

JANE AUSTEN BIRTHDAY BALL

Saturday, December 16

Historic Heliconian Club

35 Hazelton Ave

A beginner-friendly ball, with an afternoon workshop for those newer to English Country dancing. No partner required.

Dress code: historical clothing is encouraged, but optional. Regency makeover included for both ladies and gentlemen, but I also have modestly priced garments are available for rent.



Jane Austen loved to dance, and she was born on December 16, 1775. What better way to celebrate her birthday than a ball? Our re-enactment of a Regency ball features a pre-ball dance workshop, clothing and hair makeover for those needing an outfit for the evening, live music, elegant historic venue and Austen-era refreshments.

No partner or dance experience needed, but the pre-ball basics workshop is prerequisite for those newer to English Country Dancing. The workshop is friendly and fun, no matter what your skill level. All welcome!

Historical clothing optional, but warmly encouraged. You can put together your own Regency look using your own closet (by attending the afternoon clothing and hair makeover session), rent from [Malabar](#) if you feel like splurging (and they give us a discount), or ask us: we have gowns, breeches and men's shirts for rent, \$20-35.

VENUES

Afternoon – Clothing and hair session, dance workshop: [Trinity St Paul's Centre](#), 427 Bloor St W one block west of Spadina subway.

Evening – Ball with live music and refreshments: [Heliconian Hall](#), 35 Hazelton Ave in Yorkville

SCHEDULE

2 - 3.15 – Registration and Regency clothing and hair session for gentlemen and ladies, at Trinity St Paul's.

3.30-5 – Fun and friendly pre-ball dance workshop (required for dancing at the ball if you are newer to English Country Dancing), at [Trinity St Paul's](#).

5 - 7 – Break – Go and enjoy your dinner!

7 – Evening registration, dressing and warm-up, at the [Heliconian Hall](#).

8 - 10.30 – Dancing by the fire to live music with elegant refreshments, toasts to Miss Austen, and door prizes!

COST

Pre-registration is required, and payment can be made either by cheque or electronic transfer.

Ball package (includes both afternoon workshops, ball and refreshments): \$55 / \$45 students and seniors. **Ball-only tickets** for experienced English or Scottish Country Dancers (available only by prior arrangement): \$35 / \$30. If you're not sure where your experience level fits, please check with us.

Gift certificates available!