

MONUMENT DANCE CENTRE EASTER 2023 NEWSLETTER

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Dress Rehearsals

Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th &
Wednesday 20th March

Show Dates & Times

Thursday 21st March 7pm

Friday 22nd March 7pm

Saturday 23rd March 2pm & 7pm

Grade 4 dancers upwards are in all shows
and attend all Dress rehearsals. All other
classes will be allocated one dress rehearsal
and one show.

2023 - 2024 Term dates

Autumn 2023

21st August - 8th October

Winter 2023-24

23rd October - 16th December

Spring 2024

8th Jan 2024 - 29th March 2024

February holiday week TBC

Remember, fees are issued in 9 week
blocks, regardless of where holidays fall
next 2 invoices cover 21st Aug - 4th Nov
& 6th Nov - 27th Jan 24.

As we all relax and enjoy the summer holidays, we have a sad farewell to say to the seniors who are leaving us to go off to University or College. Thank you for dancing with Monument Dance Centre and thanks to your parents for their support over many, many years. We know you'll have a bright future ahead, keep in touch and keep dancing.



40th Anniversary Dance Show

18th - 23rd March 2024

Macroberts Theatre

It's My World



After the summer exam sessions, we shall be starting fundraising and planning for our work.

- Dunblane Branch Dancers will dress rehearse on Monday 18th and perform on Friday 22nd
- MDC Saturday Junior dancers up to Grade 3 will dress rehearse on Wednesday 20th and perform in the 2pm Saturday 23rd show.
- MDC Tuesday & Monday Grade 3 Dancers will dress rehearse on Tuesday 19th and perform on Saturday in 7pm show.
- All Grade 4 upwards perform in all shows.

More details will be issued soon with booking form and T-shirt order, look out for more emails & join our **Monument Dance Centre Shows and Exams Facebook group**.

By popular demand our Finale T-shirts will be PURPLE

We are seeking suggestions for a suitable Finale Song

We are aware that some dancer's families have commitments during show week - please speak to us now so we can work out a plan.

We will also be collecting for the charity Start-Up Stirling

We are delighted to announce that **Shot in the Dark Theatre Company** (in association with MPAs) is bringing the brilliant...

CHEER UP SLUG

to Macroberts on Tues 24th & Wed 25th October

Starring

Charis Murray(former Monument girl) & **Jamie Patterson**

Will and Bean were childhood friends. But they're not kids anymore and the adult world is a scary place. A Duke of Edinburgh camping trip becomes more complicated than either of them planned. *Cheer Up Slug* is a new play by Tamsin Rees, about boundaries, behaviour, biscuits, pink wine & slugs which will make you laugh & weep.

The play, which played to tremendous reviews at **The Bread & Roses Theatre, London** contains adult themes including strong language and themes of sexual assault. Suitable for 14 + audiences. We'd love to show support for *Cheer Up Slug* by filling the auditorium with MDC families - Booking now!

The play will also play at **Cumbernauld Theatre** on 26th October

Exams offered at Monument Dance Centre



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL EXAM CANDIDATES



Once again, our exam candidates gained amazing marks in ISTD exams, special mention to Samuel who gained 99% and to Hannah P & Bethany M who gained 98%!- WOW-mazing!!

RAD Ballet exam results will be emailed out as soon as they arrive.

We believe that these marks prove, yet again, that our teachers do indeed know when our students are ready for an exam. We have an information sheet available to help you understand the process, criteria and notional study hours for exam type and selection.

Dance is like playing a musical instrument - everyone can make a noise but it takes hard work, repetition and practice to turn that noise into beautiful music.

- We group our early year's classes according to age from Baby Boppers at 18 months
- Preschool – starting from age 2.5 years- 4 years old
- Preparatory – children who attend Primary 1-2
- Primary - children who attend Primary 2 -3 at school
- Children in Primary & Grade 1 upwards are grouped according to their social emotional and physical abilities. Progress can be different for each individual child, so there are no set timetables for exam entry.
- We try to ensure students sit a graded exam within 2 years as much as possible but students do need to attend extra coaching classes and put in lots of personal practise.
- For our 2023 – 2024 session - we will be offering Ballet Exam coaching classes on Friday evenings – these classes will be priced at a subsidised rate of **£40.00 per term**, and will concentrate on exam syllabus only. Ballet exam candidates will no longer be able to join our regular ballet classes as an extra exam practice as most classes are full and have dancers working at different levels. If this is successful, we may consider a similar scheme for Modern and Tap exam work.



Free Trials available for lots of classes, including Baby Boppers – 18 months & Mini Movers & Happy Tappers – age 2 ½ upwards

If you are interested in joining the monthly, Young Artists Development Programme. The YADP runs on the first Sunday of each month.

Contact Sarah Peachey

startingpointballet@gmail.com



Links to register for Monument Dance Centre classes

Website = <http://monumentdance.co.uk>

Parent Webpages <https://mdc.parentaccess.info>

If you have forgotten your password, just let us know and we can issue a new one.

