



VIRTUAL GRAND PRIX FINALS

Dance Open America

June 9th, 10th, and 11th, 2023

We would be delighted to welcome you to the Virtual Grand Prix Finals. This event has been created for the dancers with the Golden Pass or selected during previous competitions, all master class auditions will be held via Zoom and the event will be livestream in our Vimeo and YouTube channels.

Registration Open December 1st, 2022

Deadline for submitting your videos is May 1st, 2023.

General Information 2023:

- A participant's age for Dance Open America season is determined as of January 1st, the year of the competition.
- A competitor can compete with a school or as an independent.
- Professional dancers up to 24 years old are eligible only if they have had experience as a trainee, apprentice or corps de ballet.
- For the Grand Prix Finals any soloist dancer **must** present a **minimum of 3 solos with at least one being a classical routine.**
- A Pas de Deux dancer can compete as a soloist with a min of two solos.
- All participants must take the master classes even if you are only in an Ensemble routine.
- Dancers will register through the **DanceCompGenie system** (link on our website) separately and will then submit videos via WeTransfer to video@danceopenamerica.org

Options:

Soloists:

- Two Classical Solos and One Contemporary Solo
- One Classical Solo and Two Contemporary Solos

Pas De Deux:

- Pas de Deux, One Classical Solo, One Contemporary Solo

Video Submission Requirements:

Please send videos to Video@danceopenamerica.org via WeTransfer. *You do not need to create an account, but simply go to wetransfer.com and follow the prompts to enter the email address for the files to be sent free of charge.*

- Only performance-quality recordings will be accepted.
- Video quality and formatting: Up to 1080p, anything below is also acceptable.
- Size: Up to 1GB, anything above that and the video clips must be uploaded in parts, or the quality should be reduced.
- Format: The following formats are supported: (.mov, .mp4, .m4v, .m2v, .avi, .mpg, .flv, .mww, .webm, .ogv, .mxf, .asf, .vob, .mts)
- The videos sent via WeTransfer should include the following information: Participant/s name/s, age as of January 1st, 2022, School/Instructor Name and Work Titles.
- Dress Code: We encourage participants to wear the appropriate costume for the represented piece, however, if not possible please wear a color that will clearly contrast with your background. For ladies, pink tights, and a leotard, for men black or gray tights with a white T-shirt for men will be permitted (we will not accept any videos of a participant wearing warm-up clothing or leggings)
- By taking part in this competition, you (the competitor) waive all performance rights in case of television broadcasting and/or any recording during the competition.

- DOA reserves the right to use any photo or video recording of participants' performances during the contest for further promotional purposes.
- DOA does not pay royalties.
- Competitors must ensure that they have the right to perform both classical and contemporary works.
- Videos with logos of others competitors are NOT acceptable.

Divisions:

Classical and Contemporary Solos:

Rising: Age 8 to 10 years

Junior: Age 11 to 13 years

Teen: Age 14 to 16 years

Senior: Age 17 to 19 years

Professional: Age 20 to 24 years

All other categories (Duos/Trios Contemporary, Classical Pas de Deux, Ensembles: over 4 participants)

Pre-Competitive: Age 8 to 12 years

Intermediate: Age 13 to 16 years

Advanced: Age 17 to 24 years

The ages for Duos/Trios Contemporary, Classical Pas de Deux, Ensembles pieces will be averaged/combined between the ages of all participants. The category will depend on the result of this average. This will be divided among only three categories as labeled above: **PreCompetitive / Intermediate / Advanced**

Dance Open America directors will determine, from the number of registered male competitors within an age division, whether or not males will compete with or separately from the females in a given category.

Maximum Performance Time Allotted:

Solos: 2:45 min

Pas de Deux: 6:00 min

Duo/Trios: 3:00 min

Ensemble (4-7 dancers): 4:00 min

Ensemble (8 + dancers): 5:00 min

Evaluation Process:

Each competitor will be judged independently in each style.

Each of the three (3) Judges will score in these 4 areas:

Artistic: 25 points total

Technique: 25 points total

Musicality: 25 points total

Line: 25 points total

Maximum Total of Points per Judge: 100 points

Please note: The judges' scores are final and unappealable.

Scores:

There will be three (3) professional qualified judges at the competition. While dancers are on stage competing, each judge will give individual critiques and comments. Following the performance the level the dancer received based on score will be announced: **Bronze, Silver, Gold or DOA Diamond.**

Each competitor will receive a score out of 300 possible points. Every performance is expected to be age appropriate and family friendly. Any routine that is considered by the judges to be inappropriate based upon dance moves, costumes, and/or music, will be subject to disqualification.

DOA Diamond: 282-300 points

Gold: 270-281 points

Silver: 258-269 points

Bronze: 240-257 points

Scores under 240 will receive no medal awards.

