

2012 NTD Television International Classical Chinese Dance Competition Rules and Regulations

Mission

The fifth annual "International Classical Chinese Dance Competition" is one in a series of international cultural and arts events sponsored by New Tang Dynasty Television (NTD Television). It will launch a new era in classical Chinese dance by fostering cultural exchange, making this ancient Chinese culture renowned throughout the world and promoting purely authentic traditional dance that is pure goodness, and pure beauty.

Organizer

The Competition will be hosted by New Tang Dynasty Television (NTD Television). The NTD Television satellite television and website will broadcast the competition proceedings around the globe.

Panel of Judges

The Panel of Judges will be composed of experienced dance experts. The panel will be given complete authority to engage in the evaluations of the Competition.

Qualifications to Enter the Competition

1. All contestants shall comply with all the arrangements of the Competition's Organization Committee and decisions from the Panel of Judges. The Panel of Judges has the right to revoke violators' eligibility and the prizes awarded.
2. All dance teachers and dancers from professional arts academies and dance troupes and dance instructors, dancers, and dance students from professional dance schools between the ages of 13 – 40 may register and participate.
3. The range of age for each division of the Competition is as follows: Junior Division, age 13 - 17; Adult Division, age 18 – 40.
4. To qualify for the Competition: After the Panel of Judges has reviewed all of the materials from the applicants, a formal "NTD Television International Classical Chinese Dance Competition Invitation" will be sent to those who meet the criteria. The contestants may use this invitation to apply for visas and report to the competition.

Registration

1. Registration Dates: Starts on January 15th, 2012
2. Methods of registration:
 - 1) Internet: <http://dance.ntdtv.com>

- 2) Email: dance@globalcompetitions.org
 - 3) Hotlines: 1-646-736-2988
 - 4) Fax: 1-212-918-3479
 - 5) Mail: 229 West 28th Street, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10001, U.S.A.
Attention: The Organization Committee of " NTD Television 2012 International Classical Chinese Dance Competition"
3. Application package:
- 1) The applicant should fill out and submit the International Classical Chinese Dance Competition Registration Form as well as the Resume Form; both of which can be downloaded from the Competition's Website. All those under the age of 18 must have a legal guardian sign the Registration Form.
 - 2) Each applicant must provide two 1" × 1" color photos (digital photos preferred) and a copy of their valid ID.
 - 3) Contestants may choose to send in a DVD (VCD) or a regular 1/2" VHS tape, preferably in NTSC format. The videotape, VCD and DVD must not be enhanced or edited. The DVD or video should have the contestants' division, name of the dance routine, and the contestant's name clearly marked on the cover. In addition, no subtitles or logos that reveal any information about the entrant may appear within the audio or image or else it will be considered an act of forfeiture.
 - 4) The above application materials should be sent to the Competition's Organization Committee by registered mail. All application materials shall not be returned.
4. Registration fee¹: Junior Division: US\$30, Adult Division: US\$50. We take major credit cards, cash, traveler's checks, or money orders. Please make your check payable to New Tang Dynasty Television.
5. Registered express mail charges: for applicant who need a United States visa, please indicate so on the Registration Form, and pay an additional US\$35 fee for the registered express mail for the visa materials.

Competition Dates & Locations

- Preliminaries²:
 - Asia-Pacific Region: Fall of 2012.
Hong Kong (Check for website update).
 - North America Region: Fall of 2012
Manhattan, New York, USA (Check for website update).
- Semi-finals: Fall of 2012.
Manhattan, New York, USA (Check for website update).
- Finals & Award Ceremony: Fall of 2012.
Manhattan, New York, USA (Check for website update).

¹ Under normal circumstances, applicant's registration becomes valid only after he or she pays the registration fee. For applicants who cannot prepay the registration fee due to special difficulties, they are required to submit a formal written request to delay the payment of registration fee until time of competition. However, there will be a US\$20 surcharge in such case.

