

LEAP FORWARD DANCE SCHOOL

Please check out our web-site at
www.leapforwardlangford.com



Intro to Ballet

Adult Dance Classes

Leap Forward Dance School offers a beginner adult tap class each Monday evening from 7:15pm-8:15pm. We also have a beginner ballet class starting soon on Tuesday mornings from 10:15am-11:15am. If you are interested in either of these classes please let us know.

Important Dates

- October 12th and 14th
Closed for Thanksgiving
- October 24th to 29th
Halloween Dress Up. Students are encouraged to wear their Halloween Costume or orange and black attire to class. All classes (even Adult Tap) will enjoy treats and Halloween themed music and fun!
- October 31st
Closed for Halloween



Level 1 Ballet

Friendly Reminders

Attendance: To reach full potential in class, a student must attend on a consistent basis. If a student must miss a class, please notify the studio by text messaging, calling or emailing Amber.

Payment by Etransfer: For all etransfer payments please use info@leapforwardlangford.com. In past years etransfers have been sent to kelly@leapforwardlangford.com. This email address is no longer in service.



Level 2 Ballet

We have a Facebook Page!

<https://www.facebook.com/leapforwarddance>



Introducing the faculty of 2019/2020



Talita was born and raised on the island and her dance training includes ballet, modern, jazz, contemporary. Moving to Victoria, Talita received her Associate of Modern through the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing. She also completed a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology which she uses to enhance her teaching knowledge of anatomy, physiology and motor development. Having completed her training, Talita then moved to Dubai, United Arab Emirates to teach dance before returning to Victoria.

Talita is passionate about helping her students not only succeed but learn to love the art of dance. Her classes are fun and upbeat. Talita has a unique way of being able to encourage each student she teaches to do their very best and enjoy learning. Talita is full of energy and always has something special planned to inspire and challenge her students. She is delighted to be teaching the students of Leap Forward Dance School and we are lucky to have her as part of our team!



David was born in Copertino Italy. He started his dance training at the Academia Venete di Danza e Balletto. David has studied on scholarship at Teatro alla Scala, English National, Royal Ballet and the Bolshi Ballet Schools. In 2011, David was admitted to the Royal Theatre of San Carlo in Naples, graduating in June of 2016. In August 2016 he relocated to Calgary to join Alberta Ballet. Outside of David's teaching commitments he is also a full-time dancer with Ballet Victoria, dancing with them for a 3rd season this year.

David is a versatile dancer and teacher with extensive training in ballet, jazz/hip hop and contemporary. Leap Forward Dance School is lucky to have such a committed and talented teacher!



Ben has been moving his feet across the stage for some time. Performing Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Contemporary and Modern. Ben is a recent graduate of Canadian College of Performing Arts. Ben has enjoyed lead roles in musicals and enjoys singing, acting and dancing on stage. Recently he has been seen helping behind the stage for shows starring adults who cannot wait to show off their new talents, and young dancers who are just thrilled to put on a costume and show off their stuff. No matter the class or dance form he is teaching he has always found joy in making everyone ecstatic to dance.

Ben has been dancing himself for a long time, tracing back to his earliest memories of dancing across a soccer pitch to score a goal, after which his parents decided perhaps ballet was a better fit. Ben's high school years consisted of absent minded tap dancing under his desk to the chagrin of everyone around. But most recently has had the honour of performing professionally in solos across Victoria theatres.

Teaching is always the backbone of creating a great dancer but beyond that it also creates the structure for a person to stretch both literally and figuratively to new heights. Ben is beyond excited to be with such an amazing group of teachers and is looking forward to each class he teaches at Leap Forward Dance School.



Ivana is a graduate of the joint degree/diploma program between York University and Canada's National Ballet School. Raised in Toronto but now a proud West Coast girl, Ivana Matovina is thrilled to be sharing her passion for dance education with the families of Leap Forward Dance School.

Her dance training spans a variety of disciplines including Royal Academy of Dance, Cecchetti, and Russian ballet styles, National (folk) dance, and Modern/Contemporary dance.

She has toured and taught in Toronto, Montreal, Dusseldorf, Tokyo, Vancouver, Williams Lake, and Victoria. Ivana enjoys contributing her time to the Sharing Dance initiative, putting together annual flash mob performances in Vancouver and Victoria. She is also the current B.C. representative for the Cecchetti Society of Canada, that oversees the organization of ballet workshops, competitions, and exams for local students and teachers.

Ivana aims to actively engage her students in a positive and fun learning environment so that they too may fall in love with the art of dance!



Amber is the owner of Leap Forward Dance School. As a mother of three children, Miranda born in 2007, Nadia born in 2011 and Ozwin born in 2019, Amber is able to easily identify with the parents of the students she teaches.

Amber's early years were spent for the most part in the dance studio. She studied RAD Ballet and obtained a thorough grounding in Jazz, Modern, Musical Theatre and Tap. She earned several dance scholarships including one for six weeks of intensive study at the Walnut Hill Ballet School in Boston, Mass. After graduating high school she continued her ballet training in Cecchetti at H.Z Ballet Classique, before moving on to the Alberta Ballet School in Calgary, completing several Cecchetti examinations.

Formal training as a teacher took place initially at the Edmonton School of Ballet's Teacher Training Program. She also received training and experience through the Ballet B.C. Mentorship Program. Acceptance into The Royal Winnipeg Ballet School's Teacher Training Program gave her intensive instruction in Ballet, Character, Modern, Jazz, Anatomy, Dance History, Music History and Pilates. After completing those studies, Amber taught for two years at The Royal Winnipeg Ballet School and after moving to Victoria BC, at Westcoast Academy of Performing Arts, Boston Dance Collective and Karen Clark Dance Studio and Victoria Academy of Ballet.

Amber currently holds her RAD Teaching Certification and Associate Teaching certification in the Cecchetti method. As a committed lifelong learner, Amber is now preparing for the course of study that will culminate in a Royal Academy of Dance Teaching Degree.

In addition to her dance and teacher training Amber is also an accomplished musician, having achieved her Royal Conservatory of Music ARCT in classical Piano. Amber is a true dancer at heart and still enjoys weekly ballet lessons, as the student not the teacher in the classroom.

"Some of my happiest moments have been dancing." – Claire Danes