Have you seen our underwear?

Joking aside!

In the interest of safeguarding, child protection and modesty **all dancers must wear nude coloured underwear** underneath costumes during our March 2024 dance show. This is to ensure that even during quick changes no dancer will be exposed. You will be asked to buy your dancers underwear when you order your Purple show T-shirt. This will be done via our website and you can simply check the box if you prefer to purchase your own from another supplier.

Samples are available at reception

Prompt payment helps keep costs down

With much regret, due to the increase in utility bills and NDR rates it has been necessary to increase fees by 10%.

- you can beat the increase by paying before 21st August.
- If you have outstanding fees from a previous term you will be charged a surcharge of £10 per outstanding term.

Changes to Payment options

As we are now taking extra holidays to match schools holidays and only operating 4 x 9 week terms each year, your termly invoice will be the same each term and can now set up;

Direct Debit payments, via Go-Cardless –Set up your direct debit at this link -

<https://pay.gocardless.com/AL0005ZTTKAD9S> contact us if you need help setting up. It is easy to set up and as no card details are stored it is very secure. You can set up for termly, monthly or a one-off payment.

- We can accept card or cash payments made in person at Monument Dance Centre reception
- **MDC** Account number 02965240 sort code - 09 01 50 Please use your dancers full name as a reference. You can also pay by Paypal using this link <https://paypal.me/monumentdance>
- **MDC Dance supplies** – all dancewear, exams, character skirt and shoe hire, private lessons, exam coaching & workshops to be paid via our website but lookout for closing dates
- All fees for **DUNBLANE AND MPAS CLASSES should now be paid via the PAY NOW** facility on your invoice. This is recorded on your account immediately and saves us time and administration costs. You can use your credit or debit card securely as your card details are not stored on the system.
- Please note super student’s benefits this term are **buy-one-get one-free** on Vocational Ballet classes as well as FREE exam coaching classes. Excluding private lessons.

Please join/like/share our Facebook pages

- Monument Dance Centre (official Page) & MDC Dance Supplies & MDC Preloved Dance wear
- Monument Performing Arts & Monument Performing Arts School – Dunblane
- Monument Dance Centre Shows and Exams

Timetable for MPAS Dunblane Branch at Braeport Centre on Saturdays

Branch Managers Miss Sarah Hoskins and Bobbi McIntyre

Ramoyle Room

- 9am - 9.45 Mini Movers & Happy Tappers Preschool
- 9.45 - 10.35 Mini Movers & Happy Tappers Preparatory
- 10.45 - 11.15 Mini Movers Primary Ballet
- 11.15 - 11.45 MM Primary Modern
- 11.45 - 12.15 Happy Tappers Primary
- 12.15 - 1pm Grade 1 Ballet
- 1pm - 1.30 Grade 1 Tap
- 1.30 - 2.15 Grade 2 Modern

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- 11.15 - 11.45 Primary Modern exam class
- 11.45 - 12.15 Primary Tap exam class
- 12.15 - 1pm Grade 2 Ballet
- 1pm - 1.30 Grade 1 Tap exam class

Link to register or open an account for Dunblane or MPAS classes;

https://www.thinksmartssoftwareuk.com/ocr/lesson_booking.php?t=nn6Co%2FHVMtHJr2rc8tqhQA%3D%3D&u=jjjlkOd9N87jHJmNzePMtw%3D%3D&p_id=1. Or you can contact Miss Hoskins and Miss Bobbi by email - mpasbranches@aol.com



Back to Class August opening days

- **Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th & Friday 18th – 1pm – 5pm**
- **Saturday 19th 11am – 5pm.**

On these days we will also have a sale of preloved uniform and shoes with all profits going to our costume fundraising. We would be delighted to receive any donations of outgrown dance wear and shoes.

Have you visited our online shop yet?

This is where you book for exams, register to take part in our dance show and purchase your dancewear. Find everything you need for your class on the dance supplies shop page of our website.

www.monumentdance.co.uk.

MDC Dance supplies can also be purchased from MDC reception.

MDC branded goods can be personalised with your name

Vocational dancers & Performers can enjoy a 10% discount on all MDC branded goods.

A list of what you need for our show will be supplied soon - keep checking your emails for more info

Timetable of classes held at Monument Dance Centre
Please check carefully and let us know if you'd like to change classes