² Contestants from anywhere in the world can register for preliminary in either Hong Kong or New York; however, one contestant can not register to participate in preliminaries at both sites.)

Placement Awards

Gold Award is US\$10,000, Silver Award is US\$3,000, Bronze Award is US\$1,000.

- Adult Division (Male): 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronzes, 3 Honorable Mentions.
- Adult Division (Female): 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronzes, 3 Honorable Mentions.
- Junior Division (Male): 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronzes, 3 Honorable Mentions.
- Junior Division (Female): 1 Gold, 1 Silver, 2 Bronzes, 3 Honorable Mentions.

Content of the Competition

1. Note: The theme of our competition is classical Chinese dance. Due to differences in perception of what classical Chinese dance is, the Organizing Committee would like to make the following clarifications:
 - a) The judging criteria will focus on authentic classical Chinese dance movements in both Required Movements and Individual Choice parts of the competition.
 - b) Please pay special attention to the bearing and form that are characteristic of classical Chinese dance.
 - c) Classical Chinese dance is distinct from ballet or modern dance. It is also different from the techniques and movements in Chinese opera, or set movements in martial arts.
 - d) Although modern dance contains movements and techniques from classical Chinese dance, it does not contain the traditional aesthetics of classical Chinese dance.
 - e) Please do not depict animals or other lower life forms during the Individual Choice performance.
2. Includes solo, duet, or trio dances³. The dance routine in the Competition will be between 2-3.5 minutes long.
3. In addition to the dance routine, the contestants also will perform 1.5-2.5 minute of a required set of movements or 1.5-2.5⁴ minute of an individual choice set of movements (showing leaps, turns, flip, and control, plus tumbling techniques of "blanket fundamentals").
4. For the Preliminaries, the contestants will perform a dance routine and a required set of movements.
5. For the Semi-Finals, the contestants will perform a dance routine (a different routine may be selected) and a required set of movements.
6. For the Finals, the dancers will perform a dance routine (a different routine may be selected), and either a required set of movements or an individual choice set of movements.
7. Required set of movements:
 - Male:
[Please refer to the Chinese text for accurate terms for the required Leaps, Turns, Flips, and Control movements]
 - Female:
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³ Contestants who register for duet or trio dances could invite backup dancers. If these backup dancers also want to compete for awards, they also need to register themselves.

⁴ Bearing and form are required to be connection in Required Movements. In addition to Required Movements, a contestant shall choose certain technical skills to best demonstrate his(her) personal style during the performance of Individual Choice.

and Control movements]

Dress Code

- Female: Solid color short-sleeved shirt and black pants.
- Male: White short-sleeved shirt/vest and black pants.

Evaluation and Scoring

The final rankings will be announced after each round of competition.

Accommodation and Transportation

1. The Competition's Organization Committee will recommend hotels in New York City for contestants and those accompanying them.
2. Contestants and their entourage shall pay for their own accommodation and transportation. The Competition's Organization Committee can arrange accommodation of entourage if entrusted, but only to the designated hotels.

Miscellaneous

1. Since the Communist Party is outlawed in the United States, all songs and music that eulogize the Communist Party will be prohibited during this competition. Contestants would be well advised to send their dance music to the Panel of Judges for assessment in order to avoid unnecessary problems.
2. Chinese and Western classical music pieces may be selected as dance music. In addition, a portfolio of pre-selected music and songs are provided on the official website of this competition as an alternative option for contestants.
3. Contestants will take full responsibility to any copyright issues related to the dance music they choose for the competition.
4. All contestants shall comply with all the arrangements of the Competition's Organization Committee. The committee has the right to revoke violators' eligibility and the prizes awarded.
5. During the competition, all audiovisual copyrights shall belong to NTD Television.
6. All winners must personally attend the award ceremony to accept the prize. Cash will not be awarded in lieu of that prize. The winners absent will automatically give up the prize.
7. Contestants will be responsible for any accident or injury that occurs in the course of competition.

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