

Jane Austen Dancing



Frequently asked questions

Q – Do I have to wear historical clothing at the balls?

No! We encourage it, but it's optional.

Q – Do I need a partner?

Absolutely not. We are a friendly group, and all ask newcomers to dance.

Q – Does this dance form involve leading and following?

No. Everyone does the same things.

Q – Do I have to attend the pre-ball dance workshop?

If you're new to this dance form, yes. If you've done it before but lack practice, probably yes. If you fit either of those categories, or aren't sure, it's best to check with us.

Q – Can I bring children to your dance events?

Often the answer is yes. Motivated children seven and up, who can focus on the instructions and manage the figures, typically have a wonderful time and are a joy to have around. We hold occasional Family Dances as well.

Q – Is there a lot of fancy footwork?

No, and the emphasis for JAD events is on having fun rather than being perfect. When we're doing something more challenging, such as a ball or dance workshop for advanced dancers, that is clearly stated ahead of time.

Q – Are there any discounts?

Yes! Youth, students, seniors, [JASNA](#) members, and members of community history organizations such as [Town of York Historical Society](#), [York Pioneers](#), [Ontario Historical Society](#), etc, are all eligible for a 10% discount. For my naval history event, veterans and current members of the forces are also eligible for the discount. Families get a break too! (Just get in touch and ask.)

Q – If I do decide to dress up, where can I get an outfit?

If you want to go up-scale, you can rent from the wonderful costume warehouse [Malabar](#) (and they give us a discount). If your budget is more modest, you can get something from us or put together your own outfit (not as hard as you might think).

Some people make their own, some people buy from sewers who specialize in making these clothes for our community. If you'd like more information about any of these options, please [contact us](#).

Q – What is modern English Country dancing?

Modern ECD uses the full range of repertoire, formations and figures dating from the earliest published dances of the 1600s to new tunes and choreographies written today. The dress code is usually modern. [Toronto English Country Dancers](#) is a modern ECD group that dances at Bloor and Spadina virtually every weekend from fall through late spring, then moves to High Park for the summer (dancing there on fine Sunday afternoons).

Q –Do you ever do events outside Toronto?

Yes! You can hire us for modern or historical dance workshops, lectures, and balls, public or private. We are available for weddings, parties, coming-out balls and community events, can provide live music, and also design historical gowns.

Contact us for more information, and follow us on TWITTER: @janeaustendance,
@yorkregencysociety, and @1812dance!

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Toronto English Country Dancers
(modern English Country dance)

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