



Premier Studios

PREMIER STUDIOS

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Training Academy Information

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our new term. Premier Studios is part of Arts2u Theatre Company, which produces professional productions and events throughout the year. Arts2u's next play is **The Dixie Dean Story**. This is a roller coaster play about the life and events of the football legend William Ralph Dean, produced by John Keith and Gillian Beattie and performed by Steve Hazelhurst. Performances have been touring for two years and we are back in Liverpool (Kirkby Suite) on Friday 19th November. 7.30pm at Kirkby Suite. Kirkby.

It is always great for students within our school to be able to watch professional productions and learn the skills. For more information and tickets please visit www.dixiedean.org.uk.

To attend a drama workshop by Steve Hazelhurst on Sunday 7th November please place names on list in foyer – Thank you (4-7yrs / 8-11yrs 12-21yrs +) Workshops are free for Premier pupils and £5 for non Premier pupils

Fees update

Monthly fees are being introduced this term. Please pay for that month on the first day attending. If it is easier to pay from your bank account, Premier Studios details are ACCOUNT NO :- 43412419. SORT CODE :- 09-06-66. Please reference your transaction with your child's first initial and surname. Thank you

Example of working out your monthly payments:-

Child attends Saturday Introductory class @ £4.50 per class

September month has 4 weeks in it = 4 x £4.50. **Total to pay on Sat 4th September £18**

Next payment is 2nd October. October has 4 weeks in it = 4 x £4.50. **Total to pay Sat 2nd October £18**

Please see our calendar to work out monthly payments

Invoices will not be issued unless there is a late payment.

New Term fresh start

Please attend class in your correct uniform and hair neat and suitable for your subject (Ballet in a bun)

For those pupils who are new to us this term, don't worry with regards to uniforms. Once you have completed your trial period uniforms can be purchased.

SMILE your on camera

All members will be having their photo taken this year so that if any opportunities arise (e.g. casting agency work, professional theatre auditions) Producers can see a short portfolio of your skill ability and what you look like. This helps them to choose a suitable character for their role.

Just another way of creating opportunities for you ☺

Parents don't worry as you will be contacted each time there is a project and asked if you want your child's details sent for the audition.

Diary for 2010 / 2011

Please see back page. This is also online at www.premierstudios.org.uk

Events scheduled are on back of diary, please note we alter information so please keep an eye on our notice boards and website.

Available Facilities to Premier Studio Members

Within our studio we have a dance shop with uniforms and hair accessories. We also do gift vouchers which can be used for classes, dancewear or catalogue orders (catalogues have jewelry, costumes etc). We have a tuck shop for snacks but please remember to tidy your rubbish away. Adults only are allowed to serve behind the counter. Please do not enter if the tuck shop is not supervised. Thank you

Members of Premier Studios are special to us and we aim to do our best in training and providing opportunities to our members. We do not have membership fees to join our school, but we do expect commitment, loyalty and hard work for you to continue to be part of Premier.

What Premier Offers

1. Classes from 3yrs through to 93 (if you can shake them hips you can dance!)
2. Lessons in Ballet, Tap, Modern, Drama, Singing, Street Dance, Contemporary, Musical Theatre and Boys only classes
3. Examinations in Dance, Drama and Singing as part of pupils achievements of progression and technical ability
4. Opportunities to perform in Productions, Shows, Competitions and Projects in the community
5. (New) Casting Agency – our studios are networked with leading companies to promote your child in theatre, film, commercials and stills – A photograph slot needs to be booked, please see Mrs Beattie.

News

Congratulations to Tiegan who was chosen for a talent scene in a Limestone Productions T.V project!

Thank you for a great time for those who attended our Summer School. DVD's of your work will be given out in September.

'Got to Dance' auditions came to Liverpool, entered by Tayla and our Saturday seniors with a contemporary and jazz piece – well done everyone.

I would like to give a warm welcome to our new pupils who will be joining us this September, I am sure you will love it – we do!

Car Park

We have a very good relationship with the church next door and don't want to abuse their kindness. Please remember we only have use of their car park on **Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays**. The church uses it on other evenings. Please show your Premier Card in the window screen when using the car park. Thank you

Uniform for CORE subjects (Ballet, Tap, Modern – Hair in a bun) (These are exam subjects)

Within Premier we have coloured uniforms for ability within our 'core' subjects (ballet, tap and modern). By participating in our core subjects your child develops a higher skill and ability level. Our uniform for 'core' subjects are:-

Pink - Leotard, Skirt, White tights, Pink ballet Shoes, White Tap Shoes, Pink cross over cardigan, Premier jumper (for drama and singing please wear pumps)

- **Introductory** class (Babies 3-5yrs)
- **Upper posy** (posy 4+ medals 5-7yrs approx)

Please remember we work with ability not age. This is a guideline

Maroon – Leotard, skirt, white tights, pink ballet shoes, white tap shoes, Premier jumper or T-Shirt (optional)

