

**Celebrate 250 Years of America  
with  
That's Entertainment**

**National Championship Finals Dates**

<b>Clyde High School</b> 1015 Race St Clyde, OH, 43410  <b>June 18-21, 2026</b>	<b>Bally's Atlantic City</b> 1900 Pacific Ave, Atlantic City, NJ, 08401  <b>July 19-23, 2026</b>
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All routines must qualify at regionals with a High Gold score or higher to participate in Nationals.

**Last Chance Qualifier Information**

Routines and/or schools that did not have an opportunity to qualify can take advantage of our Virtual Qualifier. Improv and Parent Routines are not required to qualify.

Directors must complete your online entries, payments & have videos uploaded by deadlines.

*May 10, 2026, for Acro, and by May 17, 2026, for the PAC Virtual qualifiers.*

**Nationals Information**

**FREE PHOTO AND VIDEO DOWNLOADS WITH ALL ENTRIES**

All competitors are welcome to participate in Workshops, Intensive & Showcase (Costume Required)

- All TE Rules as stated on our website apply
- Must meet our minimum studio entry after all credits, certificates, discounts, etc., and have a working member of the school attending. **(THIS INCLUDES NOMINATED COMPETITORS & ROUTINES FOR THE FOLLOWING: Elite Team, Short Film Cast, Spark, EOTY & All Access Passes)**
- Directors must order your costumes at the time of entry through your account.
- Upgrades available for additional group routines (not nominated at regionals) that you would like to be considered for the EOTY Cup and/or Spark Awards
- EOTY, Spark & DDC routines will compete in their regular scheduled category and be up for all additional awards, along with being considered for their nominations and/or upgrades
- For those who did not receive an All-Access pass to the Creative Masters Challenge, you can still participate *(Please see the CMC Details Below)*

**Itineraries will be mailed to studio directors**

**Clyde, OH by June 8, 2026**

**Atlantic City, NJ by July 9, 2026**

**THE CREATIVE MASTERS CHALLENGE**

*We are presenting all professional choreographers with the opportunity to compete for the Acclaimed Honor of becoming the CREATIVE MASTER: "Choreographer of the Year"*

- Choreographers may enter routines of any age, genre & size for the chance to become the TOP CHOREOGRAPHER OF THE SEASON & win the CREATIVE MASTER Award
- *Student Choreography does not qualify for the CREATIVE MASTERS CHALLENGE*
- Regional **All Access Pass** winners have an automatic FREE ENTRY for the chosen routine into the challenge *(Details Apply)*; Routine size may change (minimum studio entry required)

- All routines choosing to enter the CREATIVE MASTERS CHALLENGE & still want to vie for all additional awards provided by attending Nationals for the same routine; must register and pay to compete in nationals with the minimum entry fees required *(This includes All Access Pass winners)*
- The winning routine, Studio Name, Photo & Short Article about the CREATIVE MASTER will be featured on the TE Website & All TE Social Media Sites
- The Choreographer will receive an **All Access Pass** into the following seasons' CREATIVE MASTERS CHALLENGE for the chance to defend their title *(All Access Pass Details Apply)*

## Tentative Schedule

**\*\*\*TE may add or subtract days as needed. Be prepared for events, dates, times & the tentative schedule below to be adjusted as necessary. You must be available for the entire event\*\*\***

- Start and end times will be determined by the number of entries & we may start each day as early as 7:00 am *(please be prepared and make travel or hotel arrangements accordingly)*
- **There will be one award ceremony each day with Placement & Adjudicated awards ONLY!**
- **Last Day Final Awards Ceremony includes all High Scores, Titles, Featured Awards & More**
- Workshops and/or Intensives will be scheduled throughout the event
- If participating in the music videos and/or short film series, be prepared to arrive the day before the start of the event for rehearsals & stay a day later to film *(Details TBA)*
- **3 & 4 Day events will follow a condensed version of the 5-day schedule below**
- **Schedules will be revised as needed**

