



# DPA

## ASSOCIATES

**Nurturing the next generation of  
professional young performers**

**Our next level programme for children aged 8-12  
years old, with high contact time and diverse,  
professional Musical Theatre training.**

# What is DPA Associates Musical Theatre?



**Our brand new associate Musical Theatre programme is for the student serious about performing. This course is created for young people with a passion to pursue singing, dancing and acting professionally.**

**Our Juniors Associates programme will offer children between the ages of 8 and 12, numerous classes and professional coaching week to week, in all aspects of Musical Theatre. They will study Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Commercial Dance, Technique and Fitness, Ensemble Singing, Acting through Song, Acting Skills, Performance and Repertoire.**

**There will be the option to study various exams while on this course, across the various disciplines taught. Students will perform in all Dramalam productions throughout the year, as well as in their own dedicated Associates showcase.**

**This style of programme is often offered in performing arts schools based in big cities and we're excited to offer something that we believe is unique in South Lanarkshire.**

**As Dramalam was founded by Lianne McHugh, a professionally trained Musical Theatre performer with a BA Hons Degree in MT, we believe whole heartedly that our course is set to rival the standard of well known performing arts and theatre schools across the country.**

# What are the benefits for my child?



**We're passionate about performing arts, and all of our classes are led by professional teachers who have studied vocationally in the performing arts industry.**

**This course will also be led with professional instruction, however with many more contact hours which will propel your child's skills and condense years of learning into a shorter period of time.**

**Your child will become a highly, multi-skilled triple threat performer, training to a high level in all areas of Musical Theatre. This will provide the skills to perform in the industry at the level of leading schools across the country.**

**Your child will also be given the opportunity to participate in syllabus exams in particular areas of their study for dance and musical theatre.**

**Future aspirations may include our own next level of Associates course which is currently in creation, or audition and entry to established professional performing arts schools in other parts of the country.**

# How do I join the course?



**Entry is by audition only. (We may invite some of our current students without audition, whom we already know and have a great understanding of their skill set.)**

**While all of our Dramalam classes offer fun and educational classes, our associates course will take your child's training to the next level. We will still offer nurturing values within the course, however this next level of training will require even harder work, focus commitment and discipline, compared with our other classes.**

**If you don't want to work hard or be tied with the commitment of coming to the studio various times in the week, this programme isn't for you!**

**The course is an investment in your child's future and performing arts career.**

# Can I attend other classes?



**While we never want to stop students from pursuing opportunities and are of the view that they should be free to do so, we do strongly advise students not to attend other performing arts classes or programmes while attending our associates course.**

**This is to prevent burn out or injury, and we ask this of our students with the best intentions. If your child would like to pursue an additional opportunity while on this course, please discuss with us first.**

# How long is the course?



The course will run for 37 weeks during the academic year, in line our whole school.

Once your child has gained entry onto the programme, they're a member as long as they like, until the age of 12.

Once they turn 12, they will have the opportunity to attended a further advanced programme currently in creation. This will provide another step up again, with even more opportunities

There are only 10 spaces available on this course, and there will be a tight selection process.

Please do not be disheartened if you don't gain entry this time around.

As our students progress, there will be opportunities in future to gain entry.

If you do wish to leave the course at any point for any reason, we ask thats you give us 1 months notice in writing. You will be welcome to attend any other Dramalam class afterwards again if you wish to do so.

# Timetable



**Here is an overview of our timetable. This may be subject to change due to staff availability.**

## **Tuesday 7-9pm**

**7-8 - Ensemble Singing**

**8-9 - Acting Through Song**

## **Wednesday 7:30-9pm**

**RAD (Royal Academy of Dance) Ballet and PBT  
(Progressing Ballet Technique)**

## **Saturday 12:30-5:30pm**

**12:30-1:15 Contemporary Modern Jazz IDTA , Stretch  
& Fitness**

**1:15-2 Tap IDTA**

**2-2:45 Commercial**

**2:45-3:15 Lunch/Break**

**3:15-4pm Acting & Performance**

**4-5:30pm Repertoire and Performance Workshop**



# Uniform



**Black DPA associates T-shirt**

**Black DPA associates zipper**

**Black leotard (any style cotton based, not shiny)**

**Ballet tights**

**Ballet shoes**

**Black jazz shoes**

**Black cropped tights/Black shorts for boys**

**Black leggings/Black jazz pants**

**Black tap shoes**

## Recommended

**Recording device (phone or dictaphone)**

**Folder**

**Notepad**

**Pens**

**Highlighters**

# Fees



**All of our fees are divided over a 12 month subscription. For your convenience and to make it easier to budget, we add 37 weeks worth of class fees together and divide into 12 equal payments.**

**Our associates course is 12 monthly payments of £180 per month**

**Enrolment fee applies for students not currently attending Dramalam Performing Arts. Our current enrolment fee is £30 for new students and then £25 each August for returning students.**

**Fees do not include performances or exams and these additional events will require additional payments to participate in, however plenty of notice will be given to outline what these are.**

# The next year on this course



**Wondering what the next year will look like on this course?**

**Our focus is to deliver training and up skill the students in their performing arts, while empowering them with confidence building, personal development, teamwork and skills to research new material and build their repertoire.**

**Associates students will be a part of our summer showcase and winter pantomime, and we plan to have our first dedicated Associates showcase in Spring 2026.**

**Any exam sessions will be decided throughout the next year, as we continue to assess the students progress and capabilities before submitting them for any syllabus exams in any of their genres.**

# Are you ready to get started?



If you love the sound of this course and would love your young performer to be a part of this, please join our waiting list on Class4Kids and we will send you out audition information soon!

Join Associates waiting list at the link below

## Junior Musical Theatre Associates Waiting List

