



Liesel Marais Dance Academy

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Dear Parents and Students

Newsletter January 2021



A Warm welcome back to all the new and familiar faces. I trust that you've found the time to relax and renew your energies for another uncertain year ahead. 2020 has been a very difficult year for us all, having to navigate life around a pandemic and create our own normal. Your enthusiastic participation in our online Zoom lessons, November exam session and Zoom Dance Challenge <https://youtu.be/J4HpV6LOWl8> all contributed to the growth and life support of this Dance Academy and is greatly appreciated.

If things go ahead as planned and praying there won't be a need for another hard lockdown, **lessons are scheduled to start on Tuesday 19 January, per attached 2021 Time-Table. We will inform you ASAP on the WhatsApp groups, as soon as we have confirmation from the School.** We are hoping to avoid Zoom and YouTube this year - but if needs be, we are relieved that we now know how to utilize these platforms if necessary.

We the teachers of LMDA pledge to continue our quest to bring you the highest standards of safety and professionalism in all our endeavours in the year ahead. The pandemic has now become a longer-term part of everyday life, with no "end date" in sight. Therefore it is of utmost importance that we keep adjusting our preventative measures in response to increasing or decreasing cases of COVID-19. **Liesel Marais Dance Academy** will be 24 years, this year and with these two brilliant and devoted teachers Annetjie and Kate on my side, I believe we can achieve even greater heights!

Please read the 2021 Covid-19 safety and protocol document.

Parents need to complete an online "Covid-19 Consent Form" <https://bit.ly/3h7k0I9>
(only once)

and a "Covid-19 Risk Assessment form" <https://forms.gle/c8nBj3otwNUiV7PS6>
(before every lesson on ballet days)

It still goes without saying that, in the current environment, the health and safety of our dancers, teachers and schools are our top priority. **This is an unprecedented time for everyone, and the situation is changing daily.**

Kindly read through your attached Information Pack. You will find all info regarding the time-table, fees, payment, uniform, important dates and closing dates etc. Due to the uncertainty around the pandemic, we cannot guarantee dates and events in advance, but we plan on entering for the May/June exam session if everything goes smoothly. We will also be booking a suitable theatre for October / November - holding thumbs that we will be allowed to fill our theatres with beautiful memories, music and dance like previous years!

The theater is the only institution in the world which has been dying for four thousand years and has never succumbed. It requires tough and devoted people to keep it alive.

- John Steinbeck

With regards to admin,

We would again like to thank our parents who have been diligently paying their accounts on time every month/term. Unfortunately due to the new changes and financial implications caused by the pandemic, we have realised that we cannot carry any additional debt due to late payments or non-payers. Students with unpaid / fees in arrears will not be allowed to return to in-person lessons without arranging alternative payment options with Liezel personally. We sponsor many students by choice and circumstance but unfortunately cannot afford to offer free lessons to those who can afford it. . Unfortunately Liezel Marais Dance Academy and our teachers cannot carry any recurring and continued loss of income.

To register for 2021, you need to complete a new 2021 Registration form online @ www.liezelmaraisdanceacademy.co.za at the bottom of the Tyger Valley College page and make sure to tick the box after you've read the Terms and Conditions carefully.

You will also receive a copy of the T&C's via automated email after registering for future reference.

You will receive your 1st Term statements this week. Please take note of payment dates and fee structures.

As a token of my gratitude for your support and loyalty during lockdown last year, there will be NO INCREASE in class fees for this year.

Statements are sent via email and on a termly basis only. The term fee will be invoiced and it will be your own responsibility to pay the monthly fee as per fee structure if you prefer to pay on a monthly basis.

Remember to use your **Child's Name and Surname or KDZ + family code as reference** when paying electronically.

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- at very affordable prices.

This is my mother's livelihood and passion and not only does she pour love into every costume, her attention to detail is immaculate. You can find them on our website and can order your dancewear online directly from them.

We have samples of sizes for you to fit after class or if you're not sure about the size just mention it on your order form and we will fit for you. No items will be delivered without proof of payment.



We would also like to formally congratulate Teacher Kate and husband Kevin Marbach Tordiffe on their beautiful wedding on 12 Dec '20. We all wish you a lifetime of love and happiness!

I value honesty and principles in my relationships with all my students and their parents, and expect the same in return from my assistants, students and parents. If for any reason you are unhappy or apprehensive, please feel free to contact or make an appointment to see me ASAP.

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We love to share interesting dance articles and happenings from time to time.

Thank you for your continued support!

Looking forward to see all our beautiful students that we've missed so much over the holidays!

Please add our numbers to your contact list:

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Dance Love, Liesel Marais Boshoff

"Put music to our troubles and we'll dance them away"

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