



Welcome! 2023-2024

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Welcome!

For new students, we extend a warm welcome. For returning students, we welcome you back. We also thank you for your dedication and creativity and generosity of spirit. We look forward to an exciting 2023-24 season!

Registration:

We encourage you to register online through our website at www.villagedancearts.org. Click on the button “online registration / create account / log in.” You may also register with the paper form by mailing or emailing it to the studio. The form is available in this packet and also online.

Returning students will receive a class schedule with teacher recommendations highlighted for them specifically. Please use this as a guide for registering.

Royal Academy of Dance Examinations:

Ballet students have the opportunity of working towards a Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) graded examination at the Primary level and above. Primary level students must take two classes per week. Grade One level and above require the student to take all technique classes offered per week at their level. All ballet students are highly encouraged to take modern dance classes to supplement their ballet technique. Students studying at a higher level or considering a career in dance may elect to study for vocational exams. Vocational candidates must have consistent attendance in their technique classes three to five times per week. For students considering taking a vocational exam, parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled before winter break to assess if the student is prepared to participate this year.

Recitals:

Steppin’ Out X - April 21, 2024 / Ballet TBA - June 22, 2024

Mandatory dress rehearsals are April 18 for Steppin’ Out X and June 20 for the ballet. Rehearsals and performances are at Citrus College in Glendora.

Dress Code:

Please see the dress code information attached, or online. **The dress code is strictly enforced at all dance levels.**

We are so excited to see you all this year!
VDA Faculty and Staff



Schedule of Classes 2023-24

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Studio **1**
111 Harvard Place

Studio **2**
149 W. First Street

Monday

3:30 – 4:30	Intermediate Foundation	DD	3:30 – 4:30	Grade 1 Ballet	JS
4:30 – 5:30	Grade 5 Ballet	DD	4:30 – 5:30	Pointe 1	JS
5:30 – 7:00	Advanced 1 / 2 Ballet	DD	5:30 – 6:30	Pre-Pointe	JS
			6:30 – 7:30	Advanced Foundation	JS

Tuesday

3:30 – 4:30	Jazz 2	AL	3:00 – 3:30	Dance To Your Own Tune	FA
4:30 – 5:30	Intermediate Pointe	DD	3:30 – 4:15	Pre-Primary Ballet	FA
5:30 – 6:30	Advanced Jazz	AL	4:30 – 5:30	Grade 5 Ballet	JS
6:30 – 7:30	Intermediate Jazz	AL	5:30 – 6:30	Grade 4 Ballet	JS
7:30 – 8:30	Zumba	AL	6:30 – 7:30	Grade 2	JS

Wednesday

2:00 – 3:00	Private	DD	2:00 – 3:00	Beginning Jazz / Jazz 1	JS
3:00 – 4:00	Discovering Repertoire	DD	3:00 – 4:00	Beg Modern / Modern 1	JS
4:00 – 5:00	Intermediate Ballet	DD	4:00 – 5:00	Grade 3 Ballet	JS
5:00 – 6:00	Tumbling 1	DD	5:00 – 6:00	Modern 3	JS
6:00 – 7:00	Advanced 1 / 2	DD	6:00 – 6:30	Body Conditioning	JS
7:00 – 8:00	Adult Ballet	FA	6:30 – 7:00	Dance To Your Own Tune	FA
			7:00 – 8:15	Advanced Modern	JS

Thursday

9:00 – 10:00	Adult Modern	FA	3:30 – 4:30	Tap 2 / 3	MA
10:30 – 11:00	Dance To Your Own Tune	FA	4:30 – 5:30	Teen Tap	MA
3:30 – 4:30	Grade 1	DD	5:30 – 6:15	Beginning Tap (ages 6 and up)	MA < NEW
4:30 – 5:30	Advanced Foundation	DD	6:15 – 7:15	Intermediate / Advanced Tap	MA
5:30 – 6:30	Primary Ballet	DD	7:15 – 8:15	Int / Adv / Adult Tap	MA
6:30 – 7:30	Advanced 1 & 2 Ballet	DD	8:15 – 9:15	Adult Tap	MA

