



THE
**AMERICAN JAZZ DANCE AFFILIATION
INTERNATIONAL**

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Greetings! I hope all is going well for you as you prepare to start another Dance Year.

Dancing teachers are a special breed and I am sure many people don't appreciate just how complicated our job is as we multitask our way through so many challenges. Of course, having fun every step of the way!

What keeps us motivated as Dance teachers to achieve the highest possible consistent standard in our studios?

I think some of the following applies.

- Recognition from a partner, spouse, friend, fellow dancing teacher or whoever we can share our hopes and aspirations with.
- Keeping up to date and fresh is a motivating force. Students enjoy constant new challenges.
- A happy high achieving studio will tick over well and save you money by reducing the need to advertise.
- Making it fun and working hard with your students to do it right makes for a happy successful studio.
- Being constantly motivated to improve the standard of work in the studio and always looking for ways and methods of reaching just that little bit higher.
- Loving what you do and being so passionate that the pupils can not help but reciprocate.

So to sum up -- teaching is not a job but a vocation where our contribution can and does make a difference. The American Jazz Dance Affiliation Syllabus reaches a standard as good as anywhere in the world and we are proud of it.

Teachers Courses

As previously advised we are holding Syllabus Workshops in Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch during February.

These are as follows:

Auckland Sunday 14th February

Venue: Rose McRae's studio. 8c Torrens Rd Pakuranga

Time: 10.00am to 5.00pm ($\frac{3}{4}$ hour lunch break. Please bring your own food & drinks)

Wellington Saturday 27th February

Venue: NZ School of Dance 11 Hutchison Rd Newtown Wellington

Time: 11.00am to 5.30pm ($\frac{3}{4}$ hour lunch break. Please bring your own food & drinks)

Christchurch Sunday 28th February

Venue: Impact Dance & Stage School 450 Tuam St Christchurch (Opposite Saxton St.)

Time: 10.30am to 5.00pm ($\frac{3}{4}$ hour lunch break. Please bring your own food & drinks)

These courses are always good motivation for the start of the teaching year.

Please encourage all your assistant teachers to come and take part as this year we are going back to basics to reinforce the style of Jazz that we want to maintain within our syllabus. Tania and Susie will be at all the courses and they will be teaching the new warm ups for Intermediate Three and Advanced. They will also review the techniques of the new warm ups and help keep us all on track.

Fees are \$200.00 per person with a discount of 10% for 2 or more from the same studio.

Please complete the attached form and forward early in February

Affiliation Registration Requirement

It is a requirement of your registration with the American Jazz Dance Affiliation Syllabus that you attend most of the courses offered. It is only through regular attendance that standards can be maintained and improved. We are always working hard to help you maintain the best standard possible.

Studio Registrations (One Fee per Studio)

\$100.00 if paid before 31st March 10

\$150.00 for all registrations paid after 31st March 10

Syllabus Books

New Syllabus books will be available at the Course. These include all the recent changes.

Top Mark Students

Congratulations to all the top mark students and their teachers. Thank you for a job well done and best of luck this year in keeping up the standard.

Junior and Intermediate Teaching Certificates

Congratulations to the 10 successful candidates who passed their teaching certificates last year. We all know the huge commitment required from both teacher and candidate to achieve this goal.

We wish them well as they pass their knowledge, enthusiasm and passion on to their students whilst teaching the AJDA syllabus.

Junior Teaching Certificate: Emily Forbes, Bethany Gould, Joanne Boocock, Abby Dutton, Shannon Burgess, Kelly Martin & Rosie Booth.

Intermediate Teaching Certificate: Karen Warboys, Melissa McCormack and Nikohl Katene.

Welcome to the AJDA team we will continue to help and support you as new teachers.

Full Time Dance Schools

We are proud of the fact that many of our students from the American Jazz Dance Affiliation successfully auditioned last year and have been accepted into full time Dance Schools this year in NZ, Australia and further afield. We wish them every success as they further their Dance Education.

2010 Dance Year

All the best for a happy and successful dance year.

Our focus is on enjoying Dance and progressing to new levels of achievement.

