

2021 Summer Course

Wednesday - Friday

6-8 January

After a year of fires, smoke and pandemic, our 2021 Summer Course will be a little different, with essential hygiene precautions. Recent classes have shown that these are no impediment to an informative, enjoyable and energetic few days of early dance. The course is perfect for newcomers and visitors from out of town to taste the elegance and vigour of court dance. Distancing demands numbers be limited, dances adapted with spacing, no contact, emphasis on technique.

Court dance helps to bring European history to life, and 2020 has reminded us that in past centuries dancing was a rare treat, to be indulged in times of peace, joy and good health, when lives were so often cut short by war, disease, and family misfortune.

Dance lessons included the manners and deportment expected in court society. For young aristocrats and aspiring courtiers, the noble dance was a valuable physical, mental (and career) exercise. This is no less the case today. Thanks to a half-century of scholarship, and a renaissance in early music and dance performance, new generations can enjoy the pleasures of the aristocratic ballroom once available to the fortunate few.

Venue 181 Blues Point Road, North Sydney. From North Sydney Train/Bus Station: turn left on Blue Street, 1st left into Blues Point Road. Short walk south down hill to Hall on left-hand-side just before Lavender Street.

Course details –with changes

Renaissance sessions sample key court dances from the 16th/early 17th century, ranging from graciously elegant to lively—including the Pavane, Galliard, Branles, Measures, and Italian Balletto.

Baroque sessions will focus on the noble French baroque style & technique of the late 17th & early 18th century, in dances such as the Bourrée. Minuet, Sarabande & Gigue.

(Please note 18th Century sessions have been cancelled due to COVID-19 constraints.)

Participants may choose to do both sessions, each day or focus on one. Those new to early dance are urged to attend the Wednesday sessions to learn steps needed to build up our chosen dances over the three days.

Requirements

No previous dance experience required, nor do you need to bring a partner. Our **COVID-19 Safety Plan** requires all distancing and hygiene requirements to be followed, including scanning a QR code on entry for contact tracing purposes.

What to wear Light comfortable clothes, and secure shoes without rubber soles.

Flat shoes for Renaissance (e.g. ballet flats, jazz shoes or lightweight street shoes). Heeled shoes for Baroque (small heels 1-4cm high) with straps or laces recommended.

To eat & drink Light refreshments will be provided for morning tea, as far as possible and following hygiene guidelines. Please bring water to drink, and snacks to suit specific dietary requirements.

Enrolment

Please complete enrolment form, and return by email. Payment by cheque, direct deposit (bank details on enrolment form). Early-bird rates apply until January 5. Prior booking is essential due to limits on class size & the need for contact information to be provided.

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DAILY SCHEDULE 6-8 January, 2021

9.00 am	<i>Register/Warm-up</i>
9.15am-11.00am	Renaissance Dance
11.00am-11.15am	<i>Morning Tea (provided)</i>
11.15am-1.00pm	Baroque Dance
1.00pm-2.00pm	LUNCH (BYO)
2.00pm-3.45pm	18th Century Dances

COURSE FEES	Early-bird*	Full Price
Full Course (6 sessions over 3 days)	\$165.00	\$180.00
One Day (2 sessions)	\$65.00	\$100.00
Renaissance only (3 sessions over 3 days)	\$90.00	\$95.00
Baroque only (3 sessions over 3 days)	\$90.00	\$95.00
18th Century only (3 sessions over 3 days)	\$90.00	\$95.00
Same 2 sessions daily (6 sessions over 3 days)	\$165.00	\$180.00
Single session (Wednesday only)	\$35.00	\$40.00

* **Early-bird rates will apply to all up to Jan 5**