

Welcome to The Dance Awards ORLANDO 2019 – The Annual Celebration of the Year in Dance! We are honored that you'll be joining us!

Event Location

Hyatt Regency Orlando & Orange County Convention Center

All of our events: the Best Dancer Competition, Pre-Qualifying Competition, Finals Competition, Best Dancer Dance-Off, Studio of the Year Dance-Off, workshop classes and the Closing Awards Show will all take place in the ballrooms located on the Lobby and Convention Levels of the Hyatt Regency Orlando and the 4th Floor of the Orange County Convention Center (which is connected to the Hyatt by a walkway).

Registration

The Dance Awards Registration Desk is located directly outside the WINDERMERE BALLROOM at the Hyatt and will be open for the duration of the event. Registration will take place on **Friday, July 12th from 7:00am-10:30pm**. This is for Studios and Independents ONLY. Best Dancers do not need to check-in, as they will be doing so during their orientation.

Studio Directors & Teachers

NEW THIS YEAR - We will have early registration for all studio directors and teachers on Thursday, July 11th from 7:00-10:00pm. Come say hi, pick up your registration packet at the registration desk outside of the Windermere Ballroom and then join Ray & Mike for an informal orientation in the Florida Ballroom. We will also be serving wine, beer and snacks! We highly recommend at least one studio director or teacher from each studio be in attendance.

Studio Directors and Teachers have reserved seating during all of the competition. Reserved seating will apply whether entered in the competition or not. To find reserved seats please proceed to the front of the audience.

Registered Teachers can observe the Best Dancer Audition Classes; however, they do NOT have access to any Best Dancer rehearsals. Registered Teachers have access to all workshop classes, all the time.

All studios that qualify for complimentary tickets to the Closing Awards Show will receive the tickets at Registration.

All Class Scholarships, Best Dancer Adjudicated Awards and online critique information can be picked up on July 19th after 11am.

Teacher Cocktail Party! On July 13th, all Registered Teachers and Studio Owners are invited to a cocktail party from 9:00pm-11:00pm (Held in the Barrel Spring Ballroom, Hyatt Regency).

After Party! Closing Show After Party! All Registered Teachers and Studio Owners are invited to join Ray & Mike and the faculty for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres immediately following the Closing Show on July 19th from 10:00pm-12:00am (Held in the Orlando Ballroom, Hyatt Regency).

Dressing Rooms

Dressing room space will be available during the competition. Doors to the dressing rooms will open 1 hour before the competition start time each day. Costume racks, make-up cases, etc. are NOT allowed into the ballrooms during the workshop classes.

Competition Music

Please upload all of your music in your Dance360 account no later than **Tuesday, July 2nd**. Please make sure to bring back-up music on an iPod or USB.

Video & Photography

Videotaping, flash photography, photography without flash and SLR cameras (professional grade/detachable lens) are strictly prohibited during the entire event. The use of cell phones to record video or take photos is also strictly prohibited. Parents will be able to purchase videos and photos of the competition and closing show at The Dance Awards' photo and video booth.

Live Webcast

The Dance Awards is happy to provide a free webcast of the Best Dancer Competition, Preliminary Qualifying Competition, Finals Competition, Best Dancer Dance-Off and Studio of the Year Dance-Off!

You will be able to access the webcast through www.TheDanceAwards.com or at www.DanceOnDemand.com. The webcast will go LIVE about five minutes before each start time. Please understand that sometimes we are limited by the internet capabilities of the event's venue. Occasionally we are unable to get a strong enough connection from the venue to do the webcast, or the connection is intermittent. Please be assured we do everything possible to produce a seamless webcast. We apologize in advance if you experience any problems.

Class Scholarships

During the first two days of workshop classes (July 17th & 18th), the faculty will be awarding Class Scholarships to dancers that excel at their particular style. Class Scholarships can be awarded to any dancer, ages 8-19, in the Mini, Junior, Teen & Senior Rooms. **NEW THIS YEAR - All Class Scholarship Winners will be posted on social media the morning of July 19th. Class Scholarships will be in each studio director's packet, so please allow your studio director to pick up all scholarships on July 19th after 11am at the registration desk.**

Tap @ 2 & Tap Jam

From July 14th – 17th all Intermediate/Advanced tap dancers are invited to a special tap class at 2pm each day! These classes will be taught by Mike, Anthony or Nick and on July 18th all three of them will come together for a Tap Jam at 2:30pm!!

Nick's Aladdin Dance Party!

On July 16th at 8:00pm all Mini & Junior dancers are invited to a fun and festive Arabian Nights & Aladdin themed Dance Party! Come dressed in your best Aladdin/Arabian Nights inspired costume and be ready for a night full of dancing and games!

TDA Prom

On July 17th at 9:00pm all Teen and Senior dancers (ages 13+) are invited to TDA Prom! What's more exciting than going to Prom at The Dance Awards?! Grab a date or a friend, get all dressed up and come dance the night away with the TDA faculty!

We will be having a Promposal competition! The dancer that posts the most original Promposal on social media will win a special party for their studio (that will happen back at their home studio) along with a VIP entrance at prom.

Your date to TDA Prom must be a registered teen or senior dancer attending TDA Orlando. You can go with a guy or girl as your date, bring a friend from your studio, bring a friend from another studio or bring someone you meet at TDA!

