

Welcome to The Dance Awards ORLANDO 2017 – The Annual Celebration of the Year in Dance! We are so excited that you'll be joining us!

Event Location

Hyatt Regency Orlando

All of our events: the Best Dancer Competition, Pre-Qualifying Competition, Finals Competition, Best Dancer Dance-Off, Studio of the Year Dance-Off, workshop classes and the Closing Awards Show will all take place in the ballrooms located on the Lobby and Convention Levels of the Hyatt Regency Orlando.

Registration

The Dance Awards Registration Desk is located directly outside the PLAZA & REGENCY BALLROOM and will be open for the duration of the event. EARLY REGISTRATION will take place on **Sunday, July 9th from 7:00am-10:30pm**. This is for Studios and Independents ONLY. Best Dancers do not need to check-in, as they will be doing so during their orientation.

Dressing Rooms

Dressing room space will be available during the competition. Doors to the dressing rooms will open 1 hour before the competition start time each day. Costume racks, make-up cases, etc. are NOT allowed into the ballrooms during the workshop classes.

Competition Music

We will be emailing all Studios & Independents a link to upload your music. Please make sure to bring back-up music on an iPod or USB.

Studio Directors & Teachers

Studio Directors and Teachers have reserved seating during all of the 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, all the time.

All studios that qualify for complimentary tickets to the Closing Awards Show will receive the tickets at Registration.

Please remember that **all score sheets and online critique information can be picked up on July 15th after 10am**.

Teacher Cocktail Party! On July 10th, all Registered Teachers and Studio Owners are invited to a cocktail party from 9:00pm-11:00pm.

After Party! Closing Show After Party! All Registered Teachers and Studio Owners are invited to join Gil, Ray, Danny and the faculty for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres immediately following the Closing Show on July 15th!

Observer Passes

Parents will be able to see first-hand the experience their kids are receiving at The Dance Awards. Observation of the entire Competition is FREE. Friends and family also have the option of purchasing an observer pass for \$75, which will allow them to observe all of the workshop classes throughout the week. If you registered to be an Observer in advance through your studio, they will have your wristband at registration. You may also purchase an observer pass at The Dance Awards store.

Additional PeeWee Observer bands can also be purchased at The Dance Awards store 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 videos and photos of the competition and closing show at The Dance Awards' photo and video booth.

Live Webcast

The Dance Awards is happy to provide a free webcast of the Best Dancer Competition, Preliminary Qualifying Competition, Finals Competition, Best Dancer Dance-Off and Studio of the Year Dance-Off!

You will be able to access the webcast through www.TheDanceAwards.com or at www.DanceOnDemand.com. The webcast 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 webcast, or the connection is intermittent. Please be assured we do everything possible to produce a seamless webcast. We apologize in advance if you experience any problems.

Class Scholarships

During the first two days of workshop classes (July 13th & 14th), the faculty will be awarding Class Scholarships to dancers that excel at their particular style. Class Scholarships can be awarded to any dancer, ages 8-19, in the Mini, Junior, Teen & Senior Rooms. All Class Scholarship Winners will be announced on Friday, July 15th during the Q&A session (1pm-2:15pm) in Windemere WX.

Tap @ 2 & Tap Jam

From July 11th – 13th all Intermediate/Advanced tap dancers are invited to a special tap class at 2pm each day! These classes will be taught by Mike, Anthony or Danny and on July 14th all three of them will come together for a Tap Jam at 3:30pm!!

TDA Prom

On July 13th at 9:00pm all Teen and Senior dancers (ages 13+) are invited to TDA Prom! What's more exciting than going to Prom at The Dance Awards! Grab a date or a friend, get all dressed up and come dance the night away with the TDA faculty!

We will be having a Promposal competition! The dancer that posts the most original Promposal on social media will win a special party for their studio (that will happen back at their home studio) along with a VIP entrance at prom.

Your date to TDA Prom must be a registered teen or senior dancer attending TDA Orlando. You can go with a guy or girl as your date, bring a friend from your studio, bring a friend from another studio or bring someone you meet at TDA!

Keep your eye out for the start of TDA Promposals and search the hashtag #TDAORLpromposal on Instagram. The faculty will also be bringing other faculty as dates and will be doing their own Promposals! Good luck and be creative!

Nick & Kenny's Disco Dance Party!

