

GRACE ACADEMY OF DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS
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NEW FAMILY PRE-REGISTRATION

Thank you very much for your interest in our programs for the 2019/2020 season.

We hope that you will plan to join us! At Grace Academy, we are proud to offer the finest in dance and theatrical training, where students are given opportunity to learn in an environment of artistic and technical excellence. As one of Oakville's only non-competitive studios, we are proud to offer an environment that is caring, and where dancers learn to be encouraging, supportive and respectful of each other. Age appropriate syllabus work, music and costuming is chosen with great care so that parents can always be assured of the very best for their child!

You will find attached, a proposed timetable for the fall, along with a list of age requirements. In most cases the correct class(s) for your dancer will be emailed to you with this letter. We will begin accepting registration from new families on May 15th . You may return your registration form along with a **non-refundable** deposit of \$75 to the mailing address listed below at any time. (This deposit is applied to the 1st term fees, but is non-refundable should any class be dropped) You will receive confirmation of class availability by phone or email. Should a class be full and no alternative found, the deposit will be refunded. **CLASSES FILL UP VERY QUICKLY. PRE-REGISTRATION TO SECURE A SPOT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED -WE SUGGEST RETURNING YOUR FORM/DEPOSIT AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THIS.**

Once we have confirmed your place, an email indicating further term payment dates will be sent. We ask families to send us post dated cheques for all fees due.

Fall packages will be sent out to all pre-registered families at the end of July by email. This package will include exact term dates, uniform information and general school news.

A fee structure for the terms is also attached. We run 3 terms during the year of approximately 11 weeks each. We find that the majority of our students stay for all 3 terms during the year. We ask that you provide us with 6 weeks notice if you plan to withdraw your dancer from a class. Post dated cheques would then be returned and the spot opened up to another dancer.

If you have any questions about our programs or the registration process please do not hesitate to contact us 😊

MAILING ADDRESS:

785 PACIFIC ROAD UNIT 1

OAKVILLE, ON

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CHEQUES SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO GRACE ACADEMY OF DANCE AND PERFORMING ARTS – PAYMENT BY CASH AND CHEQUE ONLY – THANK YOU!

IN ADDITION TO OUR REGULAR BALLET, MODERN JAZZ, TAP AND HIP HOP PROGRAMS -WE HAVE SOME NEW ADDITIONS THIS YEAR, AS WELL AS 2 PERFORMING COMPANIES

SEE BELOW FOR MORE DETAILS, AS WELL AS AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL CLASSES -

JUNIOR HIP HOP - NEW THIS YEAR!

This year we will be offering our younger dancers (ages 6-9) a chance to experience a taste of hip hop! This class will run in 6 week sessions. Dancers may join for one or more during the year. This class will be energetic, fast paced and exciting, and will provide an intro into the world of hip hop dance. This group will not participate in the year end show, so dancers are encouraged to join one of our other programs as well.

WORKSHOP OPPORTUNITIES - NEW THIS YEAR!

Dancers will have the opportunity to register for 'mini sessions' in a variety of styles throughout the year. These short, 2- 4 week sessions will offer our dancers an opportunity for growth and development while exposing them to guest teachers and new work. Dancers will see contemporary dance, progressing ballet technique, musical theatre dance, creative choreography, and more offered to them! Watch for details!

INTER/ADV LEAPS AND TURNS!

We are excited to add this class back into our timetable! Dancers who are enrolled in Intermediate or Advanced level modern classes may add this into their schedule. This class will focus on flexibility, elevation and turning, and is an excellent addition to our senior dancer's training. Space will be limited!

THE SPIRIT MOVES CHRISTIAN DANCE COMPANY

The Spirit Moves will be entering its 20th season this coming September!! Using contemporary Christian worship music, dancers learn a large repertoire of choreography throughout the year. Practices are held every other Friday (with some exceptions) and dancers take part in worship services at approximately 4 churches during the year. We also present our own spring concert to fundraise for various local charities, and take part in Grace Academy's year end production. It is a fabulous opportunity for your dancer to learn about giving back to others and to share their talents in a way that brings joy to those around them. If you are interested in learning more, please speak to Miss Knapp.

