

A Message from the Artistic Director...

Welcome to 2022! I know that the new year may have not started out as we had all hoped but I do believe that things will continue to get better! Seeing all the lovely bright faces on stage during our Christmas Show on December 11th, 2021 brought tears to my eyes. I saw such a genuine and passionate love of dance. I saw artists that were absolutely in love with being on stage again and some artists enjoying the stage for the first time. The whole day was magical and wonderful. I definitely could have done without the power outage before the 4pm show but it made getting on stage that much more special after such uncertainty!

I really encourage students to get to your classes and work as hard as possible each class. We will have some extra work to do to make up for the lost time of 'in-person' classes in January. Stay positive, stay committed and remember each and everyday of hard work makes you stronger and a more involved dancer.

We will be pressing forward and working on RAD and ISTD examination syllabi to prepare for examinations as soon as we can. We would like to enter students for the end of April and we will be preparing choreography for our June shows as well. We are going to do everything we can to give the students the best possible experience this year. We need to work hard, press on and focus on getting stronger each and everyday.

We are hopeful that we can invite parents for a 'Observation Day' in early April. If restrictions allow, it would be really nice for parents to have the opportunity to see what the students have been working on.

If you would like any feedback on how your child is progressing in classes, please do not hesitate to reach out and we are happy to get back to you. We just need the month of February to get 'back into classes' and reassess the students. We look forward to your continued support!

 Ms. Ferenc MA, BA (Hons), LRAD, ARAD

COSTUMES FOR JUNE SHOW

Costume deposits for our June Show were due on Tuesday, November 30th. June show costume prices will range from \$100 - \$165. The remaining balance is paid at pick up time.

Currently, we have not placed the order for costumes. I am just waiting to see what the next few weeks will bring. I am only dealing with costume producers that can produce costumes very quickly.

I know we are all really anxious to get back to the theatre and have a regular show but equally I do not want to be in the position where we order costumes and are unable to use them because of closures. Right now, I am trying to limit to producers that prepare costumes quickly. We will re-measure all students during the month of February to have the most 'up to date' measurements for costume sizing. As things are so fluid and changing right now, I ask that parents are understanding and cooperative in this regard. I am going to do my best to do make the most appropriate decisions we can with the information we have at the time.

Once costumes are ordered, the fees are non-refundable. I will keep you posted on the situation and I am hopeful that things will be more stable, and we can have an amazing June Show with costumes... and never close again!

**IMPORTANT DATES****FEBRUARY**

Tue. Feb. 1 – Instalment 2B Fees Due
Mon. Feb. 14 – Valentines Day: Wear Pink/Red and decorate your bun!
Mon. Feb 21 – Family Day: No Classes
Sun. Feb 27 – Extra Exam Coaching Classes

MARCH

Sun. Mar. 6 – Extra Exam Coaching Classes
Tue. Mar. 8 – Instalment 3A Fees Due
Sat. Mar. 12 to Sun. Mar. 20 – March Break: No Classes
Sun. Mar. 27 – Extra Exam Coaching Classes

APRIL

Sun. Apr. 3 – Extra Exam Coaching Classes
Tue. Apr. 12 – Instalment 3B Fees Due
Fri. Apr. 15 – Good Friday: No Classes
Mon. Apr. 18 – Easter Monday: No Classes

MAY

Mon. May 23 – Victoria Day: No Classes
Sun. May 29 – Tentative June Show Rehearsal

JUNE

Sun. June 5 – Tentative June Show Rehearsal
Thur. Jun. 9 – Sat. Jun. 11 – Performances at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts: details to follow

JULY & AUGUST

Mon. Jul 18 to Fri. Jul 22– Balletomane's Nursery & Primary Summer School
Mon. Aug. 8 to Fri. Aug. 19 – Balletomane's Vocational Summer School
Mon. Aug. 22 to Fri. Aug. 26 – Balletomane's Nursery & Primary Summer School

IMPORTANT NOTE

During this unprecedented time, please remember to practice healthy hand washing. Please encourage students to wash hands before and after classes. Do not come to the studio if you are ill or have been diagnosed with covid. Follow all protocols carefully. We encourage students to wear N95 masks that are well fitted and covering the nose. We are happy to be open again, but we must remain vigilant and cautious. We will still be checking temperatures/screeing at the door. Students 12 years and above will have to show a valid QR vaccination code in their first class of the day. Only students are permitted in the building at this time. We will be maintaining our strict sanitizing protocols.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2022

This year we are thrilled to announce that we are planning some amazing Summer Sessions! We have some spectacular guest teachers and really interesting sessions planned! If you are a Nursery to Senior student - we have the session that is the best for you! Please mark our summer session dates in your calendar and registration will begin from March 1st, 2022. We are so excited to host some great summer sessions! Vocational Students – please remember that in order to be eligible for the Vocational Programme for the 2022/23 Dance Season, you must participate in two weeks of Summer School! We want to see that you are committed to dance and love training! Please plan your holidays accordingly. If there are any students interested in the Vocational Programme, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. The Vocational Programme is for students committed and inspired by dance. We are here to help facilitate the love of dance!

Balletomane's Nursery and Primary 'Princess and Super Hero' Summer Session!

For students aged 3 & 4 and 5-7 years of age (from 9:30am – 1:30pm)
Monday, July 18th – Friday, July 22nd and/or Monday, August 22nd – Friday, August 26th

Balletomane's Vocational Summer Session – 'An Intensive Summer Session'!

For students aged 8 to 18 years of age
Monday, August 8th – Friday, August 19th (Monday to Friday from 9:30am – 3:30pm)

RAD & ISTD EXAMINATIONS

Commencing February 1st, 2022 eligible students that participate in RAD or ISTD Examination classes will receive an email letter inviting them to RAD or ISTD Examinations/Class Awards. If your child does not receive a letter and you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to info@balletomane.ca and we are happy to set up a time to discuss your child's progress. We try and make the best decisions based on each individual student.

Please keep in mind that extra practices are scheduled for the following Sundays: February 27, March 6, March 27 and April 3, 2022. Exam/Class Award Fees and commitment letters are due **Tuesday, February 8th, 2022**.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH – VALENTINES DAY!

Monday, February 14th is Valentines Day! We encourage all students to wear pink or red to classes. We also invite students to make a fancy 'hair bun'. You could decorate it as a heart, a bird's nest or even a basketball hoop. Anything you like! The winner of the most creative 'hair bun' will receive special 'Balletomane Team Wear'! We look forward to seeing how creative our students can be!

JUNE SHOW DAY – THURSDAY JUNE 9TH, FRIDAY JUNE 10TH & SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2022!

We are so very excited to begin preparations for our June Show – 'Portraits in Dance'. This show will be on Thursday, June 9th, Friday June 10th and two shows on Saturday, June 11th, 2022. Most students will perform in two of the four shows. Please mark these days off in your calendar.

We will likely have extra rehearsals at Balletomane on Sunday, May 29th and Sunday, June 5th, 2022. There will likely be practices on June 6th, 7th and 8th so again please mark these dates. Times/show schedule and details to be determined but please pencil off these dates and do not plan any trips away!

Also, please note that we are waiting until the last possible moment to order costumes but will plan to have a show with or without costumes!

Performance is a very big part of dance and getting on stage is really the highlight of the year! We look forward to this time and picked a very special theme to make this year's show extra special. Not only will students learn about dance and choreography but also about artwork. I love to see the 'full development' of artists at Balletomane!