

## Best Dancer Title Competition

All Best Dancers will meet in the Teen Ballroom (W415A) on the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor of the Orange County Convention Center, for Check-in, Orientation and Audition Classes. Please see attached schedule for times. Best Dancers do not need to check-in at the main Dance Awards registration desk. You will check-in separately inside the Teen Ballroom. At check-in, you will receive your Gift Bag, personalized Best Dancer Jacket & Scholarship Number. *Please note: All Best Dancer solo music needs to be uploaded into your Dance360 account no later than Tuesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please make sure to bring back-up music on an iPod or USB.*

At the Audition, all competing Teen & Senior Best Dancers will learn a short Jazz & Ballet combo and perform it for the judging panel. Parents are not permitted to observe the Audition Class – only registered Teachers and Studio Owners.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> all competing Teen & Senior Best Dancers will perform their solos. The solo order was selected randomly and can be viewed here: [www.thedanceawards.com/orlando/competition/best-dancer](http://www.thedanceawards.com/orlando/competition/best-dancer)

Each Best Dancer's Audition Class scores will be combined with their solo score to determine the Top 10 Best Dancers (male and female) in each age division. **The announcement of the Top 10 will take place at 3:30pm on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup> and will be immediately followed by the Best Dancer Dance-Off at 4:00pm.**

During the Best Dancer Dance-Off on July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Top 10 dancers (male and female) in each age division will be asked to improvise to random music selected by The Dance Awards. Each Best Dancer's Dance-Off score will be combined with their solo score and audition class score. After the scores are combined the Top 3 dancers will then be announced and they will re-compete their solos at the Dance-Off. The judging panel will then rank the soloists 1-3 which will determine the 2019 Best Dancer Winners and Runners-Up. The announcement of the Winners and Runners-up will happen during The Closing Awards Show on July 19<sup>th</sup>.

**All Top 10 Best Dancers (male and female) from each age division will be presented with an award onstage during The Dance Awards Show on July 19<sup>th</sup>.** The Top 3 dancers from each age division will then be re-announced, followed immediately by the announcement of the 2019 Best Dancer Winners and Runners-Up. Only the Senior Best Dancer Winners (male and female) will then be asked to perform their solo later in the show.

## Opening & Closing Number Rehearsal

Senior Best Dancers will be performing in the Opening Number of The Dance Awards Closing Show on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Teen Best Dancers will be performing in the Closing Number of the show. A rough outline of the rehearsal schedule is attached. **Please note: these times may change.** An updated schedule will be provided at Orientation.

## Costumes

**All Female Best Dancers should bring the following:** Black jazz shoes. Black dance shorts. Halter bra. Black Fishnets with Seam. The Dance Awards will be providing the rest of the costume. *Please note – the costume for all teen and senior females is a halter dress, please bring a halter bra or a strapless bra so that we cannot see your regular bra straps!*

**All Male Best Dancers should bring the following:** Black Jazz shoes. Black socks. Black Dress Shirt. Black dress pants that you can dance in.

## Tickets To The Show

The Closing Awards Show will take place on July 19<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.TheDanceAwards.com), starting on Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 12pm PST.

***We are excited to see you in Orlando! Good Luck!***



# TEEN & SENIOR BEST DANCER SCHEDULE ORLANDO

| FRIDAY, July 12th    |                                                                                                                                                                           |
|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30am-11:30am       | <b>SENIOR</b> Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition <i>(Held in TEEN Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                |
| 12:30pm-3:30pm       | <b>SENIOR</b> Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                                |
| 6:00pm-9:00pm        | <b>TEEN</b> Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition <i>(Held in TEEN Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                  |
| SATURDAY, July 13th  |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8:30am-2:30pm        | <b>SENIOR</b> Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                                |
| 4:00pm-10:00pm       | <b>TEEN</b> Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                                  |
| SUNDAY, July 14th    |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8:00am-10:30am       | <b>SENIOR</b> Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                                |
| 5:00pm-6:30pm        | <b>TEEN</b> Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                                  |
| MONDAY, July 15th    |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8:00am-12:00pm       | <b>TEEN</b> Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                                  |
| 1:00pm-5:00pm        | <b>SENIOR</b> Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                                |
| TUESDAY, July 16th   |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 8:00am-11:00am       | <b>TEEN</b> Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                                  |
| 12:30pm-2:00pm       | <b>SENIOR</b> Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in W414 Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                                |
| WEDNESDAY, July 17th |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 9:00pm-11:00pm       | <b>TDA PROM!!</b> (All Teen & Senior Dancers Only!) <i>(Held in TEEN Ballroom, OCCC, 4th Floor)</i>                                                                       |
| THURSDAY, July 18th  |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7:00pm-11:00pm       | <b>TEEN &amp; SENIOR</b> Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <b>ON STAGE</b> <i>(Held in SENIOR Ballroom, Hyatt)</i>                                                             |
| FRIDAY, July 19th    |                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 7:00am-7:45am        | <b>BEST DANCER TOP 10</b> <u>Rehearsal</u> <b>ON STAGE</b> <i>(Held in SENIOR Ballroom, Hyatt)</i>                                                                        |
| 1:00pm-3:30pm        | <b>TEEN &amp; SENIOR</b> Best Dancer Rehearsal <b>ON STAGE</b> <i>(Held in SENIOR Ballroom, Hyatt)</i><br><i>*Please come dressed in your costume for this rehearsal!</i> |
| 5:30pm               | <b>TDA CLOSING AWARDS SHOW</b> <b>CALL TIME!</b> <i>(Held in SENIOR Ballroom, Hyatt)</i>                                                                                  |