PURE GRACE -PERFORMING COMPANY

Our performing company, Pure Grace, had another incredibly successful season this year! Dancers grew both technically and artistically and had the opportunity to perform in a variety of venues in and around our community.

Pure Grace is a non-competitive performance company. This is a wonderful way for dancers to enhance their performance skills, while increasing their technique and knowledge of a variety of dance styles!

Pure Grace is offered to the **serious dancer, who is committed to challenging themselves with new work, enhancing their technique, and performing at a high standard**. While this is a non-auditioned group, dancers must attend a minimum of 2 ballet classes and 1 modern class per week in order to participate. The group is open to dancers enrolled in grade 2 ballet and above, and will be sub-divided according to dance grade level.

There will be an opportunity to learn choreography at a fast pace, in a variety of styles. Guest choreographers will join with our regular teaching staff. Dancers will also have the chance to learn short solo or small group pieces. Performance opportunities beyond our year end performance will be offered.

Rehearsals will take place during the week (one hour per week-see attached timetable). All rehearsals will be mandatory. Additional practice time and solo/small group work will be scheduled on various Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, throughout the year.

Space will be limited. If your dancer is interested, please speak to Miss Knapp to receive further details!

We hope that many of our dancers will consider this to be an incredible opportunity for growth - we are so proud of what our dancers have accomplished this past year and see an enormous change in them both technically and in performance standard.

MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM

We are extremely fortunate to have Natalie Spurrell as our vocal instructor for our musical theatre program (Bio can be found on our website). Natalie's high level of expertise ensures that your child will receive the best possible vocal instruction, while learning all aspects of musical theatre! You will find that other schools offer lip sync as their musical theatre instruction, or often focus on belting out songs with little technique and damaging young voices. We are proud to offer a real triple threat program that teaches excellent technique and performance!!

This program is open to dancers age 7 and above. Students must be taking one form of dance to attend this class, as we have found that dance training is extremely important in assisting the musical theatre students to learn their performance pieces.

ACTING!

Students with a passion for performing can once again add acting classes into their schedule! This program for ages 9-14 will explore basic acting technique, characterization, vocal skills and creative expression. It is an excellent addition to our musical theatre class! Space will be limited!

PROGRAM MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENTS:

Ballet – 3 years by September 1st 2019

Tap– 7 years by September 1st 2019 OR 3 years of dance at Grace Academy – at Miss Knapp's discretion

Musical Theatre – 7 years by September 1st 2019

All students must be taking one form of dance. Dancers will be divided based on age and dance level

Modern jazz – 6 years by January 31ST 2020 OR 2 years of ballet at Grace Academy

Junior Hip Hop - 6 years by September 1st 2019

Acting - Entering grade 4 in school in September 2019

- ALL STUDENTS wishing to take our regular hip hop program (grade 4 modern level and above) MUST also be attending the corresponding modern class

- Intermediate foundation ballet 1st year students must attend 2 classes of ballet per week in order to be considered for pointe work.

-Intermediate foundation ballet 2nd year students and above MUST be attending 2 regular ballet classes per week to work on pointe

-We recommend that students in grade 1 ballet 2nd year and above attend 2 classes per week in order to progress through the level in 1 year (please discuss this with Miss Knapp if you have questions). Students who do not attend twice a week will not necessarily be ready to move ahead to the next grade level. We HIGHLY RECOMMEND ATTENDANCE IN 2 CLASSES A WEEK IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A GOOD STANDARD

-Musical theatre students must be taking at least one form of dance

- Those interested in The Spirit Moves Christian Dance Company Pure Grace Performing Company should speak to Miss Knapp

