

# Denver Ballet Guild *Young Dancers Competition*

October 3, 2011

Dear Studio Owner, Artistic Director or Instructor:

You and your students are invited to enter the Denver Ballet Guild's 30th Young Dancers Competition, which will take place on March 2, 3 and 4, 2012. The competition will be held at Colorado Heights University, 3001 South Federal Boulevard, Denver, Colorado.

The goals of the competition are to recognize excellence in our young dancers and provide an opportunity for further enrichment of their art. Our Master Teacher will conduct all classes and is a highly regarded professional. A highly respected panel of judges from the international dance community has been invited. They will observe and score students as they work through their master class and variations and will select finalists from Categories II, III, IV and V.

***Please note:***

1. ***All students will have a master class. The following choice is offered in allowance for the various levels of technical ability. Students in Categories III, IV and V will have the option to **EITHER:** take a Master Class, perform a variation and be considered as finalists for awards and scholarship money **OR:** only take a Master Class and not perform a variation, which will then exclude students from any award consideration. We encourage all eligible and qualified dancers to perform a variation and compete for awards. Likewise, we encourage and trust studio teachers in their decision of student capability before entering their dancer as either competitor or participant.***
2. ***Categories III and IV girls' variations must be performed "en pointe". Dancers cannot enter as a competitor if point work is not proficient enough to perform variation competently and safely.***
3. ***Category V has been subdivided into two levels, Junior Level for boys 14-15 years of age and Senior Level for boys 16-18 years of age. This division is to allow the boys a chance to compete with their peers and be recognized for their accomplishments within that group.***
4. ***Students will choose their variations from the enclosed list. We encourage students and teachers to become familiar with these choices early to avoid those last minute "crunch decisions" or changes.***
5. ***Please copy and distribute enclosed Parent Information Letter.***

Each participant will receive a tee shirt and a certificate of participation. Finalists will receive a certificate of achievement and may be selected for cash awards according to judges' placement and discretion. Only those performing variations and Category II students will be eligible for the finalist awards.

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Enclosed are a studio interest form and a list of variations. Please complete the studio interest form, have it signed by the artistic director, instructor, or studio owner and **return it to Pam Gatz no later than October 31, 2011**. Set music for the variations and individual application forms will be mailed out to all interested studios in early November 2011. If you have any questions, please call Pam Gatz. Address all correspondence to Pam Gatz. Thank you and we look forward to receiving your interest form.

Sincerely,

Pam Gatz  
Competition Co-Chair  
(303) 322-0938

Gail Kassan  
Competition Co-Chair  
(303) 488-0007

Studio interest form and a list of variations are available on the website:  
[www.denverballetguild.org](http://www.denverballetguild.org).

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**1<sup>st</sup> Parent Information Letter** – brief update on event, more detailed information to follow.

**When:** Friday, March 2    Saturday, March 3    Sunday, March 4, 2012

**Where:** Colorado Heights University Theater

**Open to:** Classical Ballet Students, living and training in Colorado, age as of March 1, 2012:

Category I	Age 10-11 girls and boys	Master Class (no awards)
Category II	Age 12-13 girls and boys	Master Class
Category III	Age 14-15 girls	Master Class with or without variation
Category IV	Age 16-18 girls	Master Class with or without variation
Category V, Jr.	Age 14-15 boys	Master Class with or without variation
Category V, Sr.	Age 16-18 boys	Master Class with or without variation

**Entry Fees:** \$30-\$45 depending on student's category.

**Awards:** Over \$20,000 in awards given out

- ✓ Student applications will be available from your studio director and at [www.denverballetguild.org](http://www.denverballetguild.org) in **November 2011**.
- ✓ The **application deadline is Monday, January 23, 2012**.
- ✓ Parents need to prepare the following items to accompany the application:
- ✓ All Categories, with or without variations
  - Copy of student's birth certificate
  - Payment
  - 2" x 3" head shots (please, no 1" x 1")
- ✓ Only Categories III, IV and V with variations must provide an additional 8" x 10" photo in ballet attire
  - No copy of photos will be accepted.
  - **APPLICANTS WILL NOT BE PLACED UNTIL ALL ITEMS ARE RECEIVED...PARTIAL APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED**

**Required attire:**

Girls – Black or solid color tank or camisole leotard, no long sleeves, European pink seamed tights

Boys – White tee shirts, black tights

**Tentative schedules** and class rosters will be available within two weeks after the January 23, 2012 deadline, but you can plan on approximately 1 hour 30-minute for the Master Class. An additional three to four hours will be required for students performing.

Usual time attendance: Friday afternoon/evening – Categories IV, V Sr.

Saturday morning – Category II

Saturday afternoon/ early evening – Categories III, V Jr.

Sunday morning – Category I (bring a small sack lunch).

Sunday afternoon – Finals, professional company performance, awards.

All participants are required to attend Sunday afternoon. Parents are strongly encouraged to enjoy the afternoon with us as well. **Please direct any further questions concerning the competition to your studio director.**

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**STUDIO INTEREST FORM**

also available on [www.denverballetguild.org](http://www.denverballetguild.org)

**A BALLET COMPETITION AND CLASSES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS, AGES 10-18**

*If you wish to receive application forms, set music for variations, rules, and schedules, this form must be returned by **October 31, 2011***

**DATES: March 2, 3 and 4, 2012**

**LOCATION: Colorado Heights University, 3001 South Federal Blvd, Denver, CO**

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Name of Studio (Please Print)

Telephone

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Full Address

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City, State and ZIP

Approximate number of students who will be attending as either participant or competitor:

Girls\_\_\_\_ Boys\_\_\_\_ Total\_\_\_\_\_

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Signature (Director/Owner/ Instructor)

(Print name)

Do you have access to the internet: Y/N

May we communicate with you via e-mail: Y/N

E-mail address

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**Categories** (age as of March 1, 2012):

Category I Age 10-11 girls and boys

Master Class

Category II Age 12-13 girls and boys

Master Class

Category III Age 14-15 girls

Master Class with or without variations

Category IV Age 16-18 girls

Master Class with or without variations

Category V, Jr. Age 14-15 boys  
variations

Master Class with or without

Category V, Sr. Age 16-18 boys  
variations

Master Class with or without

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**Return to: Pam Gatz**

**486 Jackson Street**

**Denver, CO 80206**

**(303)322-0938**