MONDAY					
2.00 - 4.00	DDE teacher training				
4.45- 5.15	Jazz Awards Bronze	4.00 - 5.00	Private lesson Intermediate Modern		
5.15 - 6.00	Grade 4 Modern	5.15 - 6.00	Grade 6 Ballet	5.15 - 6.00	Grade 5 Ballet
6.00 - 6.45	Grade 3 Modern	6.00 - 6.45	Grade 4 Tap	6.00 - 6.45	Advanced Commercial Jazz
6.45 - 7.30	Grade 3 Ballet	6.45 - 7.30	Grade 5 Tap	6.45 - 7.30	Grade 4 Ballet
7.30 - 8.15	Grade 5 Modern	7.30 - 8.30	Intermediate Modern	7.30 - 8.15	Adult Tap Beginners
				8.15 - 9.15	Adult Tap Advanced
TUESDAY					
2.30 - 3.30	Private lesson				
4.00 - 4.30	Happy T Primary Tap	4.00 - 4.45	Mini Movers Preparatory	4.00 - 4.45	Mini Movers Preschool
4.30 - 5.00	Mini M Primary Ballet	4.45 - 5.00	Happy Tappers Prep		
5.00 - 5.30	MMovers Primary Modern	5.00 - 5.30	Grade 1 Modern	4.45 - 5.30	Mid contemporary
5.30 - 6.15	Grade 3 Ballet	5.30 - 6.15	Grade 1 Ballet	5.30 - 6.15	Grade 2 Ballet
6.15 - 7.15	Intermediate Ballet & Pnte	6.15 - 6.45	Grade 1 Tap	6:15 -6.45	Grade 2 Tap
7.15 - 9.15	SQA Course work	6.45 - 7.30	Grade 2 Modern	6.45 - 7.30	Grade 3 Modern
				7.30 - 8.15	Grade 3 Tap
WEDNESDAY					
11.00 - 12.00	Silver Swans Ballet				
3.30 - 4.15	Private Dance lessons			4.00 - 4.45	Private lesson
4.15 - 5.15	Advanced Modern			4.45 - 5.45	Grade 6/7 Ballet
5.15 - 6.15	Vocational Tap	5.15 - 6.15	Youth Theatre Drama	5.45 - 6.30	Grade 4 Modern
6.15 - 7.00	Commercial Gold	6.15 - 7.15	Youth Theatre Singing	6.30 - 7.15	Grade 3 Tap
7.00 - 8.00	Intermediate Foundation Modern			7.15 - 8.00	Grade 4 Ballet
8.00 - 8.45	Grade 5 Tap			8.00 - 9.00	Adult Jazz
THURSDAY					
4.30 - 5.15	Grade 6 Ballet	4.30 - 5.15	Grade 4 Ballet	4.30 - 5.15	Grade 5 Ballet
5.15 - 6.00	Grade 7 & 8 Ballet	5.00 - 6.00	Int Found Mod limited class	5.15 - 6.00	Grade 4 Tap
6.00 - 6.45	Senior Contemporary	6.00 - 6.45	Advanced Contemporary	6.00 - 6.45	Grade 5 Modern
6.45 - 7.45	Intermediate Ballet	6.45 - 7.45	Advanced 1 & 2	6.45 - 7.45	Adv Foundation Ballet
7.45 - 8.30	Pointe work				
8.30 - 9.30	Adult Ballet				
FRIDAY					
Exam coaching for RAD ballet - levels & times TBC					
4.00 - 5.00	Senior Tricks & Tumbles	4.30 - 5.00	Mini Commercial Jazz	4.15 - 5.00	Grade 3/4Ballet
5.00 - 5.45	Junior Tricks & Tumbles			5.00 - 5.45	Grade 4/5 Ballet
5.45 - 6.45	Inter Foundation			5.45 - 7.15	Intermediate Ballet & Pointe
6.45 - 7.30	Commercial Jazz Bronze & silver			7.15 - 8.00	Grade 5/6 Ballet
SATURDAY					
10.00 - 10.45	PreSchool Happy Tappers	10.00 - 10.45	PreSchool Happy Tappers	10.00 - 10.30	Baby Boppers from 18mnths
	& Mini Movers 2 1/2 - 3 1/2		& Mini Movers 4 - 5		
10.45-11.45	Preparatory Mini Movers & Happy Tappers	10.45-11.45	PrePrimary Mini Movers & Happy Tappers	10.45 - 11.15	Mini Movers Prim Ballet
				11.15 - 11.45	Happy Tappers Primary
11.45-1.00	Intermediate Foundation Ballet & Pointe	11.45 - 12.15	MM Primary Modern	11.45 - 12.15	Grade 1 Modern
		12.15 - 1.00	Grade 1 Ballet	12.15 - 1.00	Grade 2 Ballet
1.00 - 1.45	Junior Contemporary	1.00 - 1.30	Grade 1 Tap	1.00 -1.30	Grade 2 Tap early
			15 mins		15 mins
1.45 - 2.30	Grade 3 Modern	1.45 - 2.30	Grade 2 Modern	1.45 - 2.30	Commercial Jazz
2.30 - 3.45	Advanced Ballet & Pointe	3.00 - 3.45	30 mins	2.30 - 3.15	Mini Performers
			Grade 2 Tap later	3.00 - 3.45	Grade 3 Tap
3.30 - 4.30	Seniors Performers	3.45 - 4.30	Grade 3 Ballet	3.45 - 4.30	Grade 3 Ballet
4.30 - 5.30	Advanced Performers			4.30 - 5.30	Junior Performers
5.30 - 6.30	Mids Performers			5.30 - 6.30	Advanced Performers

Emergency Supplies of Period products are always available from MDC reception on request.