



# Teacher Profile

# Miss Jo

## Bio

Jo started ballet at the tender age of 2yrs old. She took her dancing seriously from the age of 7yrs when she began to train in RAD ballet, ISTD tap & Modern as well as competing in local and national dance competitions. She soon went on to become the All England champion in several dance disciplines before the age of 15.

At the age of 12, Jo began training with The Royal Academy of Dance in Battersea twice a week, in addition to her other dance training in Tap, Modern, American Jazz & Singing. By the time Jo was 14 she had been accepted to train with The Royal Ballet School and was then dancing 7 days a week.

## Teaching & Qualifications

At 15 Jo was offered a place to train with the Royal Ballet full time at the school in central London on the Teacher Training and Dancer programme. After 2 years she graduated with several dance teaching qualifications including a Royal Ballet foundation teaching Diploma (fDipRBSTTC), Royal Academy of Dance Registered Teacher status (RADRTS) and her Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance Modern Theatre Associate (AISTD).

Jo went on to complete her teaching credentials with exceptional tutor and examiner of the ISTD, Elizabeth Harrison. Achieving all 3 of her professional ISTD ballet exams with Distinction in under a year as well as 3 additional ISTD teaching associates in Imperial Ballet, Tap & National. All of Jo's ISTD teaching credentials were upgraded in 2007 to Diploma's in Dance Education.

## Professional Career:

- 'The Spirit' in Spirit of the Dance- USA, UK, Europe & Turkey,
- Dance Captain for Jean Ann Ryan Productions USA, Caribbean, USA & Canada, Dancer & Singer
- P&O cruises: Caribbean, Singer.
- New Fixation: UK, Various
- Pantomimes: UK. Bobby Dazzler- Sadler's Wells London.

**Jo has also appeared in a variety of TV shows including:**

- Noel Edmonds' Are you Smarter than a 10yr old, Channel 4.
- Jenny Powell's Wordplay, Channel 5.