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Welcome to The Dance Awards 2023!

It's that time of year! The best young dance talent from around the world meet in Orlando for The Dance Awards! We are excited to announce that this is our largest event ever with three stages of simultaneous dancing. It will be an amazing week of events, and we're honored that you're joining us. Below is info to help you prepare for the week. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at info@thedanceawards.com.

EVENT LOCATION

Hyatt Regency Orlando

The Dance Awards' events take place in the ballrooms located on the Convention Level of the Hyatt Regency Orlando.

THE DANCE AWARDS DESK & CHECK-IN

- The Dance Awards Desk is located on the Convention Level and will be open for the duration of the event.
- Dancers attending without a studio representative, or as Independents, can check-in beginning July 8th. All Best Dancers will check-in individually during Orientation. If attending with a studio representative, Best Dancers will NOT need to check-in at the TDA Desk to receive their workshop materials. If not attending with a studio rep., Best Dancers WILL need to check-in at the TDA Desk to receive their workshop wristband, etc.

STUDIO OWNERS & TEACHERS

- EARLY CHECK-IN takes place on Friday, July 7th from 5:00pm-7:30pm for Studios only. 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! This will take place on the convention level directly outside of the Regency Ballroom.
- Studio Owners & Teachers have reserved seating during 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 have access to all workshop classes, at all times. Registered Teachers can observe the Best Dancer Audition Classes; however, they do not have access to any Best Dancer rehearsals.
- All studios that qualify for complimentary tickets to The Dance Awards Closing Show can pick up their tickets from The Dance Awards Desk on Friday, July 14th.
- All score sheets and online critique information will be made available to the users of the Dance360 account within 5-7 days after the event, or sooner. Class Scholarships & Best Dancer Adjudicated Awards can be picked up on July 15th after 11am.
- We are providing a few meals for Studio Owners and Teachers during the event. There will also be a *Teacher Oasis* as well as our Welcome Cocktail Party and After Party. More info on this will be sent in a later email.

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WORKSHOP

- During the first two days of workshop classes (July 13th & 14th), the faculty will be awarding Class Scholarships to dancers that excel at their particular style. Class Scholarships can be awarded to any dancer, up to 19 years old, in the Mini, Junior, Teen & Senior Rooms. All Class Scholarship Winners will be announced on Saturday, July 15th in each workshop room immediately following the final class.
- We recommend dancers bring their own water and water bottles.

COMPETITION

- **Please Remember:** Due to the Teen Group Competition being significantly larger than the other divisions, we split the Teen competition into Small Groups and Large Groups (Lines, Ext Lines & Productions). We separate them for placement awards as well as for the Best Performance Nominees re-competing in the Closing Show.
- The criteria for the Best Dancer Competition puts equal weight on both the Jazz & Ballet Audition and the Best Dancer Solo. For all updated Best Dancer info please visit our website thedanceawards.com.
- The Dance Awards will be assigning dressing rooms based on the amount of competing dancers from a studio. This information will be sent to Studio Owners prior to the event. Doors to the "General" dressing rooms will open 1 hour before the competition start time each day. If these rooms are also used for workshop classes, we ask that costume racks, make-up cases, etc. are NOT brought into the rooms until workshop classes have ended and the dancers have cleared the room.
- In an effort to have the competition run smoothly, we will not be allowing routines to perform out of order without the approval of an Event Director. Once the competition starts, we will not be able to skip routines, swap the order of routines or move routines until a later time.
- Routines are not allowed to "age up" once the event officially begins.
- **NOMINATIONS REMINDER** – A Studio's Specialty Nominations and /or Studio Award Nominations are able to be changed up until the first routine (of any kind) competes at The Dance Awards. Once competition at The Dance Awards has started, there can be no changes to nominations for any reason.
- All competition music should be uploaded to your Dance360 account no later than Wednesday, June 28th. Please make sure to bring back-up music on an iPod or USB drive.
- Prop load-in times and storage information will be provided to Studios in a follow-up email in the next week.

SPECIAL EVENTS - Please check online schedule for most updated times

- **Mini & Junior Electric Dance Party!** - 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** - All Teens and Seniors (ages 13+) are invited to TDA Prom! Grab a date or a friend, get dressed up and come dance the night away! We want to see your Promposals on Instagram with #TDAPROM. Your date to TDA Prom must be a registered Teen or Senior dancer attending TDA Orlando.
- **The Best Dancer Dance-Off** - The most high-energy night of The Dance Awards! *The Dance-Off* begins with the Top 10 Best Dancers, in each age division, improvising to randomly selected music. The judges then narrow it down to the Top 3 who then re-compete their solos.
- **Big Band Experience w/ Ronnie Todorowski** - All Senior workshop dancers will participate in this amazing class experience with Ronnie and a live 16 piece band! Ronnie has requested that all senior dancers wear black to this class on July 14th.

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- **Parent Class** - Calling all Parents! Join us for an hour of dance and mimosas! All fun! No prior experience needed.
- **Optional workshop classes throughout the week**

COLLEGE AUDITION EXPERIENCE

We are proud to announce a new initiative for attendees pursuing higher education in dance - The College Audition Experience! Launching this summer at both TDA locations, this is our first step toward building a new college scholarship program. We've gathered a distinguished and diverse array of college and university dance programs to participate in our first event. Dancers will have the opportunity to go through a simulated college audition, have a Q&A with dance department representatives, learn about how to prepare a competitive college application package and more!