Friday

3:30 – 4:30	Exam Primary Ballet	DD	3:30 – 4:30	Modern 2	JS < NEW
4:30 – 5:30	Intermediate Ballet	DD	4:30 – 5:30	Teen Ballet	JS < NEW
5:30 – 6:30	Advanced Tumbling	DD	5:30 – 6:30	Beginning Hip Hop	JS
			6:30 – 7:30	Hip Hop 1 / 2	JS
			7:30 – 8:30	Intermediate Hip Hop	JS

Saturday

9:00 – 10:00	Grade 3 Ballet	DD	9:15 – 10:00	Pre-Primary Ballet	JS
10:00 – 11:00	Advanced 1 / 2 Pointe	DD	10:00 – 11:00	Grade 2 Ballet	JS
11:00 – 12:00	Grade 4	DD	11:00 – 12:00	Junior Musical Theater	JS
NEW ► 12:00 – 1:00	Beginning Ballet (ages 7-11)	MD	12:00 – 1:00	Senior Musical Theater	JS
1:00 – 2:00	Intermediate Foundation	JS	1:00 – 2:00	Tap 1 / 2	DD
2:00 – 3:00	Beginning Tumbling	DD	2:00 – 3:00	Grade 5	JS
			3:00 – 4:00	Taiko*	DD/MA

Sunday

*Claremont Taiko classes are by invitation only and will be billed separately. For more information, email claremonttaiko@gmail.com

9:00 – 9:30	Dance To Your Own Tune	MD
9:30 – 10:00	Mommy/Daddy & Me	MD
10:00 – 10:45	Pre-Primary Ballet	MD < NEW
10:45 – 11:45	Primary Ballet	MD
12:00 – 1:00	Exam Primary	JS



Class Descriptions 2023-24

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Guidelines

We strive to provide a perfect fit for our students. Dancers should feel comfortable and safe while being challenged. They should be able to focus in a disciplined environment while enjoying the fun and freedom of dance. They should be amongst their peers in age and ability. Our enrollment is always changing and so are our classes. The ages and abilities listed below are our best guidelines.

If you are new to the studio and are unsure of classes for your student, please send us an email. We also encourage you to attend a TRIAL CLASS so that our faculty may assess your student and recommend the appropriate classes.

About The Royal Academy of Ballet

Village Dance Arts provides Royal Academy of Dance ballet instruction.

The Royal Academy of Dance is one of the world's most influential dance education and training organizations.

The RAD promotes the knowledge, understanding and practice of dance internationally. We seek to accomplish this through promoting dance, educating and training students and teachers and providing examinations to set standards and reward achievement.

The Royal Academy of Dance is internationally recognized for the highest standards of teaching and learning, as a leader in continuing professional development in dance and as the professional membership body that supports and promotes dance teachers at every step of their career encouraging their innovative contributions to dance and education throughout the world.

The RAD has a long history of improving dance training standards. It was founded in 1920 to reinvigorate dance teaching within the UK; however, over time it has expanded its influence and activities internationally counting currently more than 1,000 students in full-time or part-time teacher training programs. The RAD examination syllabus, taught to more than a quarter of a million students worldwide, helps and encourages teachers to perfect their teaching skills and pass on this knowledge to their students.

The Academy's patron is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Today the RAD has a presence in 79 countries, with 36 offices and approximately 14,000 members worldwide. The RAD supports its membership base of professional dancers, students, teachers, benefactors and friends through the knowledge, support and technical expertise of our highly qualified staff and the social interaction of like-minded enthusiasts at RAD conferences, workshops, training courses or summer schools.

For more information, visit www.radusa.org.

Ballet Classes

Dance To Your Own Tune	3-4
Pre-Primary Ballet	5-6
Primary Ballet	6-8
Primary Exam	6-8
Grade 1 Ballet	7-10
Grade 2 Ballet	8-11
Grade 3 Ballet	9-11
Grade 4 Ballet	10-13
Grade 5 Ballet	10-15
Beginning Ballet	7-11
Teen Ballet	11-15
Discovering Repertoire 2	11-18
Discovering Repertoire 3	11-18
Discovering Repertoire 4	12-18
Intermediate Foundation	12-15
Intermediate Ballet	13-15
Beg. Pointe & Pointe 1	11-18
Intermediate Pointe	14-18
Advanced Pointe	15-21
Advanced Ballet 1 & 2	15-18
Adult Ballet	13+