- **Preparatory** (posy 6+ 5-8yrs approx)
- **Primary** (6 – 8yrs approx)

Lilac – Leotard, Skirt, Leggings, Pink ballet shoes, White tap shoes, Premier t-shirt, jumper or tracksuit

- **Grade 1** (8-9yrs approx)

Green - Leotard, Skirt, Leggings, Black ballet shoes, Black tap shoes, Premier t-shirt, Jumper or tracksuit

- **Grade 2** (9+yrs)

Blues – Leotard, Skirt, Leggings, Black ballet shoes, (point shoes for grade 3 ballet), Black tap shoes, Jazz shoes or boots, Premier T-shirt, jumper or tracksuit

Grade 3 (11+ yrs)

Blacks – (Gr4 +, Seniors) Leotard, Ballet chiffon skirt, pink tights, black leggings, black tap shoes, pink training ballet shoes or soft points / point shoes, jazz shoes or boots. Premier T-shirt, jumper or tracksuit.

Boys – Black trousers, white vest top or t-shirt, black Premier jumper or tracksuit, black ballet shoes, black jazz shoes or jazz boots, black tap shoes

Uniform for General Classes – (Non exam classes)

Street Dance / Adult / Drama / Disco / Tues and Friday Theatre Arts session (street, drama, musical theatre)

Black leotard, Black leggings, Jazz shoes or Jazz boots, Premier T-shirt, jumper or tracksuit

Brief Description on Premier subjects offered:-

Performance Slots – These are allocated timeslots for invited pupils to rehearse for competitions. (Pupils must be attending ‘core’ subject sessions – if interested please see Mrs Beattie to put your name forward)

Introductory (3-5yrs) – Ballet, Modern, Tap (core session) Saturdays 11am – 11.45am £4.50 (Pink uniform)

These sessions are an introductory into the core dance subjects, through themes, exercises and fun, children develop confidence, coordination and basic technique in ballet, tap and modern.

Upper Posy (5 yrs +) – Ballet, Modern, Tap (core session) Tuesdays from 4pm or Saturdays from 9am £6.50 (Pink uniform)

These sessions are for pupils who have succeeded in four posy awards, these fun session progressing into the beginning of structured technical exercises. (Also for pupils over 6yrs who have not danced before). This is a great class to capture their basic technique, imagination and pupils begin to develop their own dance style through our routines.

Preparatory & Primary – (6+ yrs) – Ballet, Modern, Tap (core session) Thursdays from 4pm & Saturdays from 9am (Maroon uniform) £8.50

Those that have all 6 posy awards and correct technique work towards their Preparatory exam. This is their first structured exam that introduces their performance of structured exercises and routines of Character, Ballet, Classical Greek, National, Song & Dance, Tap and Modern styles of dance. This is a crucial stage for their technique development

Primary & Grade 1 – (7yrs +) Ballet, Modern Tap (core session) – Thursdays 4pm – 6.30pm / Saturdays 9am – 11.45am £8.50 (Lilac uniform)

At these levels, pupils learn the theory, music terminology and express their dance ability in Ballet, Modern and Tap. Through structured exercises, enchainments and amalgamations, pupils have the opportunity to enter for medals and examinations in Character, Ballet, Classical Greek, National, Song & Dance, Tap and Modern.

Grade 2 through to Pre Elementary (core sessions) – See timetable (if you are not allocated to a grade, please attend a general class and your ability will be assessed)

As explained in the previous examination levels, grades are structured in technical exercises, theoretical knowledge and music awareness, the higher the level, more is expected from the dancer in technique, practical dance ability, theory and dance interpretations. Medals and examinations are entered in Character, Ballet, Classical Greek, National, Song & Dance, Tap and Modern.

Disco – (5-10yrs) Thursdays 6pm – 7.15pm £5.00

This session is a fun and active session involving warm up, dance steps and loads of wiggling and popping with routines.

Boys Street Dance – (5-11yrs) Saturdays 11.45am – 12.30pm £4.50

Street Dance - A fun and popular session that involves techniques and routines.

Beginners Ballet (10yrs+) Ideal for late starters to develop skills fast. Please call for a timeslot

These sessions are ideal for the first time dancer to learn the basics and techniques that will enhance their dance skills in all subjects. It's great for catch up classes for those that have been away for a while also for those wanting to refresh the basics. This class develops steps and techniques at various levels, which is broken down for easy understanding.

Street Dance, Drama, Musical Theatre – (4 - 8yrs / 9-12yrs / 13-19yrs)**Fridays 4.30pm – 7pm £8.50**

These sessions work towards projects. Sessions are structured with warm ups, technique work and outcomes (routines, set pieces etc). Singing and Drama is incorporated within our Musical Theatre work as we encourage skills as an 'all rounder'

Singing (Please see Fridays and Saturdays timetable)

Within our singing sessions we work on technique. We involve individual and group work to enhance their confidence and encourage solo singing with the aid of backing tracks. (Pupils within the older sessions aim to work on their portfolios for auditions)

Adult Classes*Street Dance and fitness – Thursdays 8-9pm (£4.50)*

A fun session that incorporates exercises, dance step combinations and ends with a fab dance routine – This helps to keep fit and supple!