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elite Team &amp; Actors Practices</li> <li>• Possible Title Q&amp;A's</li> <li>• Possible Evening Workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting with Solos</li> <li>• If time allows before the awards, we will move into Groups</li> <li>• Workshops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting with remaining Solos <i>(if any)</i>, Groups &amp;/or Productions</li> <li><i>(We do our best to complete all Solos Day 2, but it is not guaranteed.)</i></li> <li>• Workshops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting with remaining Groups &amp;/or Productions</li> <li>• If time allows before the awards, we will move into D/T</li> <li>• Workshops</li> <li>• Hip Hop Intensive</li> <li>• National TE Family Party &amp; <b>"Drive Hard, Dance Harder"</b> Rep Your Studio Battle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Starting with all remaining routines</li> <li>• 2-3hr Final Showcase Rehearsal</li> <li>• Director/Teacher Luncheon <i>(During Final Showcase Rehearsal)</i></li> <li>• CREATIVE MASTERS CHALLENGE, Top 3 EOTY, Parent Challenge, Special Performances, Final Awards Ceremony Showcase, &amp; Awards</li> <li><i>(Will include awards for all remaining routines that were performed earlier in the day- additional details below)</i></li> </ul>

**Based on the number of entries, award ceremonies will either follow option A or B:**

**A.**

- Creative Masters, Top 3 EOTY, Parents Challenge & Special Performances *(if any, in the location you are attending)*
- National Finals Showcase
- 15-20 min Intermission

- All Parents Challenge, High Scores, Titles, Scholarships, MVCs, Spark, Diamond Dance, Leading Role, Vocal Winner, EOTY, CMC, Event Specials, Overall High Scores of the Event, and more

## B.

- JR Award Ceremony; 12 & under routines (High Score, Titles, if awarded to JR routines: Diamond Dance Challenge, Spark, Vocal, MVC, etc.)
- Creative Masters, Top 3 EOTY, Parents Challenge & Special Performances *(if any, in the location you are attending)*
- National Finals Showcase
- Awarding CMC, EOTY, Parent Challenge Winners & Event Specials
- 15-20 min Intermission
- SR Award Ceremony; 13 & up routines (High Score, Titles, if awarded to SR routines Diamond Dance Challenge, Spark, Vocal, Leading Role, MVC, etc.)
- All Ages Special Awards: Skyscraper, Overall High Scores of the Event in Each Level & More

## NATIONAL FINALS SHOWCASE

### FREE WORKSHOPS, ELITE TEAM, (Paid) HIP HOP INTENSIVE & COSTUME INFORMATION

Each year, instructors choreograph a production based on the Nationals theme that will be performed at the Final Awards Ceremony from our **FREE** Choreography-based Workshops & a **paid Hip Hop Intensive**. This year's theme is **"Celebrate America"**..

- All competitors are invited to participate in our Free Workshops, paid Hip Hop Intensives, Showcase Practice & Final Award Ceremony Showcase **(COSTUME PURCHASE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE)**
- Your participation is your commitment to attend the final practice and perform in the showcase
- Workshops, Intensives & rehearsals are closed to anyone not participating in the showcase
- **We ask that one studio representative be close by the event room in case they are needed** *(You can designate a director, teacher, or parent for this)*
- Students will not be dismissed from classes unless a representative is present
- Elite Team competitors are also welcome to participate in all additional classes offered

### Workshops & Intensives Include:

- TE Elite Team Practice: 1 ½ - 2hrs
- 9 & under Jazz workshop: 1 ½ hrs
- 10 & Up Free Workshops: 1 - 1 ½ hrs per class, genres may include *(Acro, Contemporary, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Musical Theatre, and/or Tap)*
- **"Paid" Hip Hop Intensive:** 1 - 1 ½ hrs
- Mandatory Showcase Practice 2-3hrs
- **Please provide your performers with water, lunch, and/or dinner during the showcase practice**

### Showcase Costume:

- National or Elite Team Shirt & appropriate shoes for each genre
- Red, White or Blue, Shorts or Pants
- Hair: Low Pony Tail
- Make Up: Red Lipstick, Blue Eyeshadow
- Patriotic Accessories

## Nationals Top Vocalist/Leading Role Winners &

### Regionally Nominated Elite Team & Actors/Cast -Sponsored by Spark Evolution

Awarded to Shooting or All Star SR Solo competitors in the vocal, acting, and/or musical theater genres. Must have five or more routines for this award to be presented at Nationals.

