

DEBUTANTES AND CAVALIERS APPLICATION FORM

Application Deadline: Midnight, November 21st, 2017



THE 2018 VIENNESE WINTER BALL

Saturday February 10th, 2018

PART I

Applying to be a: Debutante (D) Cavalier (C)

Full Name (Please print) _____

Birth date* _____ School and Grade _____

Email _____

Full Mailing Address _____

Phone number (where you can be reached) _____

PART II

Please write a brief biography of yourself. Include your community service or charity work, your future goals, and your interests. Limit your text to 250 words.

PART III

Please write a brief description on why you would like to participate in this year's Viennese Winter Ball. Limit your text to 250 words.

PART IV

It is mandatory to attend all rehearsals. Please review the following preliminary outline of the rehearsal dates, to ensure you can fulfill the commitment. **Rehearsals will usually be held at the Fred Astaire Dance Studio (149 Second Avenue)**, at the event location and at another location in Ottawa, yet to be determined.

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| 1. Sunday, December 10th (2-5 p.m.) | 5. Sunday, January 28th (2-5 p.m.) |
| 2. Sunday, December 17th (2-5 p.m.) | 6. Sunday, February 4th (2-5 p.m.) |
| 3. Sunday, January 14th (2-5 p.m.) | 7. Friday, February 9th - Dress Rehearsal at the studio at 9 p.m. |
| 4. Sunday, January 21st (2-5 p.m.) | 8. Saturday, February 10th - Dress Rehearsal with Orchestra at 10 a.m. |

PART V

Debutantes and Cavaliers are required to adhere to the dress code required for the Viennese Winter Ball:

CAVALIERS

- Tuxedo (standard black), with white shirt, black bow tie and cummerbund.
- Formal black dress shoes, black socks.
- Wrist-length white formal gloves will be provided.
- Clean cut hairstyle for the evening of the Ball

Approximate Estimated Financial Commitment: \$250

DEBUTANTES

- White full-length formal gown (not off-white or beige (to be approved by the Ball selection committee).
- Long trains are not permitted.
- Long white satin gloves will be provided.
- Formal white shoes with comfortable heel.
- Hair and make-up must be neat and polished. Appointments arranged by the committee.

Approximate Financial Commitment: \$400

PART VI

Agreement, Liability and Media Image Release

- I understand attendance at rehearsals is mandatory.
- I give my permission that any photographs, videos or likenesses of me can and may be used on the website and/or in advertising.
- I also release and discharge The Viennese Winter Ball, Music and Beyond, the Fred Astaire Dance Studio and their employees and affiliates from all liability arising out of, or in connection with, participation in rehearsals, the Ball and promotional events or activities.
- I further realize and understand the potential costs involved with being a debutante or cavalier. I realize that by submitting this entry form, I am making a promise to participate in this event should I be selected to do so.

APPLICANT

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Date _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

Signature _____

Print Name _____

Phone number (where you can be reached) _____

Email _____

Date _____

Please return this form, along with your submissions for Parts II & III, by email to rsvp@viennesewinterball.ca or fax 613.241.8682

Application deadline is Midnight, November 21, 2017.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

For more information please call 613.241.0777

A Canadian twist to an old tradition

The most popular and unique feature of Ottawa's Viennese Winter Ball is the presentation of the Debutantes and Cavaliers in a traditional Polonaise to open the evening. Dressed in floor length white ball gowns and black tuxedos, the young dancers share with ball guests the results of months of hard work and immersion in Austrian culture.

How to Become a Debutante or Cavalier

The Ball looks for up to 15 young cavaliers and 15 young debutantes who would enjoy gaining an important cultural experience. The Ball is more than learning to dance waltzes - it is about appreciating Austrian culture and helping the community through their part in this fundraising event.

The Selection Process

Students meeting the age requirement* from across the city are welcome to submit their application to the Ball Selection Committee. There are two stages to the selection process: applications will be reviewed for completeness and suitability. Those selected for the second stage will be invited to participate in a 10-minute individual interview with the Selection Committee on either December 2 or 3 as well as a group dance session. No previous waltz experience is required. The final selection announcement will be announced the week of December 4th. Please note: Debutantes cannot participate more than once.

* To be eligible, you must be between the ages of 16 & 18 on the date of the Ball (February 10, 2018)

** Candidates may not submit an application without parental or guardian permission.