

Dear Fellow Dance Educator

Welcome to the 2015 Indiana State Dance Championships and Workshop! As usual, our event will be taking place during Valentines weekend, February 14–15th. The competitive portion is on Saturday at the beautiful and spacious Greenwood High School auditorium.

I am excited to be continuing the educational tradition of ISDC with the Jazz Workshop Class during lunch on Saturday and the Master Class Series on Sunday. I encourage your dancers to join us for this intimate workshop experience with our versatile, student experienced faculty. A well rounded selection of genres will be offered; highlighting the specialties of our judges. Schedule specifics will be released with the competition schedule. Styles offered may include: Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyric, Contemporary, Modern, Musical Theater or Hip Hop. Two age/experience levels are offered in which to place your students in the Sunday classes. This opportunity to work with guest teachers enhances the educational focus of ISDC and encourages the camaraderie with fellow dancers that our participants so enjoy. These qualities are ones that I am proud of and that make us a unique option for you and your students.

ISDC judges are qualified, compassionate, experienced dance educators. They understand the challenges faced by students and teachers in a studio setting, and have a passion for educating in the field of dance. Contracts are being secured for this year's panel. Once posted, I encourage you to view the judges bios for more information on each.

Our most distinguishing characteristic is that this is a non-costumed event. Read the Rules and Regulations carefully for policy details. We provide a unique opportunity for young dancers to focus on technical mastery and physical artistry in a competitive performance setting without costume distractions. Many applauded the event as a chance to perform or see work on stage early in the season, prior to later costumed events. This simplified experience makes for a stress free day for our students and contributing adults; and puts the beauty and artistry of dance into perspective for all who attend.

This season brings the offer of a new feature at ISDC, sparked by the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge craze. All solo entries are being offered the choice, should they desire, to donate \$5 in lieu of receiving an award trophy. Studio directors are asked to make a unified selection, on behalf of their dancers, as to what charity their studio's donations should be sent. Entries wishing to donate their trophy cost may indicate so on their entry form.

I ask for your assistance in enforcing respect and care for the theater and surrounding spaces. Directors should convey to their students and families the importance of keeping food, drink and participants in designated areas only, and cleaning up after oneself. Your cooperation is appreciated.

ISDC has been providing a unique and educational competitive experience to young dancers for over 30 years. If you have never attended, I hope you will take this season to give us a try. Professional, friendly staff, an artistic emphasis, a timely, organized event and affordable entry fees are just some of what we have to offer. Contact me directly with questions or concerns at 317-506-6329. Send emails to ISDC@TheDanceCompanyIndy.Com. More information, Rules & Regulations and Forms are available at WWW.IndianaStateDanceChampionships.Com.

I am looking forward to another special weekend of dance and a great show presented by you and your beautiful dancers! Hope to see you there!

Sincerely,

Stephanie Annandale; Director