- The highest scoring Vocal Winner receives a Free Original Single & Music Video
- Judges will select the Leading Role; the winner gets the lead in the following season's short film
- Additional speaking roles are selected during regional events.

- Actors/Cast selected at regionals are automatically part of the Elite Team
- Elite Teams are selected at regionals in the dance genres 7 & up, Shooting & All-star levels only
- Elite Team has a special performance segment in the final showcase.
- If the vocal winner is available, they will back up dance for the singer in the showcase
- Elite Team has the opportunity to be featured in our next social awareness music video and or short films as dancers and/or extras *(TBD depending on each season's nationals winners)*
- You may participate in all additional workshops or intensives provided at Nationals
- CAST/ACTORS REHEARSALS *(Speaking Roles/Cast Only)*
- ELITE TEAM REHEARSALS *(Elite team & Cast Only)*

### Requirements:

- Filming will occur during National Events (ELITE TEAM & ALL CAST MUST BE AVAILABLE THE DAY PRIOR \*For Rehearsals\* & DAY AFTER THE EVENT \*For Filming\*)
- Must participate in Nationals with your studio and require a minimum studio entry
- Must have a working member of the school in attendance *(not a parent)*

**Note:** Elite Team & Cast/Actors are invited to participate & experience what it is like to be on the set of a real music video and/ or film set. This is a learning opportunity for members to get a glimpse of what it would be like if they choose to continue a career in the entertainment industry. Videos/Films will take time and not be released until the editor's approval. All members must bring their "A Game" during filming so that editors can do their best to feature everyone. *Editors must create the best product possible for release, with an expected release date between October and February.*

### National Photogenic & Modeling Spotlight

- There must be at least 5 Modeling & 5 Photogenic routines to host the spotlight
- All Modeling Routines will compete on the first day
- Chosen winners will be selected to model in our National Finals Showcase
- Models get to keep the TE Gear provided to them for the spotlight for Free
- MODELING REHEARSALS FOR THE SHOWCASE *(Top 5 Photogenic & Models Only)*
- All regional requirements apply. Please view the website for more details

### Diamond Dance Challenge "DDC"

As seen on TV, Experience Live Critiques! Take the Challenge!

**DDC Award & \$500 Cash Prize; Winner Takes All!**

- Upgrade each routine you would like to enter into the challenge
- Upgraded routines receive live & audio critiques
- Mini (6 & under) NOT accepted
- 7-18yrs, All Levels, Routine Sizes & Genres accepted and will not be separated for the Challenge unless there are 10 or more routines in both the JR & SR age divisions, we will then separate them by JR (7-12yrs) & SR (13-18yrs) ONLY

**Note:** Minimum of 10 routines in both the JR & SR age divisions for a \$500 Cash prize & DDC Award, 5-9 routines winner will receive DDC Award & \$500 Cash Certificate towards the following season, 1-4 routines receive DDC Award ONLY.

### Parents Challenge

**Fun & entertaining routines where Parents, Teachers & Directors can perform together**

- Routine should be no longer than 4 minutes
- Parent routines will perform at the Party or Final Award Showcase *(performance day TBD)*
- Must keep a family-friendly atmosphere and choreography, or you may be disqualified
- Judges' Choice wins the Challenge

## Rep Your Studio Battle "RYSB"

Will take place during our "Family Party"

