



The Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance (JAMD) is Israel's premiere academic institution in the fields of creation, performance and the teaching of music and dance. It offers undergraduate and graduate degrees in both music and dance. The Academy strives for excellence in artistic expression and has become a world-renowned academic institution. Its graduates and faculty members are among Israel's leading musicians and dancers, contributing to the local cultural scene and representing the country internationally.

The Jerusalem Academy of Music and Dance (JAMD), like many leading schools of music in the world, is also a national asset aimed at enhancing the cultural life of all Israelis. The Academy initiates and operates numerous programs designed to bring quality music and dance to the general public. Among them it established the External Studies Institute. The Institute provides opportunity to lovers of music and dance, with or without formal training, to benefit from the impressive teaching resources available through JAMD. Sorina Dinur, a veteran JAMD employee and a graduate of the Academy's Master's program, initiated the Institute and runs it. The Institute has more than 100 students from all walks of Israeli life; some former Academy students, others from the general university and teaching world and pensioners who want to return to an old love of music. To make the classes as accessible as possible they are scheduled for Thursday evenings and Friday mornings so they do not clash with regular work or study hours. Private lessons are set individually with each student.

Existing Study Programs at the Institute

Flexibility is the key to the programs offered by the Institute. Since none of its courses offer a formal degree, classes are created in accordance with the expectations of the participants. The curriculum is designed so that each participant, who may or may not have formal training in music, is given a large variety of choices.

The curriculum includes the following fields:

- **The performing arts:** individual training in voice and different instruments – cello, violin, piano, recorder, percussion, saxophone and others. A second track offers the possibility of working together in vocal and instrumental ensembles (chamber ensembles, choirs, orchestras and others).
- **Music theory and improvisation,** both for beginners and advanced students.
- **Special lectures** are offered on different subjects of classical music, Jazz, World Music and history of dance.
- Trained musicians are offered the possibility of receiving **advanced training.** One of the most popular courses in this study track is in choral conducting.
- For participants who wish to register for **English speaking classes** there are several programs. One is called "the Art of Listening".

Donation Requested

To date the Institute is being operated on income realized exclusively from tuition fees charged to participants. To achieve its goals of reaching a much larger population and offering a more variegated program, the Institute is seeking the support of philanthropic funds. The donation will provide more opportunity to the general population to reunite with a love of music.

For a gift of \$200,000 the donor may name the Institute in perpetuity. The name designated by the donor will appear as the name of the Institute on all JAMD and Institute publications, websites, and programs.



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