



BEST DANCER INFO

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Welcome Best Dancers!

The Dance Awards team is excited to welcome to Orlando some of the most talented young dancers in the world—the 2024 Best Dancers! Please read through this packet carefully and if you have any questions, ask your Studio or email us at info@thedanceawards.com. Have a great week in Orlando!

A FEW THINGS...

- Please see the attached Best Dancer schedules. These times may change. An updated schedule will be provided at Orientation!
- Be sure to download the General Info packet for all other Dance Awards event information.
- All Best Dancers will check-in individually during Orientation. During the check-in process, each Best Dancer will receive their Best Dancer bag, jacket & audition number. If attending with a studio representative, dancers will not need to check-in at The Dance Awards Desk. If NOT attending with a studio representative, dancers will also need to check-in at The Dance Awards Desk to receive their workshop wristband, etc.
- **Mini & Junior Best Dancer Finalists** will take part in two exclusive Best Dancer classes.
- **Teen Best Dancer Finalists** will be performing the closing number in The Dance Awards Closing Show. Throughout the week, the Teen Best Dancer Finalists will be working in rehearsals with TDA Director, Danny Lawn. Costumes will be distributed during the week. Males: please bring a black tank top, black pants, black socks & black jazz shoes. This experience is only available to the Teens who are competing and who have paid the Best Dancer fee.
- **Senior Best Dancer Finalists** will be performing the opening number in The Dance Awards Closing Show. Throughout the week, the Senior Best Dancer Finalists will be working in rehearsals with the incredible Andrew Winghart. Costumes will be distributed during the week. We ask that dancers bring some basic items with them to Las Vegas. Females: please bring a black leotard & black leggings. Males: please bring a black tank top & black pants. This experience is only available to the Seniors who are competing and who have paid the Best Dancer fee.
- The Dance Awards Closing Show ticket info can be found in the Dance Awards General Info packet. Best Dancers WILL need a ticket to be in the audience to watch the show at any time, even if they are performing.
- All Best Dancer music should be uploaded to your or your Studio's Dance360 account no later than Friday, June 28th. Please make sure to bring back-up music on a back-up device (ie. iphone, ipod, computer).

BEST DANCER COMPETITION

The criteria for the Best Dancer Competition puts equal weight on both the Jazz & Ballet Audition and the Best Dancer Solo.

All competing Best Dancers will perform their solos on July 6th & 7th. The solo schedule can be viewed at thedanceawards.com.

During the Best Dancer Audition Class, all competing Best Dancers will learn one Jazz and one Ballet combo. After learning the combo, the Best Dancers will audition in small groups for the judging panel. Parents are not permitted to observe the Audition Class -- only registered Teachers and Studio Owners.

Each Audition Class score (50%) will be combined with the Solo score (50%) to determine the Top 20 and Top 10 Best Dancers in each age division. The announcement of the Top 20 and Top 10 Best Dancers will take place at the start of the *Best Dancer Dance-Off*.

During the *Best Dancer Dance-Off*, the Top 10 Best Dancers in each age division will participate in a LIVE improvisational Dance-Off on The Dance Awards stage. Each Dance-Off score (33%) will then be combined with the Solo score (33%) and Audition Class score (33%) from earlier in the week. After the scores are combined, the Top 3 Best Dancers will be announced and will move on to re-compete their solo later in the Dance-Off. The panel of judges will then rank those dancers 1-3. These rankings will determine the 2024 Best Dancer Winners which will be announced during The Dance Awards Closing Show on Saturday, July 13th.



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BEST DANCER COMPETITION CONT.

All Top 10 Best Dancers from each age division will be presented with an award onstage during The Dance Awards Closing Show on July 13th . The Top 3 dancers from each age division will then step forward followed immediately by the announcement of the 2024 Best Dancer Winner and Runners-Up. The Senior Best Dancer Winners will then be asked to perform their solo later in the show.

Please review all Best Dancer Rules & Fine Print on our website: thedanceawards.com

Please feel free to contact us at info@thedanceawards.com if you have any questions. We can't wait to see you in Orlando!!!



