

Royal Academy of Dance Program

The Royal Academy of Dance program (RAD) is one of the world's most influential dance education and training organizations. The program incorporates advancing levels of syllabus training and examinations, enabling students to achieve high levels of technical and artistic proficiency in classical ballet.

In implementing the program within our dance school, two separate levels exist for developing its RAD students: *Pre-Professional* and *Professional*.

The *Pre-Professional* level is designed to accommodate many ballet students not desiring a professional career in dance but desiring a high level of ballet training which will endow them with certain assets...poise, confidence, fitness, discipline, presence... and other positive attributes that will enable them to carry forward in many career pursuits. Completing the *Pre-Professional* level rewards students with the satisfaction of accomplishment and knowing they have an excellent and broad foundation of ballet training. Those having the qualifications and aspiring to a higher level will move forward to the next level, *Professional*. Others can still continue their ballet classwork with progression in appropriate level RAD weekday classes.

Having completed the *Pre-Professional* level, the *Professional* level prepares students for a professional career in dance with the opportunity to become accredited in mastering one of life's most challenging and beautiful art forms. Students undertaking *Professional* level studies will undergo 3 additional examination phases requiring a high commitment level through their high school years.

The RAD Program is technically demanding and requires high levels of physical discipline, mental focus and personal commitment on the part of those students who qualify. Examination levels begin at age 11. RAD examinations provide students with an achievable goal to work towards, the impetus to achieve their personal best in a fun and nurturing environment, and accreditation from the world's largest ballet examination board. Please read the "Exams" section below.

To qualify as a candidate, students must have 3 or more years of classical ballet training and are required weekly to attend a minimum of 4 hours of classical ballet study which would include weekday and Saturday classes.

Miss Patti's is most fortunate to have on its ballet teaching staff exceptionally dedicated teachers with the highest credentials and expertise in classical ballet.

Further information on *The Royal Academy of Dance* can be obtained at www.radusa.org, www.rad.org.uk, and *Royal Academy of Dance, Wikipedia*.

EXAMS

RAD exams are typically scheduled on a weekday in late February or first two weeks in March. Exams are conducted in Red Bank, New Jersey. Students preparing for exams must take Saturday morning exam-grade syllabus classes, and during Jan-March, weekend classes (Sat or Sun). The exam grades, taken in the following order, are: Intermediate Foundation and Intermediate (for both *Pre-Professional* and *Professional* and Advanced Foundation, Advanced 1, and Advanced 2 for *Professional* level. In the six (seven?) years of student RAD testing at our dance school, every student who has undergone the RAD examination process has felt enormous satisfaction and pride of their accomplishment.

Applying for the Program

The RAD program is available to ballet students whether or not they are students at Miss Patti's. All students wishing to gain entry into the RAD program must submit a completed application form (below). Students who do not attend Miss Patti's School of Dance are required to audition before the start of fall classes (RAD classes begin in the first week of September). Those students who attend Miss Patti's summer ballet camp are exempt from an audition. RAD students who have relocated to this area and wish to continue their RAD studies can be appropriately placed in Miss Patti's RAD program.

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**APPLICATION
for
Royal Academy Dance Program at Miss Patti's School of Dance**

Name of student _____ DOB _____
Is student a student at Miss Patti's SOD? Yes ___ No ___
If "No", please complete the following:
Dance school attended in prior year(s) _____
Other dance schools attended _____
Number of years of ballet training _____
Has student had any pre-pointe? _____ or pointe work? _____
If student cannot attend Miss Patti's School of Dance summer ballet camp held in August, please contact the dance school to arrange an appointment for an audition (201) 670-4422

Following information to be completed for all student applicants:

Parent name _____ Tel _____
Address _____
Email _____

Please detach and submit by mail or in person:

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