



WEST COAST ELITE DANCE, INC.

## Nationals

~ March 13-14, 2015 ~

Long Beach Convention Center

300 E Ocean Blvd.

Long Beach, CA 90802

### Accommodations

The Hyatt Regency will be the host hotel. For a discounted rate, please reserve your room under the West Coast Elite Dance room block prior to February 20, 2015. Please note WCE Dance will not hold any room reservations.

Hyatt Regency

200 S Pine Ave, Long Beach, CA 90802

(562) 491-1234

### Event Schedule

All solo and improv entries will compete Friday March 13. All team dances will compete Saturday, March 14. There will be unlimited solo, improv and team entries at WCE Nationals.

### Closing Gala

All participating dancers and two coaches from each school will receive complimentary admission to our prestigious semi-formal Gala Saturday evening. The highest scoring team dance from each school will be selected to dance in the Gala. The winners of each Gold category will also dance in the Gala, along with four judges choice awards, and all solo and improv finalists. All specialty awards for both Silver and Gold levels (Grand Champions, top overall, best in...etc.) will be awarded at the closing of the Gala.

\* Unless a dance receives a judges choice award or first place in a Gold category, a minimum of four team dances must be entered at WCE Dance Nationals to be able to dance in the Gala.

### Levels

In order to accommodate all dancers and teams, there will be two levels of competition at Nationals. Below is a general guideline for choosing levels. Please note the Character, Open, All Male, Co-ed, Pom and Kick categories will not be divided by levels.

**Silver Level:** Designed so dancers with similar training and experience can compete against each other. If a dance receives below a 90 at a Regional competition, this would be its appropriate level.

**Gold Level:** For highly competitive entries. If a team dance or solo receives a score of 90 or higher at a Regional Competition, that entry will automatically be put in the gold level.

\* Out of fairness to the other teams in the Silver category, if a dance gets a 90 or above at any regional competition, then they are required to place their dance in Gold and cannot compete in Silver. Any dance that receives less than 90 can be placed in either Silver or Gold, at the coach's discretion.

### Solos ~ New

**We will accept UNLIMITED solos!** Solos will also be divided into Silver and Gold levels. The same guidelines for levels should be used when registering soloists. All solo entries will be eligible for the Dancer of the Year Award, regardless of level placement. All solo finalists will perform in the closing Gala and receive full scholarships to the 2015 WCE Summer Dance Experience!

### **Improv**

The improv category will not be divided by levels. The top 5 highest scoring improv soloists will re-compete in our closing Gala for a full scholarship to the 2015 WCE Summer Dance Experience!

### **National Awards**

**Grand Champion:** The 2015 National Grand Champions will receive \$1,000! First and second runner up will also receive cash prizes. All team entries will be eligible for the Grand Champion award, regardless of level placement.

**Gold Top Overall:** Will go to the highest scoring dance in the Gold Level. 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place Overall will also be awarded.

**Silver Top Overall:** Will go to the highest scoring dance in the Silver Level. 2<sup>nd</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> place Overall will also be awarded.

**Best In...:** Awards will be given to the highest scoring entries in Hip Hop, Lyrical, Jazz and Contemporary in both the Silver and Gold levels.

**Judges Pick:** Judges will select dances that stood out in both the silver and gold levels. Awards include: choreography, entertainment, technique, storytelling, commitment, and performance.

~ Awards will also be given for placement in categories in both the Silver and Gold levels. ~

### **Pricing**

Please see Nationals Registration Form for pricing information.

### **Admission**

Full weekend Pass advance purchase (before February 24, 2015)- \$45

\*Available through team registration only

Full weekend Pass after March 1, 2015 (includes Friday competition, Saturday competition & closing Gala)- \$50

One day competition only- \$15

Closing Gala- \$30

Children 6-10 - \$25 (full weekend pass)

Children 6-10- \$10 (one day competition)

Children 5 & under- Free

- Only cash or check accepted at the door. Credit cards not accepted for admission.

### **Performance Area**

The performance area for all team, solo, improv and Gala entries at Nationals is a stage. The dimensions are 60'x45'. Please take these dimensions into consideration when rehearsing for Nationals, as it is different than the regulation sized basketball courts at the regional competitions. Teams and dancers may utilize the wings during their performance.

### **Apparel**

West Coast Elite Dance apparel and merchandise will be sold at the 2015 WCE Dance Nationals. The form of payment in cash, credit card, or check (accompanied by proper I.D.) will be accepted.