On July 12th at 8:00pm all Mini & Junior dancers are invited to a fun Disco Dance Party with Nick & Kenny! Come dressed in your best disco costume and be ready for a night full of dancing and games!

Studio of the Year Dance-Off

The announcement of the Top Five studios that will be competing in the Studio of the Year Dance-Off will take place on Thursday, July 13th at 3:30pm. These will be the five studios that received the highest combined scores for their 10 nominated routines from the Finals competition.

The Studio of the Year Dance-Off will take place on Friday, July 14th from 5:00-8:00pm. During the Dance-Off, the Top Five studios will re-compete all 10 of their nominated routines and will be re-scored by a special panel of judges. The studio that receives the new highest combined score of all 10 routines, will be presented with the 2017 Studio of the Year Award and receive \$25,000!! The winner will be announced during the Closing Awards Show on July 15th!

The Closing Awards Show

The Closing Awards Show will take place on July 15th at 6:00pm. Reserved seating tickets are \$75 USD.

Dress for the show is Formal. Tickets can be purchased online at www.TheDanceAwards.com, starting on Monday, June 26th at 12pm PST.

What's in the Show?

All Teen & Senior Best Dancers will be performing in the Opening and Closing Number of The Dance Awards Show. The show will also include the 20 (five from each age division) Best Performance Nominees, the Best Dancer Winners from each age division and several special guests! And don't forget... we will be presenting awards in over 30 categories plus the Studio of the Year Winner!

PLEASE NOTE: The top five highest scoring Finals group routines, in each age division, will be announced during each individual Finals group award ceremonies. These top five routines, in each age division, are the Best Performance Nominees and will re-compete during the Closing Awards Show. The overall highest scoring PeeWee routine (out of all of the Group, Line, Extended Line and Production divisions) will be announced at the PeeWee group routine awards. That routine will be the PeeWee Best Performance Winner and will perform in the Closing Show! The overall highest scoring Open routine (out of all of the Group, Line, Extended Line and Production divisions) will be announced at the Open group routine awards. That routine will be the Open Best Performance Winner and will perform in the Closing Show!

Finally...

If you have any questions, please email info@thedanceawards.com. Thank you again for supporting us and we'll see you soon!



Gil Stroming, President
Break The Floor Productions

OPENING NUMBER AUDITIONS & REHEARSALS

Don't miss the opportunity to perform in the Opening Number of the closing show on July 15!

TUESDAY July 11 th 7:00am-9:00am	TAP Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Opening Number! Advanced Tappers ONLY please! <i>(Held in Regency OPQ)</i>
TUESDAY July 11 th 7:00am-9:00am	BALLET Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Opening Number! Advanced dancers ONLY please! <i>(Held in Windemere YZ)</i>
TUESDAY July 11 th 7:00am-9:00am	HIP-HOP Audition & Rehearsal for Closing Awards Show Opening Number! Advanced dancers ONLY please! <i>(Held in Windemere WX)</i>

TAP @ 2 & TAP JAM!

TUESDAY, July 11 th 2:00pm-3:00pm	Intermediate/Advanced Tap Class w/ Anthony Morigerato! <i>(Held in Windemere WX)</i>
WEDNESDAY, July 12 th 2:00pm-3:00pm	Intermediate/Advanced Tap Class w/ Danny Wallace! <i>(Held in Windemere WX)</i>
THURSDAY, July 13 th 2:00pm-3:00pm	Intermediate/Advanced Tap Class w/ Mike Minery! <i>(Held in Windemere WX)</i>
FRIDAY, July 14 th 3:30pm-4:30pm	Join Danny, Mike & Anthony for the ultimate Tap Jam! <i>(Held in Windemere WX)</i>

NICK & KENNY'S DISCO DANCE PARTY!

WEDNESDAY, July 12 th 8:00pm-9:00pm	Mini & Juniors ONLY! Come dressed in your best disco costume for a fun night of dancing and games with Nick & Kenny! <i>(Held in Windemere YZ)</i>
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TDA PROM

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Q & A Session With The Faculty!

SATURDAY, July 15 th 1:00pm-2:15pm	Here's your chance to ask the Faculty ANYTHING! <i>All Class Scholarships will also be announced at the end of the Q & A Session!</i> <i>(Held in Windemere WX)</i>
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