



Dear TGAD Parents and Guardians,

WELCOME TO THE GUELPH ACADEMY OF DANCE Inc!

I have never been so excited for a new dance season to begin! It has been almost six full months since we had classes running at the studio, and we are ready to welcome our students back to TGAD safely. We have implemented many changes to the building to keep our students and our staff safe, but the feeling is still the same. The sense of community, the friendships, the warmth and the love are all still here!

In this welcome package, you will find all of the critical information to get you ready for the dance season. You will also find the full document of our COVID-19 guidelines and protocol. Please, take a moment to read through each section carefully so that you are ready for the first class. As always, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask

Welcome back dancers – we missed you!!

Briana Lynch
Artistic Director

Back to Class – Start Dates for September 2020

Thursday, September 10th – First Thursday Class
Friday, September 11th - First Friday Class
Saturday, September 12th – First Saturday Class
Monday, September 14th – First Monday Class
Tuesday, September 15th – First Tuesday Class
Wednesday, September 16th – First Wednesday Class

Please refer to the “Important Dates” form included in your registration package for all the major holidays September 2020 to May 2021. <http://guelphdance.com/for-parents/important-dates/>

COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols

The Guelph Academy of Dance Inc. is following all guidelines and protocols set in place by WDG Public Health, the Ontario Government and the Dance Safe initiative. I have created a full document that outlines how the studio is doing our part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. You will find a PDF copy attached to the welcome package, and the document is also available online.

<http://guelphdance.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/TGAD-Guidelines-and-Protocols-COVID-19.pdf>

Email Communication

We use email as our primary communication method. Reminders, monthly newsletters, class changes (staff sicknesses/cancellations), and other essential information is sent throughout the year. Please make sure that we have your proper/updated email address and you have added briana@guelphdance.com to your list of trusted addresses. If you have a University of Guelph email address, could you please add an alternative email to your family’s Studio Director account? Occasionally, TGAD emails are filtered as spam and not delivered properly. Thank you.

Uniforms

Our very own, Miss Samantha, is the proud new owner of our local dance supply shop, FreeStyle Dancewear, located in the Grange Road Plaza off of Victoria Avenue and Grange Road (259 Grange Rd). She has everything that our dancers will need for classes at our studio. You will find the full 2020-2021 uniform information list included with this package. <https://www.freestyle-dancewear.com/>

Account Portal Access – Studio software program

Families have constant access to your studio account by using the link. You can use this link to register for new classes, camps, Adult classes and other events.

<https://app.thestudiodirector.com/theguelphacademyofdan/portal.sd>

Adult Dance Classes

We have four class time options for adult classes during our 2020-2021 dance season: **Mondays 8:30 – 9:30** (Contemporary and Broadway Jazz,), **Tuesdays 8:15 – 9:15** (Ballet), **Wednesdays 8:45 – 9:45** (Tap), and **Thursdays 8:45 – 9:45** (Hip Hop). You can pick and choose which classes to take (or sign up for all of them) – it is completely up to you. Enrollment in the Adult classes is reduced this season to ensure physical distancing. Register online: <https://app.thestudiodirector.com/theguelphacademyofdan/portal.sd>

The cost per session (6 classes) is \$78.00 + HST = \$88.14 – this works out to \$13/class.

Come sweat, learn, and have fun...we promise not to put you in the recital!!!

Mon 8:30 – 9:30 Maddison	Tues 8:15 – 9:15 Samantha	Tues 8:45 – 9:45 Ulrika	Thurs 8:45 – 9:45 Maddison
Adult Contemporary 2	Adult Ballet 1	Adult Tap 1	Adult Hip Hop 1
Adult Contemporary 3	Adult Ballet 2	Adult Tap 2	Adult Hip Hop 2
Adult Broadway Jazz 2	Adult Ballet 3	Adult Tap 3	Adult Hip Hop 3
Adult Broadway Jazz 3	Adult Ballet 4	No classes	No classes

Ballerina Jitters

Nerves are a big part of trying something brand new, and ballet lessons are no exception. I find with the younger students; sometimes it takes 2 or 3 times of coming into the room before they are comfortable. Please do not be discouraged if your dancer does not make it into the room the first week; we will work with you to make sure that your little one is having a positive experience and will try to alleviate any “butterflies” as soon as they arise!

Recitals in 2021

Our studio will be producing two separate recitals for 2021. Our Pre-Ballet 1 dancers (3 years old) will participate in the **“SNOW WHITE”** recital in the studio on Sunday, April 25th, 2021.

All other students will be a part of our BIG show in May 2021. Dress rehearsals are Tuesday, May 11th, Wednesday, May 12th, Thursday, May 13th. Show 1 is **Friday, May 14th at 6:00 pm**, Show 2 and 3 are **Saturday, May 15th at 11:00 am and 5:00 pm**. The list of “Who is in what show” will be emailed at the beginning of January 2021.

- Classes performing in one show: Pre Ballet 2, 3, 4, Primary, Pre Jazz, Jazz 1, 2, Hip Hop 1, Tap 1/2
- Classes performing in two shows: Grade 1, Jazz 3, Hip Hop 2, Musical Theatre 1/2, Tap 3/4
- All other classes will participate in all three shows.

The dates for the recital have been reserved with the UGDSB, and I am hoping to produce our beloved year-end production in May as scheduled. As the pandemic continues to evolve, any recital changes will be communicated with families immediately. Thank you for your understanding.