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## **Information Pack 2023: Garsfontein Studio**

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## Ballet Syllabus:



We teach the internationally acclaimed Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) Syllabus.

The syllabus combines classical ballet training, free movement and character dances, which develops co-ordination of the body and mind; improve posture, poise and musicality all with the emphasis on enjoyment!

### Payments:

Statements will be sent out monthly via email and balances via SMS.

Bank Details and KDZ reference code on statements.

Cash or electronic transfer accepted. Strictly - **No Cash deposits. A 10% bank fee will be added to your account on all cash deposits.**

**A R50-00 admin fee will also be charged on all late monthly payments.**

There is an annual registration fee of R220-00, for administrative costs.

**Liezel Marais Dance Academy Pty LTD**

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**Cheque Account 4094909262**

**Reference: Your child's Name and Surname or KDZ + code**

## Dance Classes / Grades

**Approximately according to age or school grade:**

<b>Tiny Tots Age 3-4 (1 x week)</b>	<b>Born 2020 / 2019</b>
<b>Tiny Tots Age 4-5 (1 x week)</b>	<b>Born 2018</b>
<b>Pre-Pre-Primary (1 x week)</b>	<b>Born 2017 / School Grade 0/R</b>
<b>Pre-Primary (2 x week)</b>	<b>Born 2016 / School Grade 1</b>
<b>Primary (2 x week)</b>	<b>Born 2015 / School Grade 2</b>
<b>Grade 1 (2 x week)</b>	<b>Born 2014 / School Grade 3</b>
<b>Grade 2 (2 x week)</b>	<b>Born 2013 / School Grade 4</b>
<b>Grade 3 (2 x week)</b>	<b>Born 2012 / School Grade 5</b>
<b>Grade 4 (2 x week)</b>	<b>Born 2011 / School Grade 6</b>
<b>Grade 5 (2 x week)</b>	<b>Born 2010 / School Grade 7</b>
<b>Intermediate Foundation, Intermediate, Adv Foundation, Adv 1, Adv 2 (3 x week)</b>	<b>Vocational - Ages vary according to experience and technique</b>

# Dance Calendar 2023

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Term</b>	<b>16 January – 24 March</b>
<b>Public Holidays</b>	<b>Monday 20 March Tuesday 21 March</b>
Ballet Exam Entries and Fees	Final date of entry and payment <b>Fri 3 March (exams May/June)</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Term</b>	<b>12 April – 23 June</b>
Public Holiday	<b>Thursday 27 April Friday 28 April Monday 1 May Friday 16 June</b>
Saturday Exam Rehearsals during May / June. (Pre-Primary – Adv 1)	<b>*Dates to be confirmed* 6,13,20,27 May 3 June</b>
Approximate Exam Session	<b>*To be confirmed* May/June</b>
Competition and Eisteddfod Entries and Fees	<b>*To be confirmed* May/June</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Term</b>	<b>18 July – 29 Sept</b>
Public Holiday	Wednesday 9 Aug Monday 25 Sept
Dance Competitions and Eisteddfod of the Performing Arts	<b>*To be confirmed* Oct/Nov</b>
Saturday Show Rehearsals Garsfontein <b>*Dates to be confirmed*</b>	<b>9 Sept 16 Sept 23 Sept 30 Sept 7 Oct</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Term</b>	<b>10 October – 24 November</b>
Annual Dance Production – State Theatre	<b>Theatre rehearsals 11-13 Oct Production Saturday 14 Oct</b>



### **Dress Code and neatness:**

Each student will be required to wear the correct class uniform. **Students should always be clean and neat with their hair always tied into a neat bun.** Ballet Students are not allowed to **wear their ballet shoes outside** the studio, seeing that this brings in extra dirt and causes their shoes to ruin immediately.