MINI/JUNIOR BEST DANCER SCHEDULE

ORLANDO

SUNDAY, July 7th

8:00am-12:00pm

MINI Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition
(Held in Junior Ballroom)

1:00pm-5:00pm

JUNIOR Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition
(Held in Junior Ballroom)

6:00pm-7:00pm

JUNIOR Best Dancer Class w/ Hannahlei (Jazz)!
(Held in Junior Ballroom)

7:00pm-8:00pm

JUNIOR Best Dancer Class w/ Kristen (Musical Theatre)!
(Held in Junior Ballroom)

TUESDAY, July 9th

6:00pm-7:00pm

MINI Best Dancer Class w/ Ronnie (Musical Theatre)!
(Held in Junior Ballroom)

7:00pm-8:00pm

MINI Best Dancer Class w/ Phil (Hip-Hop)!
(Held in Junior Ballroom)

THURSDAY, July 11th

4:00pm-8:30pm

BEST DANCER Dance-Off!
(Held in Senior Ballroom)

FRIDAY, July 12th

7:00pm-8:00pm

MINI & JUNIOR ELECTRIC DANCE PARTY - Mini & Juniors ONLY!
Come dressed in your best Glow Attire/Light Up/Colorful Costume and be ready
for a night full of dancing & games!
(Held in Mini Ballroom)

SATURDAY, July 13th

7:00am-7:45am

BEST DANCER TOP 10 Rehearsal **ON STAGE**
(Held in Senior Ballroom)

6:00pm-10:30pm

THE CLOSING AWARDS SHOW! (Held in Senior Ballroom)



TEEN BEST DANCER SCHEDULE ORLANDO

SATURDAY, July 6th	
8:00am-12:00pm	TEEN Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in Regency R)
2:00pm-6:30pm	TEEN Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition (Held in Junior Ballroom)
MONDAY, July 8th	
3:00pm-9:00pm	TEEN Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in Junior Ballroom)
TUESDAY, July 9th	
9:30am-11:00am	TEEN Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in Junior Ballroom)
THURSDAY, July 11th	
4:00pm-8:30pm	BEST DANCER Dance-Off! (Held in Senior Ballroom)
9:00pm-11:00pm	TDA PROM!! (All Teen & Senior Dancers Only!) (Held in Mini Ballroom)
FRIDAY, July 12th	
5:00pm-6:30pm	TEEN Best Dancer <u>Dress Rehearsal</u> ON STAGE (Held in Senior Ballroom) <i>*Please come dressed in your costume for this rehearsal!</i>
SATURDAY, July 13th	
7:00am-7:45am	BEST DANCER TOP 10 Rehearsal ON STAGE (Held in Senior Ballroom)
1:45pm-3:15pm	TEEN Best Dancer <u>Dress Rehearsal</u> ON STAGE (Held in Senior Ballroom) <i>*Please come dressed in your costume for this rehearsal!</i>
5:30pm	CLOSING AWARDS SHOW CALL TIME! (Held in Senior Ballroom)
6:00pm-10:30pm	THE CLOSING AWARDS SHOW! (Held in Senior Ballroom)



SENIOR BEST DANCER SCHEDULE

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SATURDAY, July 6th	
8:00am-12:00pm	SENIOR Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition <i>(Held Junior Ballroom)</i>
2:30pm-8:30pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in Regency R)</i>
SUNDAY, July 7th	
6:30pm-9:30pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in Regency R)</i>
MONDAY, July 8th	
8:00am-12:00pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>
TUESDAY, July 9th	
8:00am-9:30am	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>
11:00am-2:00pm	SENIOR ROYAL CARIBBEAN OPEN AUDITIONS! <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>
THURSDAY, July 11th	
4:00pm-8:30pm	BEST DANCER Dance-Off! <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
9:00pm-11:00pm	TDA PROM!! (All Teen & Senior Dancers Only!) <i>(Held in Mini Ballroom)</i>
FRIDAY, July 12th	
8:00am-2:30pm	THE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP & AUDITION EXPERIENCE (Exclusively for SENIOR WORKSHOP DANCERS only! Must be 16+ as of 1/1/24) <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
3:00pm-4:00pm	SENIOR COLLEGE FAIR! <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
6:30pm-8:00pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Dress Rehearsal</u> ON STAGE <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i> <i>*Please come dressed in your costume for this rehearsal!</i>
SATURDAY, July 13th	
7:00am-7:45am	BEST DANCER TOP 10 Rehearsal ON STAGE <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
12:45pm-1:30pm	SENIOR Scholarship Announcements including all scholarships from THE COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP & AUDITION EXPERIENCE ! <i>(Held in Orange Country Convention Center, W414)</i>
1:45pm-3:15pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Dress Rehearsal</u> ON STAGE <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i> <i>*Please come dressed in your costume for this rehearsal!</i>
5:30pm	CLOSING AWARDS SHOW CALL TIME! <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
6:00pm-10:30pm	THE CLOSING AWARDS SHOW! <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>