**All attending studios/competitors & families are welcome! Giveaways, drinks & snacks provided!**

- Studios will choose students to represent them in this dance battle *(Can be one or all students)*
- Must keep a family-friendly atmosphere and choreography, or you may be disqualified
- This year's battle theme is **"Celebrating America"**
- Your song selection must fit the theme ~ Patriotic Songs
- Costuming must fit the theme
- Schools selected, Round 1 music must be uploaded before the event & on your backup flash drive
- Rounds 2 & 3 are DJ's Choice and are not required to fit the theme.
- Judges will select who advances to each round
- Battle will consist of choreography & free style (All styles of dance are welcome)
- Round 1: 1 1/2 minute choreographed routine
- Round 2: 1 -1-minute freestyle
- Round 3: Top 2 battle it out for the win (Choreography & Free Style Accepted)
- Winner will be announced and presented with the "Rep Your Studio Battle" Award

## Titles/Scholarship

### **Titles:**

- For Mr. or Miss TE, there must be three or more competitors in each age division for a Title to be awarded separately (Mini 6 & Under, JR 7-9, 10-12, SR 13-15, 16-18, 19-21 & Adults)
- If there are fewer than 3 in any age division, titles will be combined *(ex., JR and/or SR)*
- **All levels are awarded separately**
- Composite scores from your solo and Q&A are used to determine the title winner *(highest score wins)*
- Q&A will be asked on the first day of the event & has up to 5 points per judge
- Dressy Casual or Costume required during Q & A
- Title contestants 13 & up will be required to help raise Scholarship money with a scheduled time to go around with raffle tickets during the event

### **Scholarships:**

- The highest scoring Senior (13-18 years) at each National will be awarded a scholarship award towards their tuition to the studio you attended with
- Must have five or more contenders for a scholarship to be awarded

## Creative Master's Challenge

**Showcase Your Creativity. Claim The Title.**

**The "Creative Master Title" is awarded to 1 routine per Nationals.** Choreographers are awarded the CMC title, an award, and an All Access Pass to next year's challenge. Choreographer, students, & studio will also receive an excellence in execution award and a featured article to be displayed on our social media & website!

- Regionally, All Access Pass winners & paid entrance into the challenge will compete for the Creative Master Title & more
- For those wanting to participate in the challenge and Nationals, they must enter and pay any fees needed for both
- Routine size may change from regionals to nationals
- Student choreography is not eligible
- Winners are judges' choice

## Entertainer of the Year Cup "EOTY"

### Who Will Bring It Home? Will It be You?

**This Prestigious Cup is awarded to 1 Routine per Nationals based solely on Entertainment Value!**

Winners receive the EOTY CUP, BRAGGING RIGHTS & a FREE ROUTINE at the following season's Nationals for the chance to keep the EOTY Title!

- At regionals, judges have nominated routines they felt were entertaining
- Nominated routine size may change from regionals to nationals as long as there are four or more people

## SPARK AWARD

### Routine Portraying Social Issues

- At regionals, judges have nominated routines they felt represented social awareness

## EOTY & SPARK ADDITIONAL RULES & INFORMATION

- Nominated & upgraded routines that perform at National compete for our EOTY and/or Spark awards
- Nominated & upgraded routines compete in their regularly scheduled categories & are up for all awards
- Judges will select their Top 3 EOTY & SPARK Routines to compete again at the Final Award Ceremony Showcase, along with the previous season's winner
- Winners are judges' choice
- There must be three or more routines for a Top 3 to re-compete and receive a Free routine towards the following season's Nationals

**Note:** Winners attending the following season can either choose their previous season's winning routine or their regionally EOTY and/or SPARK-nominated routine from this season to compete at the Final Award Ceremony Showcase for the chance to keep their EOTY and/or SPARK Title

**We look forward to celebrating Nationals with you and your performers!**

**For hotel details: <https://thatsentertainmentpa.com/events/>. For general questions, call 1-877-572-9415.**

**P.S. That's Entertainment reserves the right to modify schedules and events due to circumstances beyond our control.**

*Sincerely,  
Co Directors ~ RoseMary Pontuck SR & JR  
That's Entertainment*