*Dance is not only a beautiful but disciplined art form. The way in which we carry ourselves to class will not only influence our attitude in class but also in life!*

### **Winter:**

- Legwarmers and tight-fitting long sleeve tops or vests –NO Loose-fitting tops / tracksuits or school clothes
- NO jewelry besides small ear rings or studs. No jewelry, nail polish or tattoos allowed for exams, eisteddfod, show etc.
- Hair for class: Always tied up in a neat tidy bun with no loose hair in face
- Headbands for fringes

**Stitch&Twirl** is our online manufacturer and stockist for leotards, skirts and hair accessories. They are linked to our website and you 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.

Order from our website <https://www.liezelmaraisdanceacademy.co.za/stitch-and-twirl/>

**or contact Tilla 083 450 8945 / tilla7567@gmail.com** for leotards, skirts and hair accessories.

### **DANCE WEAR SHOPS**

for Socks, Stockings, Ballet, Character and Pointe shoes:

- The Ballet Barre - Groenkloof Tel: 012 3464311
- Danceworx – Doringkloof Mall Centurion Tel: 012 6675806

### **Uniform: \*Leotard colours subject to change\***

#### **Tiny Tots, Pre-Pre-Primary, Pre-Primary and Primary:**

- Light pink / or blue RAD leotard with pink / or blue chiffon skirt (**Stitch&Twirl**)
- Short pink socks in summer and long pink ballet tights in winter
- Pink **satin or canvas ballet shoes** with pink elastic across foot
- Only new and clean satin or canvas shoes allowed **for exam and Eisteddfod purpose.**
- **Ballet shoes Full Sole, NO SPLIT SOLE SHOES ALLOWED!!**

## Gr. One and Two:

- **Grade 1:** Turquoise leotard (**Stitch&Twirl**)
- **Grade 2:** Lilac leotard (**Stitch&Twirl**)
- (Short pink socks in summer and long pink ballet tights in winter)
- Pink **satin or canvas ballet shoes** with pink elastic across foot
- Only new and clean **satin or canvas** shoes allowed **for exam and Eisteddfod purpose.**
- **Ballet shoes Full Sole, NO SPLIT SOLE SHOES ALLOWED!!!**
- Character skirt with Turquoise, Lilac and Mulberry Ribbons – to be ordered from us (**Stitch and Twirl**)
- Character shoes with low heel and pink elastic across foot

## Gr. Three, Four, Five and Vocational:

- **Grade 3:** Mulberry leotard (**Stitch&Twirl**)
- **Grade 4:** Royal Blue leotard (**Stitch&Twirl**)
- **Grade 5:** Purple leotard (**Stitch&Twirl**)
- **Vocational: Intermediate Foundation / Intermediate / Advance:** Navy/Black leotard any style
- Long pink ballet tights / Convertible dance tights as from Int. Foundation and higher
- Pink **satin or canvas ballet shoes** with pink pointe shoe ribbons
- Only new and clean satin shoes allowed **for exam and Eisteddfod purpose**
- Character skirt Grade 3,4 and 5 with Mulberry, Royal Blue and Purple Ribbons - To be ordered from us (**Stitch&Twirl**)
- Character shoes Gr 3,4 and 5 with high heel and pink elastic across foot
- Pointe Shoes **Intermediate Foundation / Intermediate / Advance**
- Delco's as from **Intermediate level**

## Ballet Assessments:

Our assessments take place in May / June every year. Exams and Class Awards are not compulsory but strongly recommended as each student will receive an International Report, Certificate and medal to show for his or her hard work and dedication through the year.

**Pre-Pre-Primary (Gr 0)** students take part in an unset presentation class (themed story) accompanied by the teacher during the exam session. They receive a certificate and progress report.

**Pre-Primary** students take part in a Class Award based on set syllabi accompanied by the teacher during the exam session. They receive a certificate, short report and medal.

