



BEST DANCER INFO LAS VEGAS

Welcome Best Dancers!

The Dance Awards team is excited to welcome to Las Vegas some of the most talented young dancers in the world—the 2022 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 Las Vegas!

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, personalized 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 dance classes. They are also invited to audition to be in the Closing Show. Information on those auditions can be found in the General Info packet.
- **Teen Best Dancer Finalists** will have an exclusive day of events tailored just for them! The day will include private dance classes, seminars and a ticket to see Derek Hough's show "No Limit" right inside the Venetian hotel! Derek will also be hosting an exclusive Q&A for the Teen Best Dancers. This experience is only available to the Teens who are competing and who have paid the Best Dancer fee. Please note: This exclusive experience is in place of the Teens performing in the Closing Show. Teen Best Dancer Finalists are invited to audition to be in the Closing Show. Information on those auditions can be found in the General Info packet.
- **Senior Best Dancer Finalists** will be performing the opening and/or closing number in The Dance Awards Closing Show. Throughout the week, the Senior Best Dancer Finalists will be working in rehearsals with special guest choreographer Tyce Diorio and TDA Director Danny Lawn. Costumes will be distributed during the week. We ask that dancers bring some basic items, if possible: black and nude dance shorts, black and nude bra/half top, black and tan jazz shoes (if possible), black leggings, black dress pants, black t-shirts, white t-shirts, black tank tops, white tank tops, black dress socks, black belt. If you don't have some of these items, or they don't pertain to you, no problem. 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 The Dance Awards General Info packet. Best Dancers WILL need a ticket to be in the audience to watch the show at anytime, even if they are performing.
- All Best Dancer music should be uploaded to your or your Studio's Dance360 account no later than Wednesday, June 22nd. Please make sure to bring back-up music on an iPod or USB drive.



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BEST DANCER COMPETITION

NEW THIS YEAR: The criteria for the Best Dancer Competition has changed so that the Jazz & Ballet Audition are now weighted equally with the Solo.

All competing Best Dancers will perform their solos on July 2nd & 3rd. 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 2022 Best Dancer Winners which will be announced during The Dance Awards Closing Show on Saturday, July 9th.

All Top 10 Best Dancers from each age division will be presented with an award onstage during the The Dance Awards Closing Show on July 9th. The Top 3 dancers from each age division will then step forward followed immediately by the announcement of the 2022 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 Las Vegas!!!



MINI & JUNIOR BEST DANCER SCHEDULE LAS VEGAS

SATURDAY, July 2nd

12:00pm-3:00pm

MINI Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition
(Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom, 4th Floor)

SUNDAY, July 3rd

8:00am-11:00am

JUNIOR Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition
(Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom, 4th Floor)

MONDAY, July 4th

6:30pm-7:30pm

MINI Best Dancer Class w/ Tucker (Jazz Funk)!
(Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom, 4th Floor)

7:30pm-8:30pm

MINI Best Dancer Class w/ Ronnie (Musical Theatre)!
(Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom, 4th Floor)

7:30pm-8:30pm

JUNIOR Best Dancer Class w/ Tucker (Jazz Funk)!
(Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)

8:30pm-9:30pm

JUNIOR Best Dancer Class w/ Ronnie (Musical Theatre)!
(Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)

THURSDAY, July 7th

3:30pm-4:00pm

**Announcement of the Top Ten Best Dancers who will be competing in the
BEST DANCER DANCE-OFF!**
(Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)

4:00pm-8:00pm

BEST DANCER DANCE-OFF! (Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)

8:30pm-9:30pm

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 Teen Blue Ballroom, 4th Floor)

SATURDAY, July 9th

7:00am-7:45am

BEST DANCER TOP 10 Rehearsal **ON STAGE** (Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)

6:00pm-10:00pm

THE CLOSING AWARDS SHOW! (Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)



TEEN BEST DANCER SCHEDULE LAS VEGAS

SATURDAY, July 2nd

8:00am-11:30am

TEEN Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition *(Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom, 4th Floor)*

EXCLUSIVE TEEN BEST DANCER EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY, July 2nd

1:00pm-2:00pm

TEEN Best Dancer Class w/ Chantel (Contemporary)!
(Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)

2:00pm-3:00pm

TEEN Best Dancer Class w/ Kristen (Musical Theatre)!
(Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)

