

Best Dancer Title Competition

All Best Dancers will meet in the W110 Ballroom at 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 W110 Ballroom. At check-in, you will receive your Gift Bag, personalized Best Dancer Jacket & Number Badge. *Please note: We will be emailing all Studios & Independents a link to upload your music. Please make sure to bring back-up music on iPod or USB.*

At the Audition, all competing Mini & Junior 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 13th, all competing Mini & Junior Best Dancers will perform their solos. The solo order was selected randomly and can be viewed here: 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 Tuesday, July 17th and will be immediately followed by the Best Dancer Dance-Off at 4:00pm.**

During the Best Dancer Dance-Off on July 17th, the Top 10 dancers (male and female) in each age division will be asked to improv to a few different songs. 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 right at the Dance-Off. The judging panel will then rank the soloists 1-3 which will determine the 2018 Best Dancer Winners and Runners-Up. The announcement of the Winners and Runners-up will happen during The Closing Awards Show on July 19th.

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 19th. The Top 3 dancers from each age division will then be announced, followed immediately by the announcement of the 2018 Best Dancer Winners and Runners-Up. The Best Dancer Winners (male and female) from each age division will then be asked to perform their solo later in the show.

Opening & Closing Number Rehearsal

Mini & Junior **MALE** Best Dancers will be performing in the Closing Number of The Dance Awards Closing Show on July 19th. A rough outline of the rehearsal schedule is attached. **Please note: these times may change.** An updated schedule will be provided at Orientation. **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 19th at 6:00pm. Reserved seating tickets are \$75 USD. They are limited and will sell out. There are also VIP cocktail tables for \$475 USD that include four (4) seats at the table and a bottle of house champagne.

Dress for the show is Formal. Tickets can be purchased online at www.TheDanceAwards.com, starting on Thursday, June 28th at 11am PST.

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



MINI & JUNIOR BEST DANCER SCHEDULE! ORLANDO

FRIDAY, July 13th

3:30pm-6:30pm	MINI Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition <i>(Held in W110 Ballroom, Orange County Convention Center, 1st Floor)</i>
7:00pm-10:00pm	JUNIOR Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition <i>(Held in W110 Ballroom, Orange County Convention Center, 1st Floor)</i>

SATURDAY, July 14th

9:00am-11:00am	MINI & JUNIOR MALE Best Dancer Rehearsal <i>(Held In Regency Q Ballroom)</i>
12:00pm-1:00pm	JUNIOR Best Dancer Class w/ Will Loftis <i>(Held In Regency Q Ballroom)</i>
1:00pm-2:00pm	JUNIOR Best Dancer Class w/ Misha Gabriel <i>(Held In Regency Q Ballroom)</i>

SUNDAY, July 15th

9:00am-11:00am	MINI & JUNIOR MALE Best Dancer Rehearsal <i>(Held in Mini Room, Plaza DEFG Ballroom)</i>

MONDAY, July 16th

8:00am-9:00am	MINI & JUNIOR MALE Best Dancer Rehearsal <i>(Held in Junior Room, Plaza HIJK Ballroom)</i>
3:00pm-4:00pm	MINI Best Dancer Class w/ Will Loftis <i>(Held in Mini Room, Plaza DEFG Ballroom)</i>
4:00pm-5:00pm	MINI Best Dancer Class w/ Misha Gabriel <i>(Held in Mini Room, Plaza DEFG Ballroom)</i>
8:00pm-9:00pm	NICK, LEX & TAYLOR'S LUAU DANCE PARTY!! (Mini & Junior Dancers Only!) <i>(Held in Mini Room, Plaza DEFG Ballroom)</i>

WEDNESDAY, July 18th

8:30pm-11:00pm	MINI & JUNIOR MALE Best Dancer Rehearsal ON STAGE <i>(Held in Teen Ballroom, Windermere Ballroom)</i>

THURSDAY, July 19th

7:00am-7:45am	BEST DANCER TOP 10 Rehearsal ON STAGE <i>(Held in Teen Ballroom, Windermere Ballroom)</i>
2:15pm-3:15pm	OPENING & CLOSING NUMBER <u>DRESS REHEARSAL</u> ON STAGE! <i>(Held in Teen Ballroom, Windermere Ballroom)</i>