**Exams are only from Primary level and higher** and each student will receive an individual International Report, Certificate and Medal according to their result:

**Gold - Distinction, Silver - Merit, Bronze - Pass**

**All students as from Primary level and older will be considered for a Class Award. Only a selected few students will be entered for examinations based on technique, knowledge of the syllabi and overall performance. All info regarding Class Awards and Exams will be explained in the Annual Examination Registration letter at the end of February.**

## Assessment Fees and entries:

The assessment fee includes the examiner and Academy administrative costs, all extra rehearsals and pianist fees. Holiday lessons charged separately.

There is a strict cut-off date for assessment fees and entries. If your entry form and fee fail to reach us by this date, we will assume that your child will NOT be doing the assessment and therefore she will NOT be entered for the forthcoming exams.

**If students fail to attend classes regularly without excusing themselves for valid reasons we will have to use our own discretion whether your child will be ready for the exam or not. In that case, you will forfeit the exam fees. We know this sounds very harsh but the Academy have strict exam qualification standards that we have to abide by.**

## **Ballet Assessment Dates and Fees for 2023:**

**Closing date for entries: Friday 3 March 2023**

**Approximate dates: May/June**

### **Approximate Fees: \*Subject to change\***

Pre-Pre-Primary	R380-00	Grade 2	R914-00
Pre-Primary	R705-00	Grade 3	R986-00
Primary	R797-00	Grade 4	R1031-00
Grade 1	R876-00	Grade 5	R1058-00
Int. F	R1692-00	Intermediate	R1743-00
Adv. F	R1844-00 (member) R2732-00 (non-member)	Adv. 1	R1905-00 (member) R2796-00 (non-member)

### **Holiday lessons:**

Seeing that our exams are quite early in the year and after the April Holidays, we offer one week of extra lessons during the holiday. The Royal Academy of Dance also offers a one-week course during the Holidays taught by examiners. It is compulsory that students do at least one course during the holidays to be fully prepared!

You will receive more information regarding these courses with your examination entries.

### **Eisteddfod of the Performing Arts:**

This takes place in the Government September/October school holidays. This is not compulsory but only for those students interested. Students dance Trios, Duets, Quartets and Group dances and compete against other ballet students from all over Gauteng. The Eisteddfod takes place in a Theatre on stage and is open to the public. Students need to be available for Eisteddfod rehearsals on Saturdays during June/July/August/September and winter holidays.

### **Eisteddfod entries, fees and practices:**

There is an entry fee for each individual student per item. There will also be a costume-hiring fee from our wardrobe. Seeing that the practices do not take place during normal class times there will be extra rehearsal costs per student. **Please note that you will be fully committing yourself** when rehearsals start and will not be able to withdraw, seeing that we will then have to scratch the whole group.

Rehearsals will not take place during normal class times, but during the winter holidays and on scheduled Saturdays during June, July, August, September.

### **Show:**

Depending on theatre availability, we have a yearly production on stage in a professional theatre. Show participation is not compulsory although we rehearse during normal class times during the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the year.

**The Show** fee includes costume hire and extra rehearsal and theatre costs. Rehearsals takes place during normal class times and on scheduled Saturdays closer to the date.