3:00pm-4:00pm

TEEN Best Dancer Class w/ Danny (Jazz)!
(Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)

4:00pm-4:45pm

TEEN Best Dancer Class w/ Nick Lanzisera (Contemporary)!
(Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)

4:45pm-5:30pm

TEEN Best Dancer Q & A w/ Derek Hough & The No Limits Cast!
(Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)

7:30pm-9:00pm

Derek Hough's No Limits Show!
(Held in Venetian/Palazzo - The Summit Showroom, 1st Floor)
**Please Note - All tickets will be handed to the dancers after the Q & A.*

SUNDAY, July 3rd

9:00pm-10:30pm

OPTIONAL Hip Hop Audition for the Opening and/or Closing Number of the Closing Show!
(Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)

9:00pm-10:30pm

OPTIONAL Ballet Audition for the Opening and/or Closing Number of the Closing Show!
(Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom, 4th Floor)

9:00pm-10:30pm

OPTIONAL Tap Audition for the Opening and/or Closing Number of the Closing Show!
(Held in PeeWee Ballroom, 4th Floor)

WEDNESDAY, July 6th

7:00am-7:45am

OPTIONAL Ballroom Audition for the Opening and/or Closing Number of the Closing Show!
(Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom, 4th Floor)
**Please Note - If you have competition routines during this audition, you can come late or leave early. Please try to come to as much of the audition as possible.*

THURSDAY, July 7th

3:30pm-4:00pm

Announcement of the Top Ten Best Dancers who will be competing in the BEST DANCER DANCE-OFF!
(Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)

4:00pm-8:00pm

BEST DANCER DANCE-OFF! *(Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)*

9:00pm-11:00pm

TDA PROM!! (All Teen & Senior Dancers Only!) *(Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom, 4th Floor)*

SATURDAY, July 9th

7:00am-7:45am

BEST DANCER TOP 10 Rehearsal ON STAGE *(Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)*

6:00pm-10:00pm

THE CLOSING AWARDS SHOW! *(Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)*



SENIOR BEST DANCER INFO LAS VEGAS

SATURDAY, July 2nd	
7:30pm-10:30pm	SENIOR Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)
SUNDAY, July 3rd	
8:00am-12:00pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor) <i>*Please Note - If you have competition routines during this rehearsal, you can come late or leave early. Please try to come to as much of the rehearsal as possible.</i>
9:00pm-10:30pm	OPTIONAL Tap, Ballet & Hip-Hop Auditions for the Closing Show! (Locations: Tap in PeeWee Ballroom, Ballet in Teen Yellow Ballroom & Hip Hop on San Polo Ballroom)
MONDAY, July 4th	
8:30am-11:30am	SENIOR Best Dancer Audition (Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)
12:30pm-3:30pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)
TUESDAY, July 5th	
8:00am-12:00pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor) <i>*Please Note - If you have competition routines during this rehearsal, you can come late or leave early. Please try to come to as much of the rehearsal as possible.</i>
WEDNESDAY, July 6th	
7:00am-7:45am	OPTIONAL Ballroom Audition for the Opening and/or Closing Number of the Closing Show! (Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom, 4th Floor) <i>*Please Note - If you have competition routines during this audition, you can come late or leave early. Please try to come to as much of the audition as possible.</i>
THURSDAY, July 7th	
3:30pm-4:00pm	Announcement of the Top Ten Best Dancers who will be competing in the BEST DANCER DANCE-OFF! (Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)
4:00pm-8:00pm	BEST DANCER DANCE-OFF! Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)
9:00pm-11:00pm	TDA PROM!! (All Teen & Senior Dancers Only!) (Held in Teen Yellow Ballroom, 4th Floor)
FRIDAY, July 8th	
8:00am-8:45am	<u>TENTATIVE</u> SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in San Polo Ballroom, 3rd Floor)
7:00pm-10:00m	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> ON STAGE (Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)
SATURDAY, July 9th	
7:00am-7:45am	BEST DANCER TOP 10 Rehearsal ON STAGE (Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)
1:15pm-3:15pm	SENIOR Best Dancer Rehearsal ON STAGE (Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor) <i>*Please come dressed in your costume for this rehearsal!</i>
5:30pm	CLOSING AWARDS SHOW CALL TIME! (Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)
6:00pm-10:00pm	THE CLOSING AWARDS SHOW! (Held in Senior Ballroom, 5th Floor)