Awards:

FIRST PLACE: Gold Medal

SECOND PLACE: Silver Medal

THIRD PLACE: Bronze Medal

Dance Open America will announce "Top 15" in each division.

A dancer with two solos in either the classical or contemporary category will be considered for placement qualification and awards based on their higher scoring solo. For example, you would not be given both a Gold and Silver medal within the same category.

Master Class Auditions:

The aim of Dance Open America is to preserve the legacy of Classic Ballet and educate students about the art of ballet and to help prepare them to reach their full potential and dreams.

All competitors have the unique opportunity to participate in Master Class Auditions. We offer a fantastic opportunity for students to be observed by World renowned Artistic Directors, Choreographers and teachers in a variety of Dance Genres, from around the globe.

Reaching a high level of expertise. Students are selected during these classes for possible future Scholarships and company contracts. We allow students the opportunity to interact and get inspired through conversations with the stars.

Certificate of Achievement:

Each competitor will receive a CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT for their participation. In addition, a high score awards medal will be given to the top scores in each category within an age division. DOA reserves the right to limit awards based on number of entries in the category.

Dance Open America Special Awards:

- Diamond Award
- New Generation Star
- The Talent Award
- Hope Award
- The Joy of Dance
- Outstanding Classical Dancer
- Outstanding Contemporary Dancer
- Best Contemporary Duo
- Best Classical Pas de Deux Award
- Best Ensemble Award
- Outstanding Contemporary Choreographer
- Outstanding Instructor Award
- Outstanding School Award
- People's Choice Award (Audience Award)

Competition Entry Fees:

Registration Fee: \$75 non-refundable (Include all masterclasses)

Classical and Contemporary Solos : \$115 each

Classical Pas de Deux : \$65 (per dancer)

Ensembles: \$60 (per dancer)

WE MUST RECEIVE THE REGISTRATION FEE DEPOSIT OF \$75 per dancer, 60 days before the competition. The \$55 Registration fee is non-refundable.

All fees must be paid in full 4 weeks before the competition, May 1st, Discounts applied cannot be combined with any other offer. In the event that entries are received within 1 week of the competition, a \$10 per entry late fee will be added, only if the entries were able to be added to the schedule based on available space.

Payment may be made by credit card, or wire transfer. No personal or studio checks will be accepted. All fees are non-refundable.

No entry is guaranteed until payment has been processed. A confirmation email will be sent to each studio for their records and approval.

Please be sure to check that everything is correct.

CLASSICAL SOLO/PAS DE DEUX LIST:

Classical Pas de Deux must be selected from the repertoire list below. Adagio and Coda will only be performed as variations are not permitted.

RISING AGE CATEGORY

- Coppelia (A. St. Leon) 1st Act Variation
- Don Quixote (M. Petipa) Cupid Variation
 - Fairy Doll (S. Legat)
- Flower Festival at Genzano (A. Bournonville) Pas de Deux Variations • Giselle (J. Perrot, J. Coralli) Peasant Pas de Deux Variations
- Graduation Ball (D. Lichine) Pas De Deux Variations
 - Harlequinade (M. Petipa) Pas De Deux Variations
 - La Bayadere (M. Petipa) Three Shade Variations
- La Fille Mal Gardée (B. Nijinska, D. Romanoff) Pas de Deux Variations • Le Corsaire (M. Petipa) Odalisque Variations
 - Paquita (M. Petipa) All Variations (except Principal Variations)
 - Raymonda (M. Petipa) All Variations (except Principal Variations)
 - Swan Lake (M. Petipa, L. Ivanov) Pas de Trois Variations
 - The Flames of Paris (V. Vainonen) Pas de Deux Variations
 - The Sleeping Beauty (M. Petipa) Variations of Fairies, Bluebird Pas de Deux

Rising competitors are allowed and encouraged to slightly modify and simplify the above variations to fit their technical skill level.