# TIME TABLE & FEES 2023

16 January – 24 November

Grade				Fees
Tiny Tots (Born 2019/2020) Age 3-4      1 lesson x week	Wednesday 13h30 - 14h00			R440 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R3960 per year (-10%)
Tiny Tots (Born 2018) Age 4-5      1 lesson x week	Thursday 13h30 - 14h00			R440 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R3960 per year (-10%)
Pre-Pre-Primary (Born 2017) Age 5-6 / Gr R/0 1 lesson x week	Monday (Teacher Liezel / Annetjie) 13h30 - 14h00	or	Tuesday (Teacher Liezel / Sanmarie) 13h30 - 14h00	R440 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R3960 per year (-10%)
Pre-Primary Approx. School Grade 1 2 lessons x week	Monday 15h45 - 16h15	And	Wednesday 15h45 - 16h15	R600 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R5940 per year (-10%)
Primary Approx. School Grade 2 2 lessons x week	Tuesday 14h45 - 15h15	And	Thursday 14h45 - 15h15	R600 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R5940 per year (-10%)
Grade 1 Approx. School Grade 3 2 lessons x week	Monday 14h00 - 14h45	And	Wednesday 14h00 - 14h45	R700 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R6930 per year (-10%)
Grade 2 Approx. School Grade 4 2 lessons x week	Tuesday 14h00 - 14h45	And	Thursday 14h00 - 14h45	R700 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R6930 per year (-10%)
Grade 3 Approx. School Grade 5 2 lessons x week	Monday 16h15 - 17h00	And	Wednesday 16h15 - 17h00	R700 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R6930 per year (-10%)
Grade 4 Approx. School Grade 6 2 lessons x week	Tuesday 15h15 - 16h00	And	Thursday 15h15 - 16h00	R700 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R6930 per year (-10%)
Grade 5 Approx. School Grade 7 2 lessons x week	Monday 14h45 - 15h45	And	Wednesday 14h45 - 15h45	R800 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R7920 per year (-10%)
Intermediate Foundation 3 lessons x week	Tuesday 16h00 - 17h00		Thursday 16h00 - 17h00 17h00 - 18h00	R800/R900 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R8910 per year (-10%)
Intermediate 3 lessons x week	Monday 18h00 - 19h00	Wednesday 17h00 - 18h00	Thursday 17h00 - 18h00	R900 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R8910 per year (-10%)
Advanced Foundation 3 lessons x week	Monday 17h00 - 18h00	Wednesday 18h00 - 19h00	Thursday 17h00 - 18h00	R900 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R8910 per year (-10%)
Advanced 1 2 lessons x week		Tuesday 17h00 - 18h00	Thursday 17h00 - 18h00	R800 per month x 11 (Jan - Nov) R7920 per year (-10%)

## Fee Structure

**Annual Registration Fee: R220. Monthly fees are payable by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. No exceptions.**

- **Class fees are calculated annually** (government school holidays, public holidays and all classes missed due to our studio participating in examination, competitions and shows taken into account)
- Fees can be paid in **11 monthly instalments** \*JANUARY-NOVEMBER\* or a **yearly instalment** (-10% discount) if \*paid by 31 January\*
- 50% discount will only apply if a new student join after the 15<sup>th</sup> of that month  
\*this excludes January month\*

# TIME TABLE 2023

<b>Monday</b>	<i>Pre-Pre-Primary (Gr 0/R) Age 5-6</i> <b>Grade 1</b> <b>Grade 5</b> <b>Pre-Primary</b> <b>Grade 3</b> <b>Advanced Foundation</b> <b>Intermediate</b>	<i>13h30 – 14h00</i> <b>14h00 – 14h45</b> <b>14h45 – 15h45</b> <b>15h45 – 16h15</b> <b>16h15 – 17h00</b> <b>17h00 – 18h00</b> <b>18h00 – 19h00</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<i>Pre-Pre-Primary (Gr 0/R) *new entries 2023*</i> <b>Grade 2</b> <b>Primary</b> <b>Grade 4</b> <b>Intermediate Foundation</b> <b>Advanced 1</b>	<i>13h30 – 14h00</i> <b>14h00 – 14h45</b> <b>14h45 – 15h15</b> <b>15h15 – 16h00</b> <b>16h00 – 17h00</b> <b>17h00 – 18h00</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>Tiny Tots 3-4 *new entries 2023*</i> <b>Grade 1</b> <b>Grade 5</b> <b>Pre-Primary</b> <b>Grade 3</b> <b>Intermediate</b> <b>Advanced Foundation</b>	<i>13h30 – 14h00</i> <b>14h00 – 14h45</b> <b>14h45 – 15h45</b> <b>15h45 – 16h15</b> <b>16h15 – 17h00</b> <b>17h00 – 18h00</b> <b>18h00 – 19h00</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<i>Tiny Tots Age 4-5</i> <b>Grade 2</b> <b>Primary</b> <b>Grade 4</b> <b>Intermediate Foundation</b> <b>Int. F, Intermediate + Adv.F + Adv.1</b> <b>(Open + Pointe Class)</b>	<b>13h30 – 14h00</b> <b>14h00 – 14h45</b> <b>14h45 – 15h15</b> <b>15h15 – 16h00</b> <b>16h00 – 17h00</b> <b>17h00 – 18h00</b>