Tap – Thursdays 7.15-8pm (£4)

A great session to get active but have fun with rhythms and good old fashioned music – Step aside Fred Astaire and Ginger Rodgers!

Singing & Contemporary (10yrs +) Saturdays 3.00pm – 4pm £5.00

These sessions work towards performances, they are developed to stimulate the mind, body and soul of a performer. These sessions are great for all levels of ability as new work is developed each term.

Sibling discounts

If you have a sister or brother who attends the school, you can get a discount of half fee!

(Half price applies to the smaller fee. For two siblings a 1/2 fee discount applies, for three or more siblings and 1/4 fee discount applies to the third / fourth etc)

When you start at Premier Studios you can attend and pay as you go for up to three weeks. From this time you are required to pay monthly. Please be aware that fees are paid if you child is absent.

One Class	£4.50 per class (approx ¾ hr)
Disco	£5.00 per class
Upper Posy package	£6.50 per class
Performance Slot	£7.50 per session
Preparatory package	£8.50 per class
Thursday Grade 5 package	£8.50 per class
Saturday package 12.30pm – 4pm	£10.00 per class
Unlimited classes	£20.00 per week
Adult Classes	£4.50 per class

We would ask that your child keeps a regular attendance to maintain continuity and progress within their classes. Annual reports are issued on their progress.

Exams

We do gradual examinations starting at Posy level (this is all about enjoyment and confidence, levels one to four is obtained in our Introductory classes, then levels 4-6 are achieved at our upper posy classes) pupils then progress through structured exams in Preparatory, Primary, Grade 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Pre Elementary. From this level pupils are entered into professional exams Elementary, Intermediate and Advanced (from the professional exams a teachers qualification can be entered).

Teachers

All teachers are professional artists and are qualified within their field; they also have enhanced police checks to work with children. Premier teachers are experienced within the theatre arts and teaching, they work to obtain the best from pupils, which in turn is their achievement to a successful outcome (performance or exam etc). Please respect teachers' creativity and experience by the appropriate bow or curtsey at the end of each class.

General Safety Rules

Children must attend in appropriate attire and hair tied off their face – hair in bun for Ballet Classes

No running within the building

No tap shoes to be worn on the stairs

Please do not block any fire exits

No child is to leave the premises without parent or guardian permission; please inform a member of staff

We cannot be responsible for any items of value left unattended in the building – all lost property is placed in the foyer (near reception)

No mobile phones on during lessons

Please clearly name all items of uniform

Useful contact information

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Myspace – www.myspace.com/premier_studios

Facebook – Gill Beattie

Premier Timetable

CLASS TYPES	AGE	TIME	
TUESDAYS			
Introductory Ballet	3-5yrs	4.00	4.45
Primary Ballet	5-7yrs	4.45	6.30
Singing/musical theatre, Drama, Street Dance	4 to 7	4.30	7.00
Singing/musical theatre, Drama, Street Dance	8 to 12	4.30	7.00
Singing/musical theatre, Drama, Street Dance	13 to 19	5.30	8.00
CLASS TYPES			
THURSDAYS			
Primary - Ballet, tap, mod	6-8yrs	4.00	6.00
Disco	OPEN	6.00	7.15
Grade 5 ball, tap, point work	13+	5.45	8.15
Adult Tap	Adult	7.15	8.00
Adult Street Dance / Fitness	Adult	8.00	9.00
Elementary Ballet, Tap, Modern		7.00	9.15
CLASS TYPES			
FRIDAYS			
Singing/musical theatre, Drama, Street Dance	4 to 7	4.30	7.00
Singing/musical theatre, Drama, Street Dance	8 to 12	4.30	7.00
Singing/musical theatre, Drama, Street Dance	13 to 19	5.30	7.45
Performance slots	Invitation	7.00	8.00
CLASS TYPES			
SATURDAYS			
Grade 1 - Ballet, tap, modern, drama	Lilacs	9.00	11.45
Upper Posy, Ballet, tap, modern	5-6	9.00	11.00
Preparatory - Ballet, tap, modern	6-7	9.00	11.00
Introductory - Ballet, modern, tap	3-5yrs	11.00	11.45
Boys Street Dance (PLH CREW)	OPEN 6yrs +	11.45	12.30
Performance Slot	invitation	11.45	12.30
Grade 2- Ballet, tap, modern	GR2	12.30	2.30
Grade 3 - Ballet, tap, modern	GR3	12.30	2.30
Grade 4 - Ballet, tap, modern	GR4	12.30	2.30
Singing, Contemporary	GREENS	2.30	4.00
Singing, Contemporary	BLUES	3.00	4.00
Singing, Contemporary	SENIORS	3.00	4.00
Performance Slots	invitation	4.00	5.00

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