

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are looking forward to your being at the Excellence Dance Festival. In Order to make the competition run as smoothly as possible, we are asking you to cooperate in the following ways:

1. Please make sure you have completed your entry forms, a participant order form for each person attending and a studio accounting summary and return those to us by our closing date of October 1st, 2021. Please note that a \$100 late fee per person will be charged after the deadline.
2. Shortly after we receive your information, we will send you an invoice/confirmation. Please check this closely for selling, correct entries, and correct charges and let us know immediately if we need to make changes. Please be advised that at the competition we may not have time to make changes or take additional entries.
3. Upon arrival at the ballroom, one representative from the studio should come to the registration desk and pick up the packages for their studio. **OUTSTANDING BALANCES MUST BE PAID BEFORE PACKAGES CAN BE RELEASED.** At the registration desk we will accept CASH ONLY. Each participant will be given a heat list showing what heat and what time they will be dancing. Please be advised that the time listed is approximate and subject to change. Each competitor should be present in the ballroom at least 30 minutes prior to their scheduled dance time. When you receive your heat sheet, please make sure your dances, level and ages are correct. We need to be made aware of any mistakes as soon as possible.
4. Competitor numbers can be picked up from the registration desk. If you are a professional dancer or an amateur couple, you must have proof of your registration with the National Dance Council.
5. Seating will be according to packages and the date, often order with preferred seating going first to package holders. All seats in the ballroom are numbers and match ticket numbers. Seating is assigned when tickets are ordered. Therefore any groups wishing to sit together should order tickets at the same time.
6. Please note the address and contact information below:

Excellence Charlotte Dance Festival:

Phone: 980-228-7814

Email: excellencedancefestival@gmail.com

SYLLABUS: Material used in closed competition should be based on the current NDCA, Fred Astaire, Arthur Murray, or equivalent American step list and the ISTD syllabus for International style. Open divisions are not material restricted,

SOLOS: Solos are limited to 2 ½ minutes. Music must be on a USB. Solo judging is based on impression. Students receive score and comments.

ADJUDICATION: You have the option of being judged Contested or Uncontested. Contested entries are marked against the other dancers in your category. Uncontested entries are scored against the standard of the level in which you are entered; the score is then converted to 1st, 2nd or 3rd place. Please select one for each form. The decision of the judges shall be final. Our judges are highly qualified and are not to be harassed or questioned about their reasons for marking. The Chairman of Judges shall be responsible for decisions concerning ties or any problems arising over marks. The skating system of judges shall be used.

ON DECK AREA: Dancers are required to be in the "On Deck" area two heats prior to their scheduled heat. Any competitor not on the floor when the Master of Ceremonies calls, is subject to disqualification for that heat. Please be advised that changes may be made from the original program and all dancers should be in the ballroom 30 minutes prior to the time they are scheduled to dance.

LATE ENTRIES: Entries received after the deadlines are subject to a \$100 late fee.

PAYMENTS: All payments received after the deadline must be Cashier's Check or Money Order. Personal or studio check WILL NOT be accepted. Balance must be paid in full 2 weeks prior to the competition.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: The deadline for cancellation refunds is three weeks prior to the event. If the organizers are notified after the deadline, refunds will be considered only on case of an emergency and a doctor's certificate is required. Refunds will be mailed 30 days after the event. Any canceled entries are subject to a cancellation fee of \$2.50. Absolutely no refunds will be made at the event.

SEATING: Seating preferences will be based on package and receipt of entries and payment. Spectator seating will be based on when the paid order is received. Please note that we cannot seating separate orders together since the tickets are assigned when purchased.

VIDEOS: No personal video cameras will be allowed. Professionally produced videos and photographs will be available for purchase.

CHARGES: The organizer cannot be held responsible for any personal charges made to the hotel. All participants must pay their own personal charges including room and phone service.

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RELEASE FORM

All spectators, competitors, officials and guests who attend this competition are subject to the official rules set out by the Excellence Dance Festival and the National Dance Council of America, Inc. and by participating in this event automatically become obligated to adhere to them.

No responsibility for loss or theft of articles left in changing rooms, ballrooms, or hotel rooms can be accepted by the Organizers or by the National Dance Council of America, Inc. Neither can they be held liable for injury sustained by persons attending this event. Everyone attending does so at his or her own risk. I release the Excellence Dance Festival from all claims regarding illness or accidents while attending this event. Any student, professional, studio owner or spectator making a claim, dispute, or nonpayment Excellence Dance Festival organizers to hire legal counsel shall be help solely liable and responsible for the cost of said council and any and all associated fees arising thereof.

No videotaping or filming will be allowed. A professional video company will be present at the competition to video your performance. Everyone who attends the Excellence Dance Festival has by doing so consented to the use and release of any videos, pictures or names in connection with promotion of the Excellence Dance Festival. Any participant having an objection to being taped or to the possibility of being seen on television or videotape should notify the Excellence Dance Festival thirty days prior to the competition.

PLEASE CONTACT THE EXCELLENCE DANCE FESTIVAL ORGANIZERS, SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS

Tel: 980-228-7814

E-Mail: excellencedancefestival@gmail.com

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO SARWAT KALUBY OR ANDREA ZARAMELLA

Name and Signature	Name and Signature

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