

Levels: Pre-Elementary to Senior

The **Professional Dance Program** is intended for talented and disciplined dancers ages 11 and up who are committed to the study of dance. Students enrolled in this program receive dance instruction 4 to 6 days a week. Note that Grade 8–12 dance classes are scheduled during the day. Those students must be enrolled in a half-day academic program or home-schooled to complete their high school courses. Live auditions will be held at Arts Umbrella, Granville Island, Vancouver.

Live Audition Date for the half-day SPARTS Professional Dance Program (Grades 8–12)

January 22, 2012	Register to attend this audition by January 6, 2012. (Registration form attached)	
	9:00 am–10:30 am	Academic Grade 12
	11:00 am–12:30 pm	Academic Grades 10–11
	1:30 pm–3:00 pm	Academic Grades 8–9
	3:30 pm–5:00 pm	Academic Grades 6–7

Any changes in audition times will be posted on website. Academic grades are as of September 2012.

Live Audition Requirements

Arrive a minimum of 1 hour before audition to sign in and warm up. You must bring a current head shot (4"x 6"). Please note this photo will not be returned. Audition will consist of a full ballet class.

Dress code for the audition: hair neatly pulled back, appropriate dance attire (no baggy, loose clothing) and ballet shoes (including pointe shoes for those already on pointe).

DVD Audition Requirements

Applicants who are unable to attend the live auditions listed above may instead send an audition package which includes all of the following:

- DVD
- Letter of reference
- Current head shot (4"x 6")
- Audition registration form (attached)

DVD must demonstrate the following elements:

- Close-up of face and figure
- Barre work (one side only) including pliés, tendus & dégagé, adagé with arabesque and attitude lines, grands battements
- Centre practice & pirouettes from 5th, 2nd or 4th position on the right and left sides, en dehors and en dedans
- Allegro including one warm-up jump to include sauté, glissade, assemblé, and travelling jumps including grand jeté en tournant and jeté en avant
- Pointe work (for girls already on pointe) including échappé relevé in 2nd and 4th positions, retiré relevé, and diagonal of piqué turns
- Solo 1-2 minute solo variation in classical or contemporary
- Boys: all of the above (except pointe), as well as tour en l'air (single or double), and batterie

The letter of reference should be from a current dance teacher supporting the student's application and outlining the student's work ethic, focus, strength and stamina, and ability to take direction and excel in an intense program.

DVD Audition packages are to be received by **January 6, 2012** and sent to the attention of the Dance Registrar, Student Services, Arts Umbrella. Applicants from outside Canada can avoid Canada Customs charges and delays by making the following declaration on the package: "Personal Audition Video: No Commercial Value".

Important Dates

January 6, 2012	Deadline to register for January 22 audition. Submissions deadline for DVD auditions.
January 22, 2012	Live auditions in Vancouver for Professional Program and Summer Dance Intensive Grades 6-12
February 12, 2012	Successful candidates from January 22 audition notified via email by this date.
February 17, 2012	Deadline to register for March 4 audition. Submissions deadline for DVD auditions.
March 1, 2012	Application deadline for half-day SPARTS academic programs at Magee Secondary and King George Secondary
March 4, 2012	Extra audition in Vancouver for Professional Program and Summer Dance Intensive
March 25, 2012	Successful candidates from March 4 audition notified via email by this date. Summer Dance Intensive enrollment opens
June 1, 2012	Registration for Professional Training Program opens (Full program enrollment is required. Regretfully no partial enrollments will be considered.)
June 30, 2012	Summer Dance Intensive enrollment closes. Payment is due in full by this date. Participation in the Summer Dance Intensive (August 6–24, 2012) is compulsory for all students accepted into the Professional Training Program.

Applicant's Name (first and last)	Birthdate	Grade as of Sept. 2012	M/F
Address	City/Province	Postal Code	Phone
Primary Email (required for notification purposes)			
Parent's Name	Cell	Phone	Email
Parent's Name	Cell	Phone	Email
Current dance school	# Of Classes / Week	Method / Level	Last exam passed
Are you currently training on pointe? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Please indicate below which programs/levels you are auditioning for:			
Professional Training Program September 2012–June 2013	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Grades 11–12 (Senior)	Summer Dance Intensive* August 6–24, 2012	<input type="checkbox"/> Post-Secondary
	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Grades 9–10 (Intermediate)		<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Grade 12
	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Grade 8 (Elementary)		<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Grades 10–11
	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Grade 7 (Pre-Elementary 2)		<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Grades 8–9
	<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Grade 6 (Pre-Elementary 1)		<input type="checkbox"/> Academic Grades 6–7

Academic Grades are as of September 2012.

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don't forget!

Fax, mail or drop off your completed audition registration form to Dance Registrar:
1286 Cartwright Street, Vancouver, BC V6H 3R8. Fax: 604.681.5272

Audition registration form

\$20 Audition Fee Payment (for all dancers not currently attending Arts Umbrella)

Money order payable to Arts Umbrella OR Credit Card Visa Mastercard

Name on card _____

Card number _____

Expiry date _____

Signature _____

Please do not provide information on future Arts Umbrella events or fundraising.

For more information, contact: Marilyn Seki, Dance Registrar, Student Services, mseki@artsumbrella.com, 604.681.5268 x200