Keep your eye out for the start of TDA Promposals and search the hashtag #TDAPROM on Instagram. The faculty will also be bringing other faculty as dates and will be doing their own Promposals! Good luck and be creative!

Studio of the Year Dance-Off

The announcement of the Top Five studios that will be competing in the Studio of the Year Dance-Off will take place on Wednesday, July 17th at 3:30pm. These will be the five studios that received the highest combined scores for their 12 nominated routines from the Finals competition.

The Studio of the Year Dance-Off will take place on Thursday, July 18th from 3:30-7:00pm. During the Dance-Off, the Top Five studios will re-compete all 12 of their nominated routines and will be ranked by a special panel of judges. The studio that ranks the highest will be presented with the 2019 Studio of the Year Award and receive \$25,000!! The winner will be announced during the Closing Awards Show on July 19th!

The Closing Awards Show

The Closing Awards Show will take place on July 19th at 6:00pm. Reserved seating tickets are \$75 USD. Tickets are limited and will sell out. **Dress for the show is Formal. Tickets can be purchased online at www.TheDanceAwards.com, starting on Tuesday, June 25th at 12pm PST.**

What's in the Show?

All Teen & Senior Best Dancers will be performing in the Opening and Closing Numbers of The Dance Awards Show. The show will also include the 20 (five from each age division) Best Performance Nominees, the Senior Best Dancer Winners and several special guests! And don't forget... we will be presenting awards in over 30 categories, Studio Award Winners plus the Studio of the Year Winner!

NEW THIS YEAR! - Any studio with 50+ registered dancers and 40+ routines (10 of which must be groups) that is NOT already performing in the Closing Show as a "Best Performance Nominee", will receive a Studio Encore Award. All Studio Encore Award Winners will give an encore performance in the Closing Show of one group routine selected by The Dance Awards judges. Studio Encore Award Winners will be announced on July 16th during the Teen group awards.

PLEASE NOTE: The top five highest scoring Finals group routines, in each age division, will be announced during each individual Finals group award ceremonies. These top five routines, in each age division, are the Best Performance Nominees and will re-compete during the Closing Awards Show. The overall highest scoring PeeWee routine (out of all of the Group, Line, Extended Line and Production divisions) will be announced at the PeeWee group routine awards. That routine will be the PeeWee Best Performance Winner and will perform in the Closing Show! The overall highest scoring Open routine (out of all of the Group, Line, Extended Line and Production divisions) will be announced at the Open group routine awards. That routine will be the Open Best Performance Winner and will perform in the Closing Show!

Finally...

If you have any questions, please email info@thedanceawards.com. Thank you again for supporting us and we'll see you soon!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gil".

Gil Stroming, C.E.O.
Break The Floor Productions



SPECIAL EVENTS ORLANDO JULY 12 - 19, 2019

OPENING NUMBER AUDITIONS & REHEARSALS!

Don't miss the opportunity to perform in the Opening Number of the closing show on July 19th!

**Please note - If you have competition routines scheduled during these auditions, please try and come to as much of the audition as possible! We understand you may need to come late or leave early, that's completely fine!*

SUNDAY, July 14 th 9:00pm-11:00pm	TAP Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Opening Number! Advanced Tappers ONLY please! (Held in MINI Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)
SUNDAY, July 14 th 9:00pm-11:00pm	BALLET Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Opening Number! Advanced dancers ONLY please! (Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)

We are only doing a Tap and Ballet section now, so the auditions will just be for Tap and Ballet. No Ballroom or Hip-Hop. Thanks for your understanding!

TAP @ 2 & TAP JAM!

SUNDAY, July 14 th 2:00pm-3:00pm	Intermediate/Advanced Tap Class w/ Anthony Morigerato! (Held in MINI Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)
MONDAY, July 15 th 2:00pm-3:00pm	Intermediate/Advanced Tap Class w/ Mike Minery! (Held in TEEN Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)
TUESDAY, July 16 th 2:00pm-3:00pm	Intermediate/Advanced Tap Class w/ Nick Young! (Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)
WEDNESDAY, July 17 th 2:00pm-3:00pm	Intermediate/Advanced Tap Class w/ Nick Young! (Held in MINI Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)
THURSDAY, July 18 th 2:30pm-3:15pm	Join Mike, Anthony & Nick for the ultimate Tap Jam! (Held in MINI Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)

NICK'S ALADDIN DANCE PARTY!

TUESDAY, July 16 th 8:00pm-9:00pm	Mini & Juniors ONLY! Come dressed in your best Aladdin & Arabian Nights inspired costume for a fun night of dancing and games! (Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)
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TDA PROM!

WEDNESDAY, July 17 th 9:00pm-11:00pm	Teen & Seniors ONLY! Grab a date, get all dressed up and come dance the night away with the TDA faculty! (Held in TEEN Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)
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PARENT CLASSES!

WEDNESDAY, July 17 th THURSDAY, July 18 th FRIDAY, July 19 th	ALL parents are invited!! No observer band required! It's time to show off your moves! Free parent classes Wednesday, Thursday & Friday! See workshop schedule for details! Also, don't miss out on Mimosas & Grooves with Hector on the last day! (Held in PEEWEE/PARENT Ballroom, Hyatt Regency)
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