Extension Grade 3*	
4.00pm Grade 5	3.30pm Extension Grade 5*	
5.30pm <i>Finish</i>	* For 30 minutes on Thursday and Friday	

Repertoire & Vocationals: <u>Saturday 16th AND Sunday 17th October</u>	
9.30am	Intermediate
11.30am	Repertoire 2B (Intermediate/Advanced)
12.15pm	Intermediate Foundation
1.45pm	Repertoire 4 (Advanced 2)
2.45pm	<i>Finish</i>

TENTATIVE EXAM DATES

During Monday 18th October to Tuesday 16th November: Dates will be confirmed mid-September.

ENTRY FEES

Class	Class Award	Exam	Solo Performance Award	Practices
	(incl. exam day fee)			(as per practice timetable)
Grade 1	\$87	\$106		\$97.50
Grade 2	\$97	\$119	\$88	\$97.50
Grade 3	\$108	\$131	\$96	\$97.50
Grade 4	\$115	\$140	\$104	\$97.50
Grade 5	\$124	\$149	\$110	\$97.50
Intermediate Foundation		\$201		\$65.00
Intermediate		\$214		\$65.00
Advanced 1		\$197 / \$340		Private Lessons (TBC)
Repertoire 2 (B)		\$84		\$45.00
Repertoire 4		\$105		\$45.00

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