



HAMILTON CONSERVATORY FOR THE ARTS

March 4, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians & Students,

It's the time of year to start prepping for Ballet Exams! The HCA Ballet Department enters students in examinations held by the Society of Russian Ballet beginning at the Primary level. Examinations are an important part of ballet training. All students in our ballet classes study the same work and technique regardless of whether they are taking an examination or not. Both HCA and the Society of Russian Ballet work to create a rewarding and friendly examination experience for students. Ballet exams provide students with a sense of accomplishment and motivation to continue their dance studies.

Here is the key information as we prepare for exams:

Save the dates!

Miss Heather's students: Tuesday April 14, 2020 (Primary A, Level IA, Level III)

Wednesday April 15, 2020 (Primary B, Level IB, Level II)

Miss Denise's students: Tuesday April 14, 2020 (Level VI)

Thursday April 16, 2020 (Level VII & Level VIII)

Friday April 17, 2020 (Level IV & Level V)

Miss Eleanor's Students: Wednesday April 15, 2020 (Elementary)

You can find your child's exam information on the student memo bulletin board. Please check the spelling of your child's name to ensure it is correct for their certificate from the Society of Russian Ballet. Please inform the front desk ASAP of any corrections, as the Society of Russian Ballet requires this information 6 weeks prior to the first examination.

Fees:

Ballet exam fees are now due. If you have not already done so, please come to the front desk to arrange payment for your child's exam. Students cannot participate in exams unless the fee is paid. Examination fees are non-refundable.

Attendance:

Students must have good attendance to be considered to take official examinations and may not miss more than 10% of classes. Please make every effort to attend all classes. Students who have too many absences will need to meet with their teacher and the Artistic Director. In-House assessments can be arranged as per the Teacher and by the Artistic Director, although a certification will not be received. It is important to attend classes regularly in order for the student to achieve his/her highest level of achievement.



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Each year, the Artistic Director views all the classes as part of the examination preparation and process. He makes the final call regarding students who may not be ready to take the examination that year.

On the day of your exam:

- Arrive 1 hour before your exam time to warm up and prepare before exams
- Hair should be neatly secured in a bun
- Wear the standard leotard, ballet tights and ballet shoes – all to be in good condition
- No jewelry or nail polish to be worn
- To create professional clean lines, it is recommended, but not mandatory, to avoid undergarments underneath the student's tights and leotard.

And finally...dance from the heart and smile!

For Parents:

During the ballet exam, parents may wait outside of the studio or in the lobby. Your child's teacher will be on hand to guide students through the exam process. Both the teacher or HCA Administration can answer any questions you might have. Please do not approach the examiner or open the studio doors while examinations are in progress or during the examination days.

All certificates and comments will be handed out with the year end recital packages.

We wish everyone luck during exam time, happy dancing and have fun with it! If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us.

All the best,

HCA Administration

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