



BALLET Exams & Class Awards 2023

Please read and enter online by **Friday 30th JUNE**

What are Class Awards & Exams?

Learning and presenting a set of ballet exercises and/or dances helps students focus and progress. Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Solo Performance Awards, Exams & Class Awards give students a goal to reach for and a sense of achievement throughout the year and on the day. Entering 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 either one or two dances (classical ballet and character), without their teacher present. They receive a mark out of 100. A certificate and badge are awarded.

What should my child enter?

Ballet Pre Grades: You are recommended to enter the RAD Primary Class Award.

Grades 1-4: 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.

Senior Foundation: You are recommended to sit a Grade 6 Solo Performance Award.

Vocational Levels: Your teacher recommendation will be noted in an email sent to you.

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 solo performance awards, 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.
- ☆ Exam entries are optional, but progression to the next level, if not entering, is at the studio's discretion.
- ☆ Please note - **no refunds** will be available unless a medical certificate is provided to the RAD. In which case the RAD will provide a 50% refund under medical grounds.

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 2 nd - Fri 6 th Oct	
STUDIO 1	HOLIDAY PROGRAMME
8.45am Pre Grades	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 +\$45 per full day (from 8.30am to 4.30pm) or +\$30 per half day (8.30am to 1.00pm or 1.00pm to 4.30pm)
10.00am Grade 1	
11.30am Grade 2	
1.00pm <i>Break</i>	
1.30pm Grade 3	
3.00pm Grade 4	
4.30pm <i>Finish</i>	

Senior Ballet Practices	
Grade 6 (Solo Performance Award)	x2 1 hour practices These will be during the second week of school holidays. Dates and times TBC once entries have closed.
Ballet Senior 2 Intermediate Exam	x2 1.5 hour practices These will be during the second week of school holidays. Dates and times TBC once entries have closed.
Ballet Senior 3 Advanced Foundation Exam	x2 1.5 hour practices These will be during the second week of school holidays. Dates and times TBC once entries have closed.

TENTATIVE EXAM DATES

During Monday 9th October to Tuesday 7th November: Dates will be confirmed mid-September.

ENTRY FEES

Class	Exam	Class Award	Solo Performance Award	Practices
	(incl admin & exam day fee) <i>Payable with entry</i>			(\$15 Sunday Dance Day + Grade School/practices) <i>Payable Wednesday 16th August</i>
Pre Grades (RAD Primary)		\$86		\$15 + \$125.00 = \$140
Grade 1	\$110	\$91		\$15 + \$153.00 = \$168
Grade 2	\$123	\$101		\$15 + \$153.00 = \$168
Grade 3	\$135			\$15 + \$153.00 = \$168
Grade 4	\$144	\$119		\$15 + \$153.00 = \$168
Grade 6			\$122	x2 (1 hour) practices = \$41
Intermediate	\$195			x2 (1.5 hour) practices = \$61.50
Advanced Foundation	Member: \$198* Non-Member: \$395*			x2 (1.5 hour) practices = \$61.50

*RAD Member Plus is \$138 annually. Please contact georgia@wellingtondance.co.nz for more information.

Entry Fee Payment:

This year we are offering two payment date options. You can either select to pay:

- 1. full amount upon entry, or*
- 2. Pay exam entry only on entry and practices fee on Wednesday 16th August*

If you would like help with your entry, please call Wendy at the office 04 2108642 or 021962442

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