



Welcome to

The British Association  
of Teachers of Dancing

London Region

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## **Introduction**

### **Welcome to the B.A.T.D. London Region**

The B.A.T.D. was founded in 1892 by dance teachers like you, with the aim of promoting the art of dancing. This paper sets out a brief summary of how the London Region fulfils this objective. One essential ingredient for success, however, is you. By joining us and participating in Regional meetings, we are able to better understand your needs. You can also benefit from the support of like-minded colleagues.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Finnegan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Pat Finnegan London Region Chairperson

## **The British Association of Teachers of Dancing**

The British Association of Teachers of Dancing was founded in 1892 to “*promote the art of dancing*” and to “*assist members of this association in times of distress*” (BATD Rule 3).

To assist in achieving these objectives the Association is divided into Regions. Each Region has a committee made up of elected members. The Regional Committee provides the connection between members and the Executive Council of the Association by holding Regional meetings open to all members of that region.

The B.A.T.D. is represented on: the Scottish Official Board of Highland Dancing; the Council for Dance, Education and Training; the Sport and Recreation Alliance and the British Dance Council. This enables you, through the B.A.T.D., to put forward proposals at a Regional level that can have widespread influence.

**The BATD is a CDET validated awarding organization**

## The London Region

The London Region holds two meetings annually, the first Sunday in July and the last Sunday in November. These meetings are open to all London Region members and are an excellent way to meet other members and find out what is happening in your Association and your Region.

These Regional meetings are held to:

- provide a forum for members to discuss and bring to the attention of the Association issues of concern
- elect Regional Committee members
- propose members to stand for election to the Executive Council, Technical Committees and Officers of the Association
- propose changes to Association Rules and Bye-Laws
- discuss current issues and concerns affecting members
- update members on rule and bye-law changes
- update members on changes to syllabi and new work
- advise on forthcoming lectures, workshops and other events organised by the Regional Committee
- present report on Annual Conference
- present report from Executive Council meeting minutes

The meeting agenda includes an opportunity for members to question the committee on issues of concern, to suggest future Professional Development lectures or to suggest other events.

The meetings also cover:

- the Secretary's report, that will highlight notices from Head Office advising of new work, any changes in syllabi or changes to the Association Rules or Bye Laws
- the Treasurer's report on the Region's finances
- the presentation of the Region's future Events Calendar and reports on the events that have already taken place and to invite feedback

The July meeting also elects the Region's Committee for the forthcoming year. The Regional Committee also holds its own committee meetings.

In November the meeting discusses, and votes on, the London Region's proposals for Nominations and Propositions to be submitted to the Association's Annual Conference. Members are invited to nominate Officers of the Association, members of the Executive Council and Technical Committees. Members will then vote to select any nominations the Region wishes to submit to Conference or any amendments to the Association's Rules and Bye Laws. *Please note that for the Technical Committees only members qualified in the relevant branch may vote.*

## **London Region Committee**

The committee is made up as follows:

**Officers:**

Chairperson  
Vice Chairperson  
Secretary  
Treasurer

**Committee:**

Representatives from:  
Stage and Ballet Branch  
Ballroom and Latin Branch  
Highland Branch  
Sequence  
Freestyle and Cheer Pom

Members of this Committee are elected annually at the July Regional meeting. There are four meetings of the Committee every year.

These meetings are to:

- discuss and, where appropriate, act on issues raised by members at Regional Meetings
- organize the Regional Meetings open to all regional members
- present ad-hoc feedback from members' correspondence
- review any report of members in distress
- arrange presentations to members of new work
- arrange lectures pertinent to members' professional development
- run fund-raising events to help finance professional development lectures and other events

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## Diary of Events

### 2015

- 11<sup>th</sup> October**                    **Highland Festival** – St Aubyns School, Bunces Lane, Woodford Green, Essex, IG8 9DU  
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- 8<sup>th</sup> November**                    **Stage Dance Festival** – Civic Theatre, Blackshots Lane, Grays, Essex, RM16 2JU.  
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- 22<sup>nd</sup> November**                **Teachers' Workshop and CPD Day – BATD Members only.**  
Danceworld Studios, 14 Hornsby Square, Southfields Business Park, Laindon, Essex, SS15 6SD  
Grades 1&2 and Bronze; Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern, Acro/Gymnastic.  
Examination Protocol/Question & Answer Session  
**Pre registration only** - telephone Head Office on 0141 427 3699
- 29<sup>th</sup> November**                **Regional Meeting – all BATD teachers are invited**  
Pineapple Studios, 7 Langley Street, Covent Garden, London, WC2H 9JA  
Contact: [batdsecretary.londonregion@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:batdsecretary.londonregion@hotmail.co.uk)  
Including a 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Tap Workshop with Graeme Henderson Company.

### 2016

- 20<sup>th</sup> March**                    **New BATD Street Syllabus Lecture – with Zac Healey**  
Urdang Academy, The Old Finsbury Town Hall, Rosebury Ave, London EC1R 4RP  
**BATD Members only. Participation only – no spectators**  
Contact: Head Office 0141 427 3699
- 24<sup>th</sup> April**                    **Committee Meeting** – committee members only
- 3<sup>rd</sup> July**                    **Regional Meeting – all BATD teachers are invited**  
Danceworld Studios, 14 Hornsby Square, Southfields Business Park, Laindon, Essex, SS15 6SD  
Contact: [batdsecretary.londonregion@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:batdsecretary.londonregion@hotmail.co.uk)  
Including a Teachers' Workshop covering New Ballet work and Acro - to be confirmed
- 25<sup>th</sup> September**                **Committee Meeting** – committee members only
- October**                    **Highland Festival** – date to be confirmed  
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- November**                    **Stage Dance Festival** – date to be confirmed  
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- 27<sup>th</sup> November**                **Regional Meeting – all BATD teachers are invited**  
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Including a Teachers' Workshop – to be confirmed

[www.batd.co.uk](http://www.batd.co.uk) Find us on **Facebook: The BATD London Region Events**

*Whilst every effort is made to run advertised lectures, the BATD London Region reserve the right to make changes. Where changes are unavoidable these will be advertised at the earliest opportunity.*