

THE Royal Academy of Dance

The Royal Academy of Dance is one of the world's most influential dance education and training organisations. They promote knowledge, understanding and practice of dance internationally. This is accomplished through promoting dance, educating and training students and providing examinations to set standards and reward achievement. The RAD aim to be recognised internationally for the highest standards of teaching and learning, as a leader in continuing professional development in dance and as the professional membership body that supports and promotes dance teachers at every step of their career encouraging their innovative contributions to dance and education throughout the world.

The RAD has a long history of improving dance training standards. It was founded in 1920 to re-invigorate dance teaching within the UK; however, over time it has expanded its influence and activities internationally counting currently more than 1,000 students in full-time or part-time teacher training programmes. With their examination syllabus being taught to more than a quarter of a million students worldwide, they help and encourage teachers to perfect their teaching skills and pass on this knowledge to their students. The Academy's patron is Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Today the RAD has a presence in 79 countries, with 36 offices and approximately 13,000 members worldwide. They support their membership base of professional dancers, students, teachers, benefactors and friends through the knowledge, support and technical expertise of their highly qualified staff and the social interaction of like-minded enthusiasts at RAD conferences, workshops, training courses or summer schools.