

KALEIDOSCOPE  
Dance Studios



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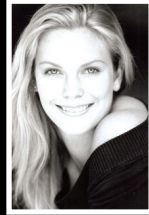
Kaleidoscope Dance Studios is a vibrant and dynamic company that provides high quality dance, drama and musical theatre classes for Children through to adults. We offer a varied number of classes that range from traditional ballet classes through to innovative musical theatre workshops.

All Kaleidoscope staff are professional, highly qualified, first aid trained and DBS checked. We are very proud to offer a service of high level teaching and all staff members are carefully selected for each teaching role by Katie Walford.

Kaleidoscope Dance Studios can provide a tailored package that suits individual establishments and can be flexible to differing timetables. Kaleidoscope Students also benefit from having the opportunity to study for their professional Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing teaching qualifications with our team.

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## MEET THE PRINCIPAL & PATRON



**Katie Walford** opened Kaleidoscope Dance Studios in 2003 in Marlow and has since grown the school with the help of a very dedicated team. Katie trained at Redroofs Theatre School in Maidenhead as a child and gained her professional ISTD teaching exams and graduated with 'Student of the Year' Award in 1998.

She has worked in many vocational schools and colleges including The Royal Academy of Dance, London on the degree course training prospective dancers for their ISTD teaching qualifications.

### GUEST LECTURERS

We have guest lecturers who visit the school on a regular basis. Our professional lecturers have vast experience in the world of the arts and enjoy passing on their expert knowledge.



### PATRON

Golden Globe, Emmy and BAFTA winner **Joanne Froggatt** is Kaleidoscope Dance Studios patron. Joanne has been patron of the school since it opened in 2003 and visits as often as possible between her professional engagements. Joanne loves to share her passion for performing with our Kaleidoscope students and in turn inspires them!

## CLASSES AVAILABLE

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- ▶▶ Baby Boppers
  - ▶▶ Fabulous Fairy
  - ▶▶ Magical Adventures
  - ▶▶ Ballet
  - ▶▶ Tap
  - ▶▶ Jazz
  - ▶▶ Street Dance
  - ▶▶ Cheerleading
  - ▶▶ Musical Theatre
  - ▶▶ Adult Tap
  - ▶▶ Adult Jazz
  - ▶▶ ISTD Teaching Training
  - ▶▶ Singing
  - ▶▶ Drama
  - ▶▶ LAMDA Exam Classes



## WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU

We are able to work closely with you to incorporate our dance classes into your curriculum. Many schools use our company to enhance their PE programme or help enrich their expressive, design and art curriculum in the early years outline. We are able to adapt to your school.

We have worked with the following schools:

- ▶▶ St John's Priory, Banbury
- ▶▶ Oratory Preparatory School, Reading
- ▶▶ Sibford School, Sibford Gower
- ▶▶ Dragon School, Oxford
- ▶▶ Dair House School, Beaconsfield
- ▶▶ St Edwards School, Oxford
- ▶▶ Rupert House School, Henley-on-Thames
- ▶▶ St Piran's School, Maidenhead

## PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Kaleidoscope Dance Studios is proud to be affiliated with the Ann Koska Agency based in Pinewood Studios. Many of our students have been given the opportunity to work in films, TV, commercials and theatre productions. All Kaleidoscope students have the option to join the agency if they wish.

## SHOWTIME!

All Kaleidoscope Dance Studios pupils get the opportunity to perform on stage each year, in either our biannual show or medal assessments. The KDS team strongly believe each student should be encouraged to perform on stage regularly as it helps to promote self confidence and attain a good standard of technique. Performing in a show is a great experience for all involved and will inspire young budding performers to fulfil their dream! Performance experience is a valuable life skill and we feel it should be nurtured from a young age. We regularly perform in both local and national theatres.

## MEDAL ASSESSMENTS

Each student who attends the 'Star Squad' classes are invited to take part in our annual medal assessment day. The assessments take place at local venues and are adjudicated by external professionals. Each student performs a short 'number' that they have perfected in class during the term. All performers will receive a grade and a medal for their hard work. The emphasis of the medal assessments are on fun and to give students extra performing experience. Medal assessment days are a positive experience and are not compulsory.

## EXAMINATIONS

Students taking Ballet, Tap and Modern Theatre classes have the opportunity to take Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing examinations when they have attained the required standard. When enrolling into the Kaleidoscope Dance Studios, your child will be placed into the most suitable class for their age and ability and will start work on the set syllabi. Examinations are a great way of gauging progress and students can benefit greatly from experiencing personal achievement. Examinations are not compulsory, but students are not permitted to move on to the next grade without achieving a proficient standard.

## COMPETITIONS

The Kaleidoscope Dance Studios team believes that it is important for all students to take part in regular competitions - amateur and professional. A gradual advance in size of competition allows our 'little stars' time to grow on the big stage.

Different styles of dance will be graded by a guest panel of qualified instructors.

## TESTIMONIALS

My daughter Jessie has been dancing with Katie since she was 2 1/2 .Katie is fantastic, she covers a wide variety of dancing classes and her enthusiasm and genuine affection for the children shines through . As a result, all the children thoroughly enjoy the lessons. The children are always fully prepared for their exams and my daughter recently achieved a distinction in her modern dancing exam. I can't recommend Katie highly enough.

*Louise Young*

Katie has taught all three of my children and each has found a joy in her classes. Fairy make believe, fancy street moves and raucous imaginary play have all been wonderful experiences for the kids! They have loved their time with Katie and learned so much. She is an amazing teacher and a great communicator with the children.

*Cara Lari*

I have three children and I have found Kaleidoscope Dance Studios fantastic. We have done a range of activities from 1 day workshops, tap dance and baby boppers class and summer shows to name but a few. Katie and her team are wonderful - very helpful, kind and most importantly fun! I would thoroughly recommend them.

*Elizabeth Williams*

Katie's teaching ability and expertise and the excellent rapport she has with all children make her an asset to any teaching team. She worked with us for many years at Redroofs School for the Performing Arts and we were sorry to lose her due to relocation.

*Carolyn Mayling, Redroofs School for the Performing Arts*

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Miss Katie's classes are second to none. She is an inspirational teacher and all of my four children have enjoyed her classes whilst developing many physical skills and gained much self confidence. She is also incredibly proactive and is constantly organising dance or choreographic competitions and shows. These range from the school theatre to huge productions at the Oxford New Theatre. She is a very caring person and always shows kindness and compassion to all the children. I cannot recommend anyone more than Miss Katie to teach dance at schools.

*Brigitte Dowssett*

Thank you Katie for teaching my daughter. She has found your classes extremely creative and fun. I think you are a very talented teacher who has inspired my little girl. You are committed and driven by your passion for dance and performance which is clearly seen through your enthusiasm and in turn this is infectious Your energy and confidence is highly motivating and engaging. Your knowledge and understanding of dance is exceptional.

*Dawn White*

I have two children aged 2 and 5 years, who have undertaken a variety of classes with Katie, including drama, musical theatre and baby boppers . Firstly and most importantly both have really enjoyed all the classes they have undertaken but what I have been most amazed about is how their confidence has soared. Katie has the right mix of discipline whilst allowing the children to be in a loving and caring environment.

*Sarah Cato*

My daughter has thoroughly enjoyed her baby boppers classes and it has improved her confidence. Katie provides a wonderful imaginative world for the Children to explore. Neither of us can resist a boogy to 'Up Town Funk' anymore either!

*Emma Watson*

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