



Fraser Valley Academy of Dance offers superior dance training with specialized focus on classical ballet, contemporary, modern and tap.

The **Pre-Professional Program** provides the most talented dance students with an exceptional opportunity to train full-time while completing their high school academic studies.

The **Evening Intensive Program** allows dedicated students to take classes in the Royal Academy of Dance and Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing syllabus in after-school hours.

The **Recreational Dance Classes** are available for students wishing to participate in dance on a casual basis for fun, fitness and friendship.



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Fraser Valley Academy of Dance is located in the historic Masonic Hall in Mission, BC. Built in 1922, the Hall houses large dance studios with naturally sprung wooden floors, 14-foot ceilings and 40 feet of mirrors and barres. Accentuated by the classical charm of its original hardwood features, the two-story building also houses the school office, changing rooms, waiting areas and the school boutique.



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# FRASER VALLEY ACADEMY OF DANCE

Artistic Director, John C. Carney



Pre-Professional Daily Program  
Evening Intensive Program  
Recreational Dance Classes

Specializing in RAD Ballet, ISTD Tap,  
ISTD Modern and Contemporary Ballet

A CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE IN DANCE

*Mr John C. Carney, Artistic Director*



Mr. Carney has been in the dance world since 1965 when he began training at the Dorothy Stevens School of Dance. An RAD York Scholar, he obtained RAD Highly Commended Advanced (now Advanced 2) Certification.

At the age of 15, he was selected to train full-time at the prestigious Royal Ballet School in London, England.

At the age of 17, he began his 17-year professional dance career, becoming Soloist with the renowned English National Ballet and Principal with the acclaimed Rambert Dance Company.

Mr. Carney has performed around the world, working with numerous notable dancers, teachers and choreographers, including Rudolph Nureyev, Johaar Mosaval, Vassilie Trunoff, Dame Alicia Markova, Sir Anton Dolin, John Field, Lynn Seymour, Dame Beryl Grey, Peter Schaufus, David Bintley, Ben Stevenson, Merce Cunningham, and Richard Alston. He danced with Rudolph Nureyev in his production of *Sleeping Beauty*, as well as in the original cast of Nureyev's production of *Romeo and Juliet*, touring with him in Australia, France, the US and England.

Mr. Carney has been a teacher and choreographer at major international schools throughout Europe, the US and Canada, including the Royal Ballet School and Rambert Academy. He was Artistic Director of the Manc Dance Company and Carney Dance Academy in England, as well as the New Haven Ballet, a school of over 450 students in Connecticut, USA.

In 2008, Mr. Carney purchased the Fraser Valley Academy of Dance with his wife, Carolyne.

Having received the highest training at the prestigious Royal Ballet School, followed by an esteemed professional career as both classical and contemporary dancer, teacher and choreographer, Mr. Carney knows exactly what students require to achieve their goals of excelling in dance. Whether for recreation or professional careers, Mr. Carney offers all of his students a superior dance experience in a disciplined, nurturing and enjoyable environment.

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## PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM

For the most serious dance student, the Pre-Professional Program provides 20 hours per week of training in ballet, pointe, variations, boys' virtuosity, boys' ballet, health & nutrition, dance history, music appreciation, tap, modern and contemporary ballet. Students perform in three major productions: *The Nutcracker*, *Raising the Barre*, and the *Annual Performance*, as well as community events throughout the year. Students are accepted by audition only. A minimum level of RAD Intermediate Foundation Ballet or equivalent is required.



## EVENING INTENSIVE PROGRAM

For dedicated students training in after-school hours, the Evening Intensive Program offers up to 12 hours per week of training in RAD ballet, pointe, variations, contemporary, and ISTD tap & ISTD modern. Students may perform in three major productions: *The Nutcracker*, *Raising the Barre*, and the *Annual Performance*. RAD and ISTD exams are available for suitable candidates.



## RECREATIONAL DANCE CLASSES

For students who wish to dance for fun and fitness, the Recreational Dance Classes offer a selection of classes such as lyrical jazz, hip hop, and dance for teens and adults.