Hip Hop Classes

Beginning Hip Hop	6-12
Hip Hop 1	10-15
Hip Hop 2	11-16
Intermediate Hip Hop	12+

Jazz Classes

Beginning Jazz	7-11
Jazz 1	8-12
Intermediate Jazz	10-18
Advanced Jazz	14-21

Modern Classes

Modern 1	7-13
Modern 2	10-12
Modern 3	12-15
Adult Modern	16+

Musical Theater Classes

Junior Musical Theater	7 & up
Senior Musical Theater	12-18 (w/experience)

Tap Classes

Beginning Tap	6-10
Tap 1 & 2	6-10
Tap 3 & 4	7-12
Teen Tap	10-15
Adult Tap	18+
Advanced Tap	12-21

Tumbling Classes

Tumbling – all levels	6 & up
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Body Conditioning Classes

Body Conditioning	10-18
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Tuition Information 2023-24

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Trimester Tuition

(Discounted Fees)

Due first week of trimester

	<u>Sept-Dec</u>	<u>Jan-Mar</u>	<u>Apr-Jun</u>
30 min to 1 hr/week	\$ 288	\$ 216	\$ 216
1+ to 2 hours/week	\$ 538	\$ 403	\$ 403
2+ to 3 hours/week	\$ 778	\$ 583	\$ 583
3+ to 4 hours/week	\$ 998	\$ 749	\$ 749
4+ to 5 hours/week	\$1200	\$ 900	\$ 900
5+ to 6 hours/week	\$1382	\$1037	\$1037
Unlimited*	\$1546	\$1159	\$1159

*Unlimited classes apply to one student only.

Monthly Tuition

(students must be enrolled in at least 2 classes)

Due first lesson of the month

30 min to 1 hour/week	N/A (trimester only)
1+ to 2 hours/week	\$139
2+ to 3 hours/week	\$202
3+ to 4 hours/week	\$259
4+ to 5 hours/week	\$312
5+ to 6 hours/week	\$360
Unlimited*	\$403

Adult Classes

Trial class/ First class	\$ 10
Drop-in class	\$ 20
4-class pass	\$ 75
(to be completed in 2 months)	
8-class pass	\$125
(to be completed in 3 months)	

Other Classes

Private classes: ½ hour	\$45
Private classes: 1 hour	\$70
Drop-in classes	\$20
Trial class/ First class only	\$10
Master Classes	TBA

Registration Fee

Annual fee due at first trimester \$ 20

Accepted forms of payment are cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard and Discover. All fees must be paid in advance. Trimester discounts are only available at the beginning of each trimester. Please write your child's name on your check.

You may create an account at villagedancearts.org and make your payments online.

Returned check fee: \$35.00. A late fee of \$10 will be applied for payments received after the 15th of the month.

Tuition fees do not include recitals, costumes, workshops, extra exam classes, mock exams or RAD exam fees.

Students are encouraged to make up any missed classes. Make-up classes must be taken in the same session of the missed class.

No refunds or credits will be issued for missed classes.

If your child is not continuing in a class, is adding a class, or his/her enrollment otherwise changes, please notify the office at least one week in advance of the next billing cycle. Failure to do so may result in additional fees.

Family discounts:

Siblings registered for up to 6 hours will be counted as one student. Siblings registered for more than 6 total hours per week will receive a 10% discount on each student's tuition. Siblings who are enrolled in Dance To Your Own Tune will be charged per student per class rather than per hour.



Registration Form 2023-24

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Student name: _____
Date of birth: _____ Age: _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-binary ☐ New or ☐ Returning Student
Parent(s) name(s): _____
Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____
Primary phone number: _____ mark one: cell home other
Secondary phone number: _____ mark one: cell home other
Student cell number (if applicable): _____
Primary email address: _____
Secondary email address: _____

CLASS SELECTIONS:

Class name	Day of week	Time	Class name	Day of week	Time
1.			5.		
2.			6.		
3.			7.		
4.			8.		

Please note: Your enrollment will automatically carry over from trimester to trimester (not including summer session). If you are dropping or changing classes after the Fall or Winter trimesters, please notify us as soon as possible so that we may adjust your account accordingly.

TUITION: refer to schedule of fees

There is an annual registration fee for all students: \$ 20.00

☐ Trimester Payment: (Fall, Winter, Spring) \$ _____

-OR-

☐ Monthly Installments: (for students taking two or more classes per week) \$ _____

Total payment: \$ _____

☐ I have a credit card on file and authorize automatic charges for tuition and merchandise (monthly or trimester).