## Some of my favorite quotes:

I am a dancer. I believe that we learn by practice. Whether it means to learn to dance by practicing dancing or to learn to live by practicing living...In each it is the performance of a dedicated precise set of acts, physical or intellectual, from which comes shape of achievement, a sense of one's being, a satisfaction of spirit. One becomes in some area an athlete of God" – Martha Graham -

"There are short-cuts to happiness and dancing is one of them"

- Vicky Baum -

"It takes an athlete to dance, but an artist to be a dancer"

- Shanna LaFleur -

"I don't want people who want to dance, I want people who have to dance" - George Balanchine -



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. An **annual administration fee of R220-00** is payable per student on registration.
2. Liezel Marais Dance Academy reserve the right to increase dance fees annually.
3. Class fees are calculated annually and divided into 11 monthly instalments (Government school holidays, public holidays, and all classes missed due to our studio participating in examination, competitions and shows, taken into account)
4. 50% monthly discount will only apply if a new student join after the 15<sup>th</sup> of that month **\*excluding January\***
5. **Dance fees are payable strictly in advance on a monthly basis.**
6. **All payments are due and payable by the 1<sup>st</sup> of that month.**
  - a. 11 x Monthly Payment dates: Jan – Nov by the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month.
  - b. 1 x Yearly Payment (-10% discount on class fees only) if paid before 31 January
7. **A R50-00 admin fee will be charged on all late payments received after the 7<sup>th</sup> of that month** as indicated above for every month that your account is in arrears.
8. **A 10% bank fee must be added to any cash deposits paid into my account.**
9. If monthly payments are not kept to the above agreement, LMDA has the right to enforce termly payments in advance only, as from the beginning of the following term.
10. **One month written notice must be given before the 7<sup>th</sup> of the month, if you wish to stop lessons.** You will still be liable for the monthly-fee in which the written notice is received. Your child will still be allowed to dance during the notice month.
11. **Monthly fees are still payable** notwithstanding the fact that the pupil does not attend for any period of time.
12. **Liezel Marais Dance Academy does not accept liability** for any injury to pupils during class time or on the premises.
13. **Liezel Marais Dance Academy does not accept responsibility** for damage to, or loss of property, however caused.
14. You are obliged to advise the teacher should any **medical circumstances** arise while your child is a pupil of the Academy.
15. You are obliged to advise the teacher should any **contact information** change while your child is a pupil of the Academy.
16. There will be no lessons during school holidays and on public holidays unless prior arrangements are made.
17. If for any reason LMDA will not be able to conduct a lesson, you will be notified thereof and another date and time will be scheduled.
18. **Right of admission to classes is reserved, parents will be invited to attend open day.**
19. Each student will be required to wear the correct clean dance uniform with hair tied up in a neat bun.
20. **We reserve the right to stop your dancing lessons**, should your child's behaviour affect the lessons negatively.
21. Please make sure younger children visit the restroom before the start of each lesson.
22. No students or siblings will be allowed to run around the studio or its grounds. Parent / **Adult supervision should be kept at all times when a student is not attending his/her lesson.** We cannot supervise unattended students while busy teaching a class. They will be allowed to wait inside the studio before/after class, provided they behave and sit quietly.
23. **LMDA shall not tolerate bullying** or engage in negative conversation regarding any of our students, parents or other dance instructors or studios.
24. Please take note that from time to time we will be making use of photo/video footage from classes, exams and shows to be used for promotional purposes such as newsletters, posters, advertisements, websites, social media networking sites etc. This will of course all be done in good taste. **If you have any objection regarding this matter please inform me in writing.**

## A little bit about myself:

I have been teaching the Internationally acclaimed Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) syllabus to students from the ages of 3, since 1997.

