

Welcome to The Dance Awards ORLANDO 2021 – The Annual Celebration of the Year in Dance! We are honored that you'll be joining us!

Event Location

Hyatt Regency Orlando

All of our events: the Best Dancer Competition, Finals Competition, Best Dancer Dance-Off, workshop classes and the Closing Awards Show will all take place in ballrooms located on the Lobby and Convention Levels of the Hyatt Regency Orlando. PLEASE NOTE: On July 14th, the Teen Ballroom will be moved to 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 REGENCY BALLROOM and will be open for the duration of the event. Registration will take place on **Wednesday, July 7th from 7:00am-10:30pm**. This is for Studios and Individual Registrations ONLY. Best Dancers do not need to check-in, as they will be doing so during their orientation.

Studio Directors & Teachers

We will have early registration for all studio directors and teachers on **Tuesday, July 6th from 6:00-9:00pm**. Come say hi, pick up your registration packet and meet Ray, Mike & Danny! All Studio Owners that check-in during this time will receive a special gift!

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 14th after 11am**.

Teacher Cocktail Party! On July 9th, all Registered Teachers and Studio Owners are invited to a cocktail party from 8:30pm-10:30pm (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 & Danny and the faculty for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres immediately following the Closing Show on July 14th from 10:00pm-1:00am (Held in the Barrel Spring 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. We will be assigning Dressing Rooms and will be sending out that information before the start of the event.

Competition Music

Please upload all of your music in your Dance360 account no later than **Friday, June 25th**. Please make sure to bring back-up music on an iPod or USB.

Mask Policy

Face coverings will be required for EVERYONE while inside the workshop classes. Face masks are optional while performing competition routines. All other times face masks are optional only for the fully vaccinated.

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, Finals Competition and Best Dancer Dance-Off! The Closing Show will **NOT** be webcasted.

You will be able to access the webcast through www.TheDanceAwards.com or at www.live.TheDanceAwards.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 12th & 13th), 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. **All Class Scholarship Winners will be posted on social media the morning of July 14th.** Class Scholarships will be in each studio director's packet, so please allow your studio director to pick up all scholarships on July 14th after 11am at the registration desk.

Mini & Junior Electric Dance Party!

On July 11th at 8:00pm all Mini & Junior dancers are invited to a fun and festive Electric Glow Dance Party! Come dressed in your best Glow Attire/Light Up/Colorful Costume and be ready for a night full of dancing and games!

TDA Prom

On July 12th 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 want to see your Promposals! Post them on social media and tag us!!

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! Be creative!

The Closing Awards Show

The Closing Awards Show will take place on July 14th 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 Monday, June 28th at 11am 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 25 (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 and the Studio Award Winners!

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!

NEW THIS YEAR! - Due to the Teen Group Competition being significantly larger than the others, we have decided to split up the Teen competition into Small Groups and Large Groups (Line, Ext Lines & Productions). We will also be separating the Teen category for the Best Performance Nominees which will re-compete in the Gala.

Finally...

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



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



SPECIAL EVENTS ORLANDO JULY 7 - 14, 2021

OPENING NUMBER AUDITIONS & REHEARSALS!

Don't miss the opportunity to perform in the Opening Number of the closing show on July 14th!

FRIDAY, July 9th 8:30pm-10:30pm	TAP Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Opening Number! Advanced Tappers ONLY please! <i>(Held in PeeWee Ballroom, 4th Floor)</i>
FRIDAY, July 9th 8:30pm-10:30pm	BALLET Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Opening Number! Advanced dancers ONLY please! <i>(Held in Windermere Z Ballroom)</i>
FRIDAY, July 9th 8:30pm-10:30pm	HIP-HOP Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Opening Number! Advanced dancers ONLY please! <i>(Held in Windermere Y Ballroom)</i>
FRIDAY, July 9th 8:30pm-10:30pm	BALLROOM Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Opening Number! Advanced dancers ONLY please! <i>(Held in Teacher Ballroom)</i>

MINI & JUNIOR ELECTRIC DANCE PARTY!

SUNDAY, July 11th 8:00pm-9:00pm	Mini & Juniors ONLY! Come dressed in your best Glow Attire/Light Up/Colorful Costume and be ready for a night full of dancing and games! <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>
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TDA PROM!

MONDAY, July 12th 9:00pm-11:00pm	Teen & Seniors ONLY! Grab a date, get all dressed up and come dance the night away with the TDA faculty! <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>

PARENT CLASSES!

MONDAY, July 12th TUESDAY, July 13th WEDNESDAY, July 14th	ALL parents are invited!! No observer band required! It's time to show off your moves! Free parent classes Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday! See workshop schedule for details! Also, don't miss out on Mimosas & Grooves with Hector on July 13th! <i>(Held in PeeWee/Parent Ballroom)</i>
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