



Hello Directors,

We are looking forward to an exciting competition in Biloxi Mississippi and want to make sure that you have all the information you need for a great day of competition with DMI.

Please keep in mind that there may be minor changes made to the line up, so please wait to print a copy until we send the line up that is labeled "FINAL".

***Please upload your music to your portal labeled with your entry number. We need all music uploaded by **Monday morning** March 20th.

If using a USB for back up ONLY, please label the information for your dances in the drive in the order of the lineup and put the following information: the entry number, followed by a dash, and finally the name of the dance. i.e. #000-Dance Dance Dance.

Please pay attention when your competitors are on stage, if you see that your music is not playing properly and we have your back up music, we may ask you to come immediately to the sound area.

***We understand that from time to time we may need to move ahead or go back to numbers that may have been skipped over for various reasons. However, please try to be ready when you are due to perform and checking back stage at least 5-10 numbers before you are scheduled to dance. We understand many things can cause delays in being ready to go on stage. However, it is up to each and every director to encourage quick costume changes and preparations ahead of time to assure the schedule is followed.

If your dancers have a break before an award ceremony, please have them changed and be ready once we resume competition.

***If you are a title competitor.....

1) Directors will bring all 8 by 10 photos (headshots) at registration. Photos need to have the name of performer, age, entry #, and the studio on the back of the photo. Photos

will be put in your packet at the end of the day for directors to pick up and deliver back to the performer. Please note that photo may be in color or black and white. If competitor is entering photogenic, please use a separate photo of your choice for the photogenic contest.

2) Please tell your title dancers to go directly to the title area before or shortly after their performance to do their interview with the title judge.

The room for the title interview will be a special designated area.

It will be marked for your competitors to see and the registration table can guide you as to where to go at the venue.

Please wait for the title judge to ask you to enter. Please make sure your title dancer does their interview in a timely manner and that the title picture has been turned in during registration. When we do not get the photo and the interview scores, we cannot complete the scoring and they will forfeit the title part of their solo entry. Please make sure your dancer understands the process.

3) This note applies only to dancers with two solo title entries. If the dancer is in more than one title solo, one picture score will be given for both entries, and the same applies to the interview. Since the same photo and interview score will be used, it will be your solo score which determines how you will place. Only two dances from the same soloist may register for title and only one may place in their title division.

4) Non-contested title entries must receive a Platinum to receive the 1st place title. If a Elite Gold or lower placement for the performer is received, the 1st Runner up award will be given. ***All Title entries are eligible for overall solo. *** Overall soloists with more than one solo are eligible for up to two overall solo placements.

***Photogenic entries need to be turned in at registration and before the solo awards ceremony for their age division. Photos can be in color or black and white and must be an 8 x 10 head shot (not required to be professional) but please make sure to submit a clear and headshot image.

***Photogenic can be entered onsite at the registration table on the day of the competition.

***All adjudicated entries receiving a Platinum or better and are a contested or non-contested entry will be eligible for a top first award.

***Please let your parents know that they can order professional videos of every dance at the customer service/registration table. The videos are offered at a Great Price and it is a Great Product. Videos will be emailed within one week following the event.

***Please NO videotaping at all by anyone including your studio photographer. This will be monitored and will NOT be allowed. Your studio's photo pass allows photography ONLY of your studio and not by anyone else but the designated photographer for DMI. Teachers and Directors work many hours on choreography and rehearsals for their dances and they deserve to keep them for their dancers to perform. So again, PLEASE NO VIDEOTAPING AT ANY TIME. There are many other safety concerns and we need to follow this policy throughout the competition.

***During our award ceremonies, we ask that top soloists, title winners, top titlist and over all high point soloist, top duet/trios and overall duet/trio, top scoring group winners, and our top hat award are asked to come up to the front of the stage to be recognized. If it is a group, please send us one representative to be recognized and take a quick bow.

This year at Dance Mania we will be adding a Silent Disco improv session to our popular improv sessions that you will see on the line up.

Each Improv session is marked on the line up for you to see and you can pass this information along to your parents and dancers.

Silent disco is similar to improv, but headphones are worn by each dancer. Only the dancers can hear the music and the audience is definitely entertained.

After each section of dancers does their improv, usually 3-5 dancers at a time, we let the audience hear what music they were dancing to and then we pick a winner.

The silent disco sessions/session are just before group awards.

As for our regular improv sessions. Each session offered is posted on the line up by age, just before solo award ceremonies. As mentioned before, 3-5 dancers dance at a time to music selected by DMI. Dancers and the audience will hear the music selected for the regular improv sessions.

Music may be lyrical, jazz or contemporary. A winner is chosen from each session.

Each winner from the Silent Disco Improv and regular improv will be awarded the Improv Maniac t shirt and recognized on stage.

Cost per session is \$20 and can be paid for and registered at the apparel/registration table.

See you on stage Improv Maniacs!!

Well....with all of that said, we hope that covers some helpful information to start the day.....Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you for choosing Dance Mania and best of luck from your entire Dance Mania staff!

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