

PREP STEPS

WITH ELMHURST BALLET SCHOOL



Mary Walsh BA (Hons) Ballet Education LRAD ARAD RTS

Mary studied at the Royal Academy of Dance headquarters in London and graduated with a BA (Hons) in Ballet Education. Whilst there she also completed the Licentiate of the RAD and, on successfully achieving her Advanced 2 exam, was awarded LRAD status as well as being invited to become an Associate of the RAD.

Mary has taught Ballet and Contemporary dance in schools in Ireland, Germany, Australia, Scotland, Hong Kong, New Zealand and currently in England preparing students for performances, competitions, contemporary exams and RAD ballet exams. She has recently taken up a role at Elmhurst Ballet School working on their Young Dancers programme and teaching the RAD vocational syllabus to the school's full time students.

She started dancing with Corrib Dance Academy in Galway, Ireland, at a young age where she completed many ballet and modern exams as well as gaining performance experience. She was a founding member of Youth Ballet West and was invited to perform as an apprentice dancer with professional company Cathy Sharpe Dance Ensemble in Switzerland and Chrysalis Dance, with whom she toured Ireland.

Since graduating she has been invited to perform as a guest artist with Youth Ballet West and has worked as rehearsal assistant to the company as well as having toured Western Australia working with Perth City Ballet's Be Active scheme, performing for children in underprivileged schools to introduce them to dance. Mary looks forward to meeting her new students at the Blue Coat School.