

RAD Ballet Exams

We are pleased to announce that examinations with the Royal Academy of Dance will be taking place October 4th and 5th, 2020. Students are all very excited to complete the exams which had been postponed from their originally scheduled dates in April. For pandemic safety we will be recording small groups of dancers and submitting the videos to the examiners.

We understand that some dancers might not feel prepared. There is an option to apply the exam fee to spring 2021 exams. If you would like to defer your exam, kindly let us know as soon as possible so that the exam day schedule and groups may be adjusted accordingly.

As the Royal Academy is not offering refunds to dancers who choose not to complete their exam, the Ashlei Ballet School is also unable to refund exam registrations.



Important Dates

Saturday, September 12th – classes begin

Sunday, October 4th – RAD ballet exams
Please note there will be no Ballet 7, Progressing Ballet Technique, Ballet 4 or Ballet 5 on this day. All other classes will run as usual.

Sunday October 11th and Monday October 12th
Thanksgiving, no regular classes

Saturday, October 31st – Halloween, classes as usual

Wednesday, November 11th – Remembrance Day,
no regular classes

November 28th and 29th - Holiday Shows

Thursday, December 10th – Last day of Term 1

Saturday December 12th to Sunday December 20th –
available for make-up classes as necessary

Monday, December 21st to Sunday, January 3rd –
Holiday Break, no classes

Monday, January 4th – Term 2 Begins

Wednesday, January 20th – Spring Exam Fees due

Welcome to all new and returning dance students. More than ever we are looking forward to a great year of dancing and enjoying our studio space.

We still have a few spaces left for new students, so please bring your friends to try a class! Just let us know so that we can confirm there is space.

There is still some uncertainty in regards to performances, but we are working on a plan and will communicate as soon as it is in place.

Welcome to Instructor Rachel Facchini

Rachel Facchini is a dance artist and educator who grew up in Mississauga, ON. She recently moved to Antigonish, Nova Scotia to study at St. Francis Xavier University in the Bachelor of Education program. Rachel is working towards becoming a high school dance and drama teacher with a specialization in French language.

Rachel received a BFA from Ryerson University in 2019. Throughout her studies she worked with incredible choreographers such as Alysa Pires, Hanna Kiel, Valerie Calam, Colleen Snell and Kate Hilliard. Each experience inspired her curiosity in dance and pushed her to further hone her individual artistic voice and perspective.

Rachel works as dance teacher, producer, arts administrator and choreographer. For the past 8 years, she taught at a variety of schools including Danceworks, The Travelling Stage, Edmonton School of Ballet, and Artist's Play. Rachel is the co-artistic director of an emerging dance company called, near&far projects, which she co-founded alongside Tavia Christina, in 2016. Together, they created and produced several events and performances in Toronto, ON. Her choreography has been performed in Berlin, Germany, Edmonton, AB and across the GTA.

Aside from her work in dance, Rachel enjoys travelling, hiking, houseplants and DIY home decor projects. She is excited to join the Ashlei Ballet School team and looks forward to meeting new dancers! As a newcomer to Nova Scotia, Rachel is excited to learn about the province and would love all of your recommendations!



Ashlei Ballet School Policies and Procedures

Payments may be made by e-transfer, cheque, credit card, or cash. Options include payment by term, year in full (10% discount), or monthly pre-authorized credit card payments.

Cancellation Policy

For cancellations due to weather, please check our website ashleiballetschool.com or phone 902-396-6066 to hear the message. New this year you can also follow us on FaceBook. Please note that classes are not necessarily cancelled when school is cancelled.

We are anticipating that there will be cancellations this year if instructors are feeling unwell. We would like to have a quick, reliable means of reaching everyone. Please provide a cell phone number if you would like to be notified by text message.

Students will be given the opportunity to make up for classes cancelled by the teacher or dance school.

Private Lessons

The time booked for your private lesson is reserved for you. If you are unable to attend notice must be given to the dance school at least 24 hours in advance or the full cost of the missed lesson is charged.

Schedule Changes

While we try to keep the schedule as set, sometimes changes are necessary. We reserve the right to cancel classes, change times, and substitute teachers when needed.

Unacceptable Behavior

Students may be asked to leave the class at the teacher's discretion for disruptive, violent, or disrespectful behavior.

Dress Code

Pre-Ballet

Pink leotard with matching skirt or tutu, ballet pink tights or ankle socks, pink leather ballet shoes.

Ballet 1 and 2

Lilac short sleeve leotard, lilac skirt, ballet pink tights or ankle socks, pink leather ballet shoes.

Ballet 3

Aqua sleeveless leotard, ballet pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes, black canvas low-heeled character shoes

Ballet 4

Rose pink sleeveless leotard, ballet pink tights, pink canvas ballet shoes, black canvas character shoes with a low or Cuban heel

Ballet 5

Sleeveless leotard in any solid colour, ballet pink tights, pink canvas ballet shoes, black leather character shoes with a Cuban heel

Ballet 6

Royal Blue sleeveless leotard, ballet pink tights, pink canvas ballet shoes, pink pointe shoes on teacher's recommendation

Ballet 7&8

Black sleeveless leotard, ballet pink tights, pink canvas ballet shoes, pink pointe shoes on teacher's recommendation

Acro and Modern/Contemporary

Solid colour leotard, tan footless or convertible tights, bare feet

Jazz

Solid colour leotard, tan tights, tan jazz shoes

Boys (all dance styles)

White t-shirt, black tights or sweatpants, black ballet/jazz shoes or bare feet



Dance Supplies

Dance Supplies are available at the studio from Performing Arts Dancewear. Second hand supplies are also available. Remember that the style and fit of ballet shoes is very important.

