

WELCOME TO



ORLANDO!

Welcome to The Dance Awards 2022!

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 10th. 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 Saturday, July 9th from 8:00-9:30pm for Studios only. Come say hi and pick up your registration packet! 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 Windermere 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 Saturday, July 16th.
- All score sheets and online critique information will be made available to the users of the Dance360 account within 3-4 days after the event, or sooner. Best Dancer Adjudicated Awards can be picked up on July 17th 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.

EVENT SCHEDULE

- Please always refer to the online schedule for the most updated times.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Sign-up for TEXT UPDATES from the TDA Desk. During the event, receive schedule updates and other important announcements. We will delete this contact list after the event. Text **tdaORL** to **818-206-7720**. Standard message and data rates may apply.

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WORKSHOP

- During the first two days of workshop classes (July 15th & July 16th), 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 Sunday, July 17th in each workshop room immediately following the final class.
- Due to Covid protocols, 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.
- **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. 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 to a 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 29. 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. **NEW THIS YEAR:** Special Guest host! Announcement coming soon!
- **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.

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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**

AUDITION OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLOSING SHOW

Don't miss the opportunity to perform in the Closing Number of the Closing Show on July 17th! These auditions overlap so you might only be able to attend one or two auditions. These auditions will be geared towards 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:** Tuesday, July 12th, 9:30pm-11:00pm, *Held in Teacher Ballroom*
- **BALLET Audition:** Tuesday, July 12th, 9:30pm-11:00pm, *Held in Teen Blue Ballroom*
- **HIP-HOP Audition:** Tuesday, July 12th, 9:30pm-11:00pm, *Held in Junior Ballroom*
- **BALLROOM Audition:** Thursday, July 14th, 7:00am-7:45am, *Held in Teen Blue Ballroom*

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 \$75. 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!

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THE DANCE AWARDS CLOSING SHOW

- The Dance Awards Closing Show will take place on Sunday, July 17th at 6pm.
- Tickets for reserved seating are \$65-95 USD and are limited.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** Due to the size of the event, and limited seating, we have added a \$45 "Standing Room Only" ticket. This ticket will allow ticket holders access to a standing room area at the very back of the audience as well as a private viewing room and cocktail lounge connected to the main theatre.
- **NEW THIS YEAR:** 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.
- Tickets can be purchased online at thedanceawards.com, starting on **Tuesday, June 28th at 12pm PDT**.
- Dress is upscale chic.

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 Teen & Senior Best Dancers will be performing
- The 2022 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