☐ I authorize a one-time payment to my credit card.

☐ I would like this credit card to be put on file and authorize automatic charges for tuition and merchandise.

Visa/MC _____

Expiration date: ____ / ____ Security code: ____

Is there any medical condition of which we should be aware? _____

☐ My child is interested in participating in this year's recital(s). I understand there will be additional fees/costs.

☐ My child is interested in taking RAD Exams. I understand there will be additional fees/costs.

I understand that class fees are not refundable and cannot be otherwise credited or transferred. Students must make up missed classes within the session. No refunds or credits for absences. If your child's enrollment changes, please notify the office promptly so that our records are up-to-date. There is a \$10 late fee charged 15 days after due date. \$35 fee on all returned checks. Please write your child's name on your check. All fees must be paid in advance. Session discounts are only available at the beginning of each session.

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

☐ Yes ☐ No I give permission for VDA to use photos/videos of my child in promotional printed and digital materials.

OFFICE USE ONLY: Entered MDW: _____ Payment info: _____



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2023-24 BILLING SESSIONS

Fall August 28 - December 17

Winter January 2 - March 24

Spring March 25 - June 22

2023-24 CALENDAR & IMPORTANT DATES

August 28	Fall Trimester begins
September 4	Labor Day – no classes (Monday only)
Nov. 22-26	Thanksgiving Break – no classes
Dec. 17	End of Fall Trimester
Dec. 18 - Jan. 1	Winter Break – no classes
January 2	Winter Trimester begins
February 19	Presidents Day – classes are in session
March 24	End of Winter Trimester
March 25	Spring Trimester begins
March 31	Studio closed – no classes
March TBA	RAD Children's Exams
March TBA	RAD Vocational Examinations
April 18	Steppin' Out X dress rehearsal 3:00 to 10:00 pm – Citrus College
April 21	Steppin' Out X recital 4:00 pm – Citrus College
May 26-27	Memorial Day Weekend – no classes
June 2	The Snow White Ballet Tea Party
June 20	The Snow White Ballet dress rehearsal 10:00 am to 7:00 pm – Citrus College
June 22	The Snow White Ballet performance 2:00 pm – Citrus College
June 22	End of Spring Trimester
June 23-30	Studio closed – no classes
July 1 - August 4	Summer Session begins
July 4	Studio closed – no classes
July 15-20	Summer Dance Camp - Tiny Tots
August 5-10	Summer Dance Camp



Studio Policies 2023-2024

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Tuition: Tuition is based on a 10-month year and is divided into three sessions:

Fall – August 28 to December 17

Winter – January 2 to March 24

Spring – March 25 to June 22

Payments are due in advance of each session. Summer fees are charged separately.

- Students taking two or more lessons per week have the option of making monthly installments which are due the beginning of each month. Students taking one class per week pay the full session fee. Note that the monthly installment remains the same each month regardless of holidays so that in some months there may be five weeks or there may be two or three.
- There are no refunds or credits for missed classes. In the event that your teacher needs to cancel, a make-up class will be scheduled.
- Tuition fees do not include recitals, costumes, workshops, extra exam classes, mock exams, Royal Academy of Dance exam fees, or master classes.
- All fees must be paid in advance. Session discounts are available only at the beginning of each session.
- A \$10.00 late fee will be charged 15 days after due date.
- Family discount 10% after the first 6 classes.
- Make-up classes must be taken within the same session of the missed class.
- \$35.00 fee on all returned checks. Please write your child's name on your check.

Registration and Schedules: Your initial enrollment will automatically carry over from trimester to trimester. If you are dropping or changing classes at any time, please notify us as soon as possible so that we can adjust your account accordingly.

Attire: Appropriate attire must be worn to all classes. (See dress code information.) Hair for ballet classes must be worn in a neat bun. Short hair should be pulled away from the face.

Attendance: Punctual and consistent attendance is expected of all students. If your child is not continuing, please notify the office promptly. Failure to do so may result in additional fees.

Parking: Parking is available on First Street, Harvard Avenue and College Avenue. There is no public parking on Harvard Place (upper studio). All parking spaces on Harvard Place are private and may not be used.



