

OUR CLASSES

O'Hanlon Stage School runs weekly dance and drama classes for children of all ages from 4 to 18 in locations right across Dublin, including Terenure, Cabinteely, Stillorgan, Castleknock and Firhouse. These typically run in parallel with the school term and break during the longer holiday intervals, such as mid-term, Christmas, etc.

Tinkerbells & Peter Pans (4-5)

This is our introduction class. Within this class, students develop communication skills, rhythm, song words, imagination and mime. This is an upbeat, high energy class to keep up with their active, fast moving minds. It includes dances to all the popular Disney and pop tunes.

Thumbelinas & Pirates (6-7)

Beginning structure and class layout. Within this class our students start learning the basic structure of a performing arts class. We introduce poetry, group exams, hip hop & improvisation. The students also play a variety of games in order to develop listening skills, communication skills and discover their natural creativity.

Poppies (8-9)

Students begin class with a high energy and full stretch warm up. Within the warm up, they start basic ballet techniques, e.g. positions of the feet and spotting. We also introduce lyrical dance. Students learn formations in dance, harmony in singing and they begin working with scripts.

Sunflowers (10-13)

Classes start with an intense warm up and stretch routine. They learn pirouette, splits & many across the floor combinations. Students begin creating dances. Theatre trips & guest tutors are introduced. Students play memory games to help develop skills in memorising. They learn how to devise a script. Broadway tap, and jazz funk are also enjoyed.

Roses (14-18)

Students have the opportunity to participate in our London trips, along with various dance workshops. Students will be learning all various styles of dance. Students perform for a week in our shows. They will be introduced to popping, jazz, hip hop, and make-up skills. This class is split up so it is suitable for all standards.

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My school is one of Dublin's longest running Stage Schools. I have had the great pleasure of working with children of all ages for the last 30 years. It has been with great pride that I have watched my past pupils go on to perform on the West End and star in television and film. I love the excitement the children bring to the school. And I look forward to our continued success well into the future.



"Emer and her amazing team have given all their pupils the confidence to achieve and a self-belief that will stand to them always. As a 'Dance Mom', I have had the privilege of experiencing the excitement and the 'adrenalin pumping' enthusiasm of their performances on stage. We, as a family, have loved every minute of our time with The O'Hanlon Stage School and look forward to many more!"

EVENTS

As well as the weekly dance classes run in conjunction with the school timetable, O'Hanlon Stage School also run a number of other events throughout the year which are worthy of mention. These include an annual London Trip for our seniors which takes place every February; individual and group examinations with the Irish Board of Speech and Drama; an annual Summer Performing Arts School which takes place each July; and our Biennial Show - an opportunity for every one of our students to perform in a leading Irish theatre.

Annual London Trip

Each year our senior students have the opportunity to embark into the professional world of musical theatre and dance in one of the world's capitals for entertainment. They enjoy a jam-packed weekend, meeting musical theatre legends, dancing with the stars in Pineapple Dance studios, and exploring the city of London. The students gain so much experience and knowledge throughout the trip, not to forget the fun and laughter from the moment they say goodbye to their parents until the moment they say hello again on their return.

Musical Theatre Examinations

Students have the opportunity to do their Musical Theatre exams each year with the Irish Board of Speech and Drama. We offer a variety of exam options including solo, duet and group exams. We encourage all students to take part in group exams in order to gain confidence, so they can go forth in doing solo or duet exams in the future.

Our Biennial Show

Among the real highlights for all students is our biennial show - an opportunity for all students to take part in a major production in a leading Irish theatre. All students participate fully, with each child enjoying several appearances on stage, allowing for a very enjoyable evening for parent and child alike. With their tap & jazz shoes in hand and a colourful array of costumes complete with sequins, satin, tulle - precious memories are made for students, teachers and parents that they will keep with them always. And students come away with a new air of confidence and belief in themselves.

Summer Camps

Kick-start your summer with one of our action packed weeks of performing arts. From tots to teens we provide a safe, calm, encouraging programme for the month of July in various locations across Dublin. Our summer camps are carefully devised by our wonderfully talented team of teachers in order to give your child an exciting fun-filled week of dancing, singing, acting and much, much more.

