

Summer *Bal à la Française*

Friday January 10

6.30pm-9.30pm - North Sydney



An Invitation to all...

EDC supporters, students past and present, family and friends are all invited to come along to the usual venue for a summer *Bal à la Française*.

A way to round off the course, catch up with friends, see some of the dances taught, and join in some great dancing for all (no experience needed).

Cool clothing recommended, dancing shoes essential. Please bring a plate of simple finger food to share and/or something non-alcoholic to drink.

Hope to see you there ~ Fiona & John.



Entry adults \$15, children \$5

S' il vous plaît RSVP by Wednesday 8 January

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2014 Summer Course
in *French dance* of the

Renaissance
& *Baroque*



January 8-10

North Sydney



& Summer Ball

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2014 Summer Course

French Renaissance & Baroque Dance

Wednesday 8 - Friday 10 January

2014 marks The Early Dance Consort's fifth annual Summer Course in Renaissance & Baroque Dance.

This time our theme is French, for France was the cradle of European courtly dance. The earliest dance treatise is in French; the oldest printed book on dancing was published in Paris. The great French King, Louis XIV, established the first Royal Academy of Dance, ensuring that dances from his court set the tone across Europe and its colonies for more than a century. And of course France has left us with the enduring tradition of classical ballet, a pinnacle of artistic achievement in the world of western dance.

Characterised by an easy elegance, noble air and gracious manners, the dances of the French court have developed as a refined expression of the union of masculine and feminine virtues.



Course details

The **Renaissance dance course** traces French dances from the early *basse danse* of 15th century Burgundian court to the colourful and varied repertoire of provincial & aristocratic dance as described by Thoinot Arbeau in the later 16th century.

The **Baroque dance course** will focus on the noble dance style developed at the court of Louis XIV. Elegant, disciplined & musically precise, exploration of the key French baroque dances reveals unique insights into the aesthetics, manners, music & technique which laid the foundations of classical ballet.

Each day there will be a pair of morning Renaissance sessions & one afternoon Baroque session. They can be taken separately or combined. Students new to early dance are encouraged to attend the Wednesday sessions, which introduce steps & terms used subsequently. Dances range from sedate to energetic, and each session will include warm-up exercises, deportment, steps, movements and dance figures.

Venue 181 Blues Point Road, North Sydney. a short walk south down Blues Point Rd from North Sydney Station (on Blue St), Hall is on left-hand-side just before you reach the Lavender Street intersection.

Requirements No previous dance experience is required, nor do you need to bring a partner.

What to wear Light comfortable clothes to give freedom of movement. Flexible, well-secured shoes, preferably without a rubber sole - flat shoes for Renaissance (e.g. ballet flats, jazz shoes or lightweight street shoes); heeled shoes for Baroque (small heels 1cm-4cm high) & straps or laces recommended.

Light refreshments provided for morning tea. Please bring plenty of drinking water, and if staying for the day be prepared to bring or buy lunch (there are shops & take-aways nearby).

Enrolment

Please download an enrolment form from website, or ask for one to be sent by mail, email or fax, complete and post. Payment by cheque/money order or direct deposit (see enrolment form). Early-bird rates offered up to December 16. Phone, sms or email if you require further information, and see earlydanceconsort.com.au for more details about the course, evening classes & other activities.

Daily Schedule 8-10 Jan, 2014

9.15am – 9.30am	Register/Warm-up
9.30am-11.00am	Renaissance Dance Session A
11.00am-11.15am	Morning Tea (provided)
11.15am-12.45pm	Renaissance Dance Session B
12.45pm-1.45pm	LUNCH (BYO)
1.45pm-3.45pm	Baroque Dance Session C

COURSE FEES	Early-bird*	Full Price
Full Course (3 Days + Ball)	\$160.00	\$180.00
Whole Day (3 sessions)	\$75.00	\$80.00
3 Mornings (6 sessions)	\$115.00	\$125.00
3 Afternoons (3 sessions)	\$85.00	\$90.00
Morning (2 sessions)	\$50.00	\$55.00
Afternoon session each	\$30.00	\$35.00
Ball Tickets—Adults	\$10.00	\$15.00
Ball Tickets—Children	\$5.00	\$5.00

* **Early-bird rates up to 16 December 2013**