JUNIOR, TEENS, SENIOR, AND PROFESSIONAL AGE CATEGORY

- Coppelia (A. St. Leon) Pas de Deux and all Variations
- Diana & Acteon (A. Vaganova) Pas de Deux and Variations -
 - Don Quixote (M. Petipa) Pas de Deux and all Variations
 - Fairy Doll (S. Legat)
- Flower Festival at Genzano (A. Bournonville) Pas de Deux and all Variations • Giselle (J. Perrot, J. Coralli) Variation of Giselle, Act I Peasant Pas de Deux and Variations, Pas de Deux Variations from Act II
 - Graduation Ball (D. Lichine) Pas De Deux Variations
 - Harlequinade (M. Petipa) Pas De Deux and Variations
- La Bayadere r (M. Petipa) Three Shade Variations, Act III; Gamzatti Variation, Pas de Deux and Variations, Bronze Idol
Nikia Variation (Nikia Variation is not accepted for competition, unless under 2:30 minutes.)
 - La Esmeralda (M. Petipa) Pas de Deux and all Variations
 - La Fille Mal Gardée (B. Nijinska, D. Romanoff) Pas de Deux and all Variations
 - La Sylphide (A. Bournonville) Pas de Deux and all Variations
 - Laurencia (V. Chabukiani)
- Le Corsaire (M. Petipa) Pas d'Esclave and Variations, Odalisque Variations, Jardin Animé, Act III Pas de Deux and Variations
- Les Sylphides/Chopiniana (M. Fokine) Male and Female Mazurkas, Waltz # 7 and Waltz # 11, Prelude
 - Napoli (A. Bournonville) Pas de Six and all Variations
 - Paquita (M. Petipa) All Variations
 - Raymonda (M. Petipa) All Variations
 - Satanello (M. Petipa) Pas de Deux and Variations
 - Swan Lake (M. Petipa, L. Ivanov) Pas de Trois and Variations
 - The Awakening of Flora (M. Petipa) Variations
 - The Flames of Paris (V. Vainonen) Pas de Deux and Variations
 - The Nutcracker Suite (V. Vainonen) Pas de Deux and Variations
- The Sleeping Beauty (M. Petipa) Variations of Fairies, Aurora Variations from Act I and Act II (under 2:30 minutes), BlueBird Pas de Deux and Variations, Wedding Pas de Deux and Variations.

(Please note: Aurora Variation from Act I is not accepted for competition, unless under 2:30 minutes)

- The Cavalry Halt (M. Petipa) Pas de Deux and all Variations
- The Talisman (M. Petipa) Pas de Deux and all Variations

Performing on Pointe:

We are strongly committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all dancers, and especially of our youngest participants. Please make sure that you adhere to the guidelines set forth below:

Students Age 10 and under: We recommend performing in flat shoes.

Students Age 11 and older: We strongly encourage performing on pointe.

Teacher Credential:

When registering your dancers online, please be sure to list your Teacher and Director in the "Teacher" field of your registration process. If theater rules allow, we will distribute 2 Credentials per each school.

Due to each theater's security regulations, teachers / directors must provide a photo ID at the registration table located inside the theater. Please note that we will not be able to replace misplaced or stolen Credential.

Teachers and directors with their credentials will have access to participate in all master classes and open competitions. The competition schedule will be sent via email two weeks before the events.

Scholarship Offers:

Participants who receive scholarship offers or letters of interest/acceptance from Grand Prix Dance Open America should follow up directly with the contact information provided from the presenting school or company. We kindly ask participants to then inform our regional office once any offers have been formally accepted.

Videos and Photography:

Dance Open America will provide professional photography and video of each competitor's performance for purchase. No personal flash photography or videotaping will be permitted inside the competition venue. If photography or videotaping is identified, DOA reserves the right to confiscate the camera/video equipment and disqualify the competitor's performance.

Release Agreement:

By signing the Dance Open America Release Agreement, all registered competitors grant permission to Dance Open America and its representatives to publish their photographs/videos on local or national television, promotional videos, marketing materials, the internet, or any other visual media, as deemed fit by Dance Open America in an effort to promote its competitions.

All photographs/videos taken by Dance Open America and any independent representative commissioned by Dance Open America become the property of Dance Open America.

Dance Open America reserves the right to sell said photographs/videos at competition events and online for purchase of DVD or by download.

In addition, all representatives, staff, or kin of Dance Open America is released and held harmless from any and all claims for damages or injuries sustained while participating or attending any activity related to any and all Dance Open America events.

Additional Information:

To register, you can use your account with Dance Comp Genie. If you do not have an account, you must open an account before registering. Verify that all the data is entered correctly. After completing the registration, including the payment section, you will receive a confirmation email to the email address provided in your Dance Comp Genie account.

Dance Open America reserves the rights to change, delete, or add to any rules, regulations, or policies at any time deemed necessary. All changes to original submitted entries must be in writing; no verbal requests will be honored. Changes to original entries must be received seven (7) days before the competition event. Dance Open America requests any questions regarding schedule changes should be submitted by the Studio Directors.

Dance Open America reserves the right to cancel any event due to lack of registration, weather, or other unforeseen circumstance and reserves the right, when necessary, to relocate a competition site/date/time or expand a competition to a multiple day event if necessary. If an extenuating weather or unforeseen circumstance arises and Dance Open America cancels an event and it is not rescheduled, refunds or credits for the following year will be issued. If the event is rescheduled, no refunds will be given. Should an extenuating circumstance arise, please check the website and/or your email address that you registered under for any event updates.

In addition, Dance Open America and the venue hosting the event are not responsible for any personal injury or property loss that is suffered by anyone attending or participating in the competition. All representatives, staff, or kin of Dance Open America is released and held harmless from any and all claims for damages or injuries sustained while participating or attending any activity related to any and all Dance Open America events.



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