I matriculated from Pro Arte Alphen Park High School in 1996, where I studied Classical ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Greek and Spanish dancing.

There after I furthered my dancing career at the University of Cape Town. I enrolled in the ballet department where I studied towards a Diploma in ballet.

After I returned from UCT, I obtained my Teaching Diploma in the Royal Academy of Dance. Also specializing in Anatomy, Ballet History and Child Psychology.

I am also an associate member of the South African Body of Dance (SABOD)

I currently serve as a panel member on the Northern Gauteng Royal Academy of Dance teachers association.

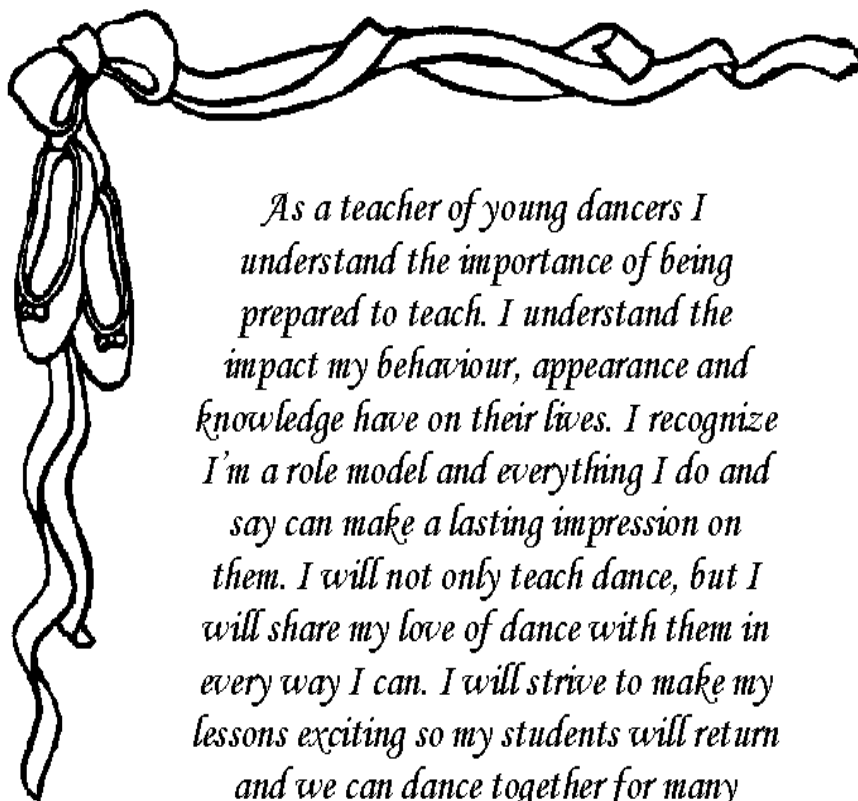
My teachers include:

Nella van den Berg, Paula Olivier, Deanna Irvine, Esmé Pretorius, Rosemary Rainier, Celeste Fair, Joy Cooper, Wendy Quarmby, Nigel Hannah and Rene Callis.

We also offer ballet lessons at various nursery schools in the east of Pretoria, The Garsfontein Scout Hall, Tyger Valley College and Laerskool Lynnwood.

My assistant teachers include Annetjie Herman and Sanmarie Kreuzhuber. Both experienced, qualified and registered teachers with the RAD.

Xxx Dance Love, Liezel Marais Boshoff



*As a teacher of young dancers I understand the importance of being prepared to teach. I understand the impact my behaviour, appearance and knowledge have on their lives. I recognize I'm a role model and everything I do and say can make a lasting impression on them. I will not only teach dance, but I will share my love of dance with them in every way I can. I will strive to make my lessons exciting so my students will return and we can dance together for many years.*