

# JSD



## DANCE & MUSICAL THEATRE

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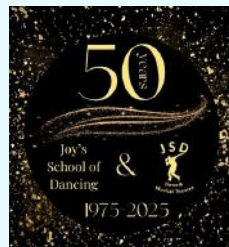


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# JSD is 50!



Scan the QR code to see our website!



In September 1975, Joyce Battershall opened 'Joy's School of Dancing', running the dance school for 31 fabulous years until she retired, handing the reins to Julie McAuley & Julie Sage. When Julie Sage retired from the dance school in 2013, the baton was passed to Gemma Walczyk. Fifty years since that first class, lovingly renamed JSD Dance & Musical Theatre in 2013, *our* dance school continues to go from strength to strength, continuing the legacy that Joyce created. We continue to be family friendly, fun & inclusive; we want our JSD family to be kind, to grow in confidence and self-esteem, to find happiness and life-long friends - *just like we have!*

Our thanks go to our amazing team of staff over the years, in particular Anna, Jackie & Zoe, who all contribute to the success of our school in the present. We extend our thanks & gratitude to Hannah for her hard work & friendship for the past five years. We wish her the best of luck as she leaves JSD to pursue her performing career.

Finally, we welcome back Michelle, a former student & class helper, who graduated at Masters Performing Arts College and danced professionally. Now a married and a Mummy, Michelle is keen to get back into dancing and even finds time to perform with "am drams" in local theatres.

Michelle joins us on Saturday classes.

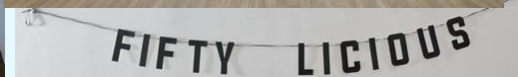


## 50th ANNIVERSARY SHOWCASE

**Well done to all of our students who performed in our 50th Anniversary Showcase at the Civic Hall in June; what an amazing weekend!**

For our performers & their families, we hope you have now downloaded and watched the show; if you do wish to purchase a DVD or Blu-Ray, these can be ordered direct from **All Media Works**. Please visit [www.allmediaworks.co.uk](http://www.allmediaworks.co.uk), using the code JSD.

**Carmel Jane Photography** also took some excellent photos. If you have not yet bought portrait or live show photos, please visit [www.carmeljane.gotphoto.co.uk/login](http://www.carmeljane.gotphoto.co.uk/login) and enter login code: JSD24.



## 50th ANNIVERSARY REUNION

On Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September we held our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reunion at Ingrebourne Links. Not only an amazing venue with fantastic views, but the space was fit for a *proper* JSD party! Celebrating our dance school running for fifty successful years, we partied with Principals, staff & students, all past and present and even managed to remember some old routines! Keep your eyes peeled for more 50<sup>th</sup> celebrations as 2025 continues!



### OUR NEXT SHOW WILL BE A MUSICAL THEATRE PRODUCTION!

At The Ellis Theatre,  
Gateway Academy, Tilbury  
**Saturday 4th July 2026**  
Matinee & Evening Performance

**SAVE THE DATE IN YOUR DIARIES!**  
More details to follow...

### CHARITY FUNDRAISING AT JSD 2024 - 2025

World Autism Acceptance Month 2025 - £694.78  
Annual donation to Great Ormond Street Hospital  
from pre-loved uniform sales - £330.00  
50th Anniversary Showcase charities collection -  
Winston's Wish £1,074.52 & Place 2 Be £1,074.52

**Total charitable donations from JSD in 2025 =  
£3,173.82**



## UPCOMING FUNDRAISING EVENTS... MORE TO FOLLOW



### HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR!

At Brenda Blakemore Community Centre,  
Rainham RM13 9LJ

Games, prizes, tombola, arts & crafts,  
face-painting & refreshments!

**PLUS Halloween Fancy Dress Competition!**  
EVERYONE WELCOME - FREE ENTRY

Friday 31st  
October  
2025  
10.00am to  
12.00pm



### Tea & Cake Sale



At St Laurence Church Hall (main hall), Upminster  
RM14 2BB

Refreshments (including homemade pastries & cakes),  
hot & cold beverages, raffle, Fluff & Stuff and facepainting!

**EVERYONE WELCOME—FREE ENTRY.**

PLUS The Great JSD Bake Off and a special performance  
from our Musical Theatre students!

Saturday  
1st  
November  
2025  
10.15am  
to  
4.00pm

## FUNDRAISING WEEKEND: 31<sup>ST</sup> OCT-1<sup>ST</sup> NOV!

# MEDAL PRESENTATION

**Saturday 25th April 2026 at the Civic Hall, Grays RM16 2JU**

7.00pm—10.30pm (licenced bar)

Tickets £16.50 (Adult or Child) / £12.50 (for JSD students)

AN EVENING OF ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! ALL STUDENTS, FROM OUR TOTS TO OUR TEENS,  
ARE WELCOME! THERE WILL BE DANCE DISPLAYS FROM OUR STUDENTS, FUN DANCES FOR EVERYONE TO  
LEARN AND, THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING, WILL BE A FANTASTIC DISPLAY FROM A PROFESSIONAL  
DANCING COUPLE, THE AMAZING CHRISTIAN & OLIVIA SKIBSRUD!

THE NIGHT WILL FINISH WITH A DISCO WHERE YOU CAN SHOW US YOUR OWN MOVES!

TICKETS FOR THIS POPULAR EVENT WILL GO ON SALE NEXT YEAR!

*More details to follow*

## CONTACT US!

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### OUTGROWN UNIFORM??

If your child has outgrown  
JSD uniform which is still in  
good condition, please  
donate to our second hand  
box for someone else to  
wear with love! All money  
donated in exchange for  
uniform will be sent the  
Great Ormond Street  
Hospital next Summer!



### FREE TRIAL FOR NEW STUDENTS!

Anyone who would like to  
join JSD, or any students in  
Stars or Advanced who  
would like to try Musical  
Theatre, are entitled to a  
free trial.

Please speak to Gemma or  
Julie, or speak to our  
admin assistants on class!

Please see our website for all class times, diary dates, terms & conditions, uniform information and much more.

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