- **Open to all Best Dancer Finalists from the graduating classes of 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026.**
- **Friday, July 7th**
 - 5:30-6:00p - Studio Owners & Teachers Only - College Discussion (Held In Junior Ballroom)
 - 5:30p - The College Audition Experience Dancer Check-In (Held In Regency Foyer)
 - 6:00-9:00p - The College Audition Experience (Held In Junior Ballroom)
- **Colleges at TDA Orlando 2023:** The Juilliard School, USC Gloria Kaufman School of Dance, PACE University, Marymount Manhattan College, Ohio State University, University of Minnesota & Arts Umbrella.

AUDITION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLOSING SHOW

Don't miss the opportunity to perform in the Opening and/or Closing Number of the Closing Show on July 15th! These auditions overlap so you might only be able to attend one or two auditions. These auditions will be geared to Intermediate/Advanced dancers. 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.

- **TAP Audition (Opening Number):** Sunday, July 9th, 9:45p-11p, *Held in Teacher Ballroom*
- **BALLET Audition (Closing Number):** Sunday, July 9th, 9:45p-11p, *Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom*
- **HIP-HOP Audition (Closing Number):** Sunday, July 9th, 9:45p-11p, *Held in Junior Ballroom*
- **BALLROOM Audition (Closing Number)** Monday, July 10th, 9:30p-11p, *Held in Junior Ballroom*

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OBSERVER PASSES

- Observation of the entire Competition is FREE.
- Friends and family who would like to watch workshop classes have the option of purchasing an observer pass for \$80. This allows observation of all (except Teacher) workshop classes throughout the week. If you registered to be an Observer in advance through your studio, they will have your wristband with their registration. You may also purchase an observer pass on-site at The Dance Awards merchandise booth.
- Additional PeeWee Observer bands can also be purchased at The Dance Awards merchandise booth for \$45.

VIDEO & PHOTOGRAPHY

Videotaping, flash photography and SLR cameras (professional grade/detachable lens) are strictly prohibited during the entire event. Parents will be able to purchase photos & videos of the competition at The Dance Awards media booth or at thedanceawards.com.

LIVESTREAM

The Dance Awards is happy to provide a free webcast of the Best Dancer Solo Competition, Preliminary-Qualifying Competition, Finals Competition, The Best Dancer Dance-Off & The Dance Awards Closing Show! You will be able to access the livestream through thedanceawards.com. The livestream 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 livestream, or the connection is intermittent. Please be assured we do everything possible to produce a seamless livestream. We apologize in advance if you experience any difficulties!

THE DANCE AWARDS CLOSING SHOW

- The Dance Awards Closing Show will take place on Saturday, July 15th at 6pm.
- Tickets for the Closing Show are now SOLD OUT. If you were not able to purchase tickets on June 8th when they went on sale, we will have a re-sale board on-site at the event.
- We are happy to announce that we will be offering a free livestream of this year's Dance Awards Closing Show! As always, we may be limited by the internet capabilities of the venue but will do our best to produce a seamless livestream.
- Dress is upscale chic.

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WHAT'S IN THE CLOSING AWARDS SHOW?

- The 25 Best Performance Nominees—the top five routines from the Mini, Junior, Teen Small Group, Teen Large Group & Senior age divisions. These top five routines, in each age division, are the Best Performance Nominees and will re-compete for our special guest panel of judges.
- The ONE overall highest scoring PeeWee and Open routine (out of all of the Group, Line, Extended Line and Production divisions)
- All Senior Best Dancers will be performing in the Opening Number
- All Teen Best Dancers will be performing in the Closing Number
- The 2023 Dance Awards Senior Best Dancer title winners
- Award presentations in over 30 categories
- Special guests

FINALLY...

If you have any questions, please email us at info@thedanceawards.com. Thank you for all of your support. We can't wait to see you!

Sincerely,

Ray, Mike, Danny

Event Directors

The Dance Awards



SPECIAL EVENTS

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COLLEGE AUDITION EXPERIENCE

Open to all Best Dance Finalists from the graduation classes of 2023, 2024, 2025 & 2026!

FRIDAY, July 7th 5:30pm-6:00pm	STUDIO OWNERS & TEACHERS ONLY -COLLEGE DISCUSSION <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>
FRIDAY, July 7th 5:30pm	COLLEGE AUDITION EXPERIENCE CHECK-IN <i>(Held in Regency Foyer)</i>
FRIDAY, July 7th 6:00pm-9:00pm	COLLEGE AUDITION EXPERIENCE <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>

OPENING NUMBER AUDITIONS & REHEARSALS!

Don't miss the opportunity to perform in the Opening and/or Closing Number of the closing show on July 15th

SUNDAY, July 9th 9:45pm-11:00pm	TAP Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Opening Number! Advanced tap dancers ONLY please! <i>(Held in Teacher Ballroom)</i>
SUNDAY, July 9th 9:45pm-11:00pm	BALLET Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Closing Number! Advanced dancers ONLY please! <i>(Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom)</i>
SUNDAY, July 9th 9:45pm-11:00pm	HIP-HOP Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Closing Number! Advanced dancers ONLY please! <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>
MONDAY, July 10th 9:30pm-11:00pm	BALLROOM Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Closing Number! Advanced dancers ONLY please! <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>

MINI & JUNIOR ELECTRIC DANCE PARTY!

FRIDAY, July 14 th 7:00pm-8:00pm	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 Mini Ballroom)</i>

TDA PROM!

THURSDAY, July 13 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! <i>(Held in Mini Ballroom)</i>

PARENT CLASSES!

THURSDAY, July 13 th FRIDAY, July 14 th SATURDAY, July 15 th	ALL parents are invited!! No observer band required! It's time to show off your moves! Free parent classes Thursday, Friday & Saturday! See workshop schedule for details! Also, don't miss out on Mimosas & Grooves with Hector on July 14th. <i>(Held in PeeWee/Parent Ballroom)</i>