



Welcome Best Dancers!

The Dance Awards team is excited to welcome to Orlando 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 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, 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 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. 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 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 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 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 29th. Please make sure to bring back-up music on an iPod or USB drive.



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 10th & 11th. 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 Sunday, July 17th.

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 17th. 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 Orlando!!!



MINI & JUNIOR BEST DANCER SCHEDULE ORLANDO

SUNDAY, July 10th

12:00pm-3:00pm

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

MONDAY, July 11th

9:00am-12:00pm

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

1:00pm-2:00pm

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

2:00pm-3:00pm

MINI Best Dancer Class w/ Danny (Jazz)!
(Held in Junior Ballroom)

WEDNESDAY, July 13th

5:00pm-6:00pm

JUNIOR Best Dancer Class w/ Jess (Contemp.)!
(Held in Junior Ballroom)

6:00pm-7:00pm

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

FRIDAY, July 15th

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)

4:00pm-8:00pm

BEST DANCER DANCE-OFF! *(Held in Senior Ballroom)*

SATURDAY, July 16th

5:00pm-6:00pm

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)

SUNDAY, July 17th

7:00am-7:45am

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

6:00pm-10:00pm

THE CLOSING AWARDS SHOW! *(Held in Senior Ballroom)*



TEEN BEST DANCER SCHEDULE ORLANDO

SUNDAY, July 10th	
9:00pm-11:00pm	TEEN Best Dancer Rehearsal <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
MONDAY, July 11th	
12:00pm-3:30pm	TEEN Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & Audition <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
4:00pm-8:00pm	TEEN Best Dancer Rehearsal <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i> *Please Note - If your Teen Best Dancer Solo is scheduled between 7-8p you can leave rehearsal early. Please try to come to as much of the rehearsal as possible.
TUESDAY, July 12th	
11:30am-2:00pm	TEEN Best Dancer Rehearsal <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>
9:30pm-11:00pm	OPTIONAL Tap Audition for the Closing Number of the Closing Show! <i>(Held in Teacher Ballroom)</i>
9:30pm-11:00pm	OPTIONAL Ballet Audition for the Closing Number of the Closing Show! <i>(Held in Teen Blue Ballroom)</i>
9:30pm-11:00pm	OPTIONAL Hip Hop Audition for the Closing Number of the Closing Show! <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom,)</i>
THURSDAY, July 14th	
7:00am-7:45am	OPTIONAL Ballroom Audition for the Closing Number of the Closing Show! <i>(Held in Teen Blue Ballroom)</i>
FRIDAY, July 15th	
3:30pm-4:00pm	Announcement of the Top Ten Best Dancers who will be competing in the BEST DANCER DANCE-OFF! <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
4:00pm-8:00pm	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>
SATURDAY, July 16th	
2:00pm-4:00pm	TEEN Best Dancer Rehearsal <i>(Held in Junior Ballroom)</i>
5:30pm-8:30pm	TEEN Best Dancer Rehearsal ON STAGE <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
SUNDAY, July 17th	
7:00am-7:45am	BEST DANCER TOP 10 Rehearsal ON STAGE <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
1:15pm-3:15pm	TEEN Best Dancer Rehearsal ON STAGE <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i> *Please come dressed in your costume for this rehearsal!
TBA	CLOSING AWARDS SHOW CALL TIME! <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>
6:00pm-10:00pm	THE CLOSING AWARDS SHOW! <i>(Held in Senior Ballroom)</i>



SENIOR BEST DANCER SCHEDULE ORLANDO

SUNDAY, July 10th	
6:00pm-10:00pm	SENIOR Best Dancer Check-In, Orientation & <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in Junior Ballroom)
MONDAY, July 11th	
8:00am-10:30am	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in Junior Ballroom) <i>*Please Note - If your Senior Best Dancer Solo is scheduled between 11:15a and 12:00p, you can leave rehearsal at 9:00am. Please try to come to as much of the rehearsal as possible.</i>
TUESDAY, July 12th	
10:00am-11:30pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in Junior Ballroom)
9:30pm-11:00pm	OPTIONAL Tap, Ballet & Hip-Hop Auditions for the Closing Show! (Locations: Tap in Teacher Ballroom, Ballet in Teen Blue Ballroom & Hip Hop on Junior Ballroom)
WEDNESDAY, July 13th	
8:00am-11:00am	SENIOR Best Dancer Audition (Held in Teen Blue Ballroom)
12:00pm-2:30pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> (Held in Teen Blue Ballroom)
THURSDAY, July 14th	
7:00am-7:45am	OPTIONAL Ballroom Audition for the Closing Number of the Closing Show! (Held in Teen Blue Ballroom)
FRIDAY, July 15th	
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)
4:00pm-8:00pm	BEST DANCER DANCE-OFF! (Held in Senior Ballroom)
9:00pm-11:00pm	TDA PROM!! (All Teen & Senior Dancers Only!) (Held in Mini Ballroom)
SATURDAY, July 16th	
2:00pm-5:00pm	SENIOR Best Dancer <u>Rehearsal</u> ON STAGE (Held in Senior Ballroom)
SUNDAY, July 17th	
7:00am-7:45am	BEST DANCER TOP 10 Rehearsal ON STAGE (Held in Senior Ballroom)
1:15pm-3:15pm	SENIOR Best Dancer Rehearsal 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-10:00pm	THE CLOSING AWARDS SHOW! (Held in Senior Ballroom)