Dress Code 2023-2024

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BALLET LEVEL	LEOTARD	SHOES*, SOCKS OR TIGHTS	CHARACTER**
Dance to Your Own Tune	Any pink leotard	Pink ballet shoes, pink socks or pink tights	n/a
Pre-Primary & Primary	Bloch CL5402 in pink Bloch skirt CR5110 in pink	Pink ballet shoes, pink socks or Pink tights	n/a
Grades 1 & 2	Bloch CL5405 in lavender	Pink ballet shoes, pink tights	Skirt and shoes
Grades 3 & 4	Capezio CC201C in navy	Pink ballet shoes, pink tights	Skirt and shoes
Grade 5 Teen Ballet	Bloch CL5405/L5415 in burgundy Bloch CL5405/L5415 in black	Pink ballet shoes, pink tights Pink ballet shoes, pink tights	Skirt and shoes Skirt and shoes
Discovering Repertoire	Freed of London RAD Maddox/ Maddie leotard and skirt in black	Pink ballet shoes, pink tights	
Vocational	Mirella M207L or M201L in black and short black chiffon wrap skirt for advanced level	Pink ballet shoes with ribbon (IF) or soft blocks, pointe shoes, pink tights	n/a
Beginning	Black leotard	Pink ballet shoes, pink tights	n/a
Boys	White t-shirt and black shorts or tights or leggings	White socks, black ballet shoes (white shoes for exams)	Men's oxford style shoes or black jazz shoes

Ballet shoes must be full-sole.

Please do not purchase ballet shoes from Target or Payless.

These shoes impede students from learning the correct usage of the feet.

Character shoes may be purchased through VDA.

Ballet: Hair must be in a bun for every ballet class. Short hair must be pulled away from the face. Students will be sent out of class to fix their hair appropriately. Parents, please ensure your dancer is prepared for class. Bobby pins and nets are available in the office for purchase. No jewelry, warmups, shorts, or rolled-up tights are allowed in ballet class. Dress code skirts are only allowed at the Primary and Advanced levels.

Jazz: Leotard for girls and white t-shirt for boys, black jazz shorts or pants, and black jazz shoes. Tan jazz shoes required for Intermediate Teen and Advanced jazz.

Tap: Leotard for girls and white t-shirt for boys, black dance shorts/pants, and full-sole tap shoes. No jeans or street clothes.

Modern: Black leotard for girls and black tank top for boys, black leggings or jazz shorts, no shoes.

Tumbling: Leotards, dance shorts, tank tops, or t-shirts, no shoes.

Hip Hop: Dance pants, tank tops, t-shirts. Clean sneakers.

Musical Theater: Leotards, tights or jazz pants, jazz shoes or musical theater character shoes.

Adult Classes: Comfortable clothes to move in, including leotards, dance pants, tank tops, or t-shirts. Ballet or tap shoes as appropriate.



Village Dance Arts teaches the Royal Academy of Dance curriculum. The syllabus is precise at every level of ballet. Its dress code is also specific. In an effort to make the attire as easily available to you as possible, we are keeping a small inventory of the items below. Please check in the office or send us an email if we can help.



ROYAL ACADEMY DRESS CODE



Pre-Primary and Primary Ballet
Pink Leotard

\$26



Pre-Primary and Primary Ballet
Pink Chiffon Skirt

\$26



Ballet Grades 1 & 2
Lavender Leotard

\$26



Ballet Grades 3 & 4
Navy Leotard

\$31



Ballet Grade 5
Burgundy Leotard

\$31



Ballet Grades 1-7

Character Skirt

Skirts are not on site, but may be ordered through VDA. Please ask for an order form.

Choose pink or blue ribbons.

\$56



Ballet Grades 1-7

Character Shoes

Shoes are not on site, but may be ordered through VDA. Please use our size kit to determine proper fit.

\$32 (girls)

\$55 (boys)



All Ballet Levels

Pink Ballet Shoes (girls)

White or Black Ballet Shoes (boys)

\$31

Other merchandise available

Dance Shorts	\$14 child / \$15 adult
Pink Ribbon	7.00
Pink Elastic	.50
Hair Net	1.00
Theraband	8.00
Practice CD	1.00

All Ballet Levels

Pink Tights

Sizes

Children: Small, Medium, Large \$10.00

Adult: Small, Medium, Large \$12.00