

Detailed Schedule

Friday, May 7th, 2021

2 pm Lobby and Dressing Rooms Open - New this season! All attendees will be required to have their temperature taken prior to entering any of our ballrooms, including the girl's dressing room and competition. After having your temperature taken you will receive a wristband that will grant you access for the remainder of the day. Stations to receive this wristband will be at the entrances of the ballrooms doors when the lobby and dressing rooms are open. Please plan according for timing!

2 - 5 pm Registration - All packets have been mailed to studio and/or individual prior to the event to provide a streamlined experience. Registration is available if you have any last minute changes, questions or concerns.

2:45 pm Competition Doors Open

3 - 9 pm Competition - Be sure to check out our LIVE stream of competition in the virtual Showroom under Competition on DM Dashboard!
#1 - 119 - Solo Competition

Solo Awards - All solos will receive their adjudication score on their scoresheet through the registration online portal by Sunday at 9 am. They will also receive a Solo Participation "trading card" included in the At Home Awards Kit on Sunday! All **Overall Awards** will be presented Sunday at the Wrap It LIVE!, therefore there will not be an award ceremony Friday evening.

Saturday, May 8th, 2021

7 am Lobby and Classrooms Open - New this season! All attendees will be required to have their temperature taken prior to entering any of our ballrooms, including the girl's dressing room and competition. After having your temperature taken you will receive a wristband that will grant you access for the remainder of the day. Stations to receive this wristband will be at the entrances of the ballrooms doors when the lobby is open. Please plan according for timing!

7 am - 2 pm Registration - All packets have been mailed to studio and/or individual prior to the event to provide a streamlined experience. Registration is available if you have any last minute changes, questions or concerns.

7:30 am - 2:30 pm Classes - Times for classes will vary for all different age levels. Please check the class schedule for specific times!

3:15 pm Competition Doors Open - New this season! All attendees will be required to have their temperature taken prior to entering any of our ballrooms, including the girl's dressing room and competition. After having your temperature taken you will receive a wristband that will grant you access for the remainder of the day. Stations to receive this wristband will be at the entrances of the ballrooms doors when the lobby is open. Please plan according for timing!

3:30 - 8 pm Competition - Be sure to check out our LIVE stream of competition in the virtual Showroom under Competition on DM Dashboard!
#120 - 194 - Group Competition

8:30 pm - Virtual Award Ceremony - #120 - 194 will be presented **Adjudication Awards and Style High Scores**. Be sure to check out our LIVE stream in the virtual Showroom under Awards on DM Dashboard! Awards will be streamed only and not available in-person.

All physical awards will be in the studio's At Home Awards Kits that will be available for pick up Sunday at 12:30 pm. NEW! **DanceAgains** will not be announced during this Virtual Awards Ceremony. Check out the stream of the Wrap It LIVE! see if you have been chosen! All **Overall Awards** will be announced during the stream of the Wrap It LIVE! on DM Dashboard.

Sunday, May 9th, 2021

7 am Lobby and Classrooms Open - New this season! All attendees will be required to have their temperature taken prior to entering any of our ballrooms, including the girl's dressing room and competition. After having your temperature taken you will receive a wristband that will grant you access for the remainder of the day. Stations to receive this wristband will be at the entrances of the ballrooms doors when the lobby is open. Please plan according for timing!

7 am - 10 am Registration - Registration is available if you have any last minute changes, questions or concerns. Registration will close at 10 am and open back up at 12:30 pm with the At Home Awards Kits available for pick up!

7:30 am - 2:30 pm Classes - Times for classes will vary for all different age levels. Please check the class schedule for specific times!

12 - 1 pm Teacher Luncheon - All teachers are invited to join Brad and Felicia for lunch to come say "hello", have a bite to eat, and share some fun, ideas, and a bit of laughter! No sign up required. **Location:** TBA

12:30 - 2 pm New! At Home Awards Kit Available for Pick Up - Please pick up your kit at Registration.

6 pm Wrap It LIVE! New this Season the Wrap It LIVE! will be streamed on DM Dashboard in the virtual Showroom under Awards! Be sure to check out the stream to see if you have been chosen for DanceAgains!, scholarships, competition awards and more! Awards will be streamed only and not available in-person.

Competition Locations

Showroom - Celestin D-H (Senior Room - 3rd Floor)

Girl's Dressing Room - Empire BCD (Teen Room - 2nd Floor)

Boy's Dressing Room - Empire A (Junior Room - 2nd Floor)

Studio Registration Kit Information

Registration Kits - New this year, all studios will receive their registration kits in the mail pre-event. All kits will be delivered by the Wednesday before the event. Your kit will include scholarship numbers, wristbands, your teacher handbook, and a complimentary program. If you have any changes that need to be made please send a detailed list of these to our admin team by 10am on the Thursday before your city and we will have them ready for you at our registration desk for a swift pick up process. We are asking all studios to distribute wristbands and scholarship numbers to their dancers before coming to the venue, which will significantly help with social distancing standards at venues. Venues are prohibiting large gatherings in all pre-function space.

Program - You will receive a complimentary competition program in your packet in the mail. Additional programs are for sale at the Merchandise Booth.

Wristbands - Your packet sent to your studio includes all of your pre-registered attendees wristbands. All wristbands must be secured on the wrist with only a finger space between the wristband and the wrist. Loose wristbands may be cut off by door guards. Wristbands must be kept on for both days of the convention. No one will be allowed into classrooms without a wristband. Additional wristbands may be available for sale at Registration, depending on availability. Please contact us prior to confirm availability in ballrooms.

Wristband Level Changes - Level changes can only be made if there is availability in the room. Due to Covid-19, we have significantly lowered the number of dancers in each room. Please contact the home office for availability in rooms. If the space is available on site, all changes must be done at registration with a registered teacher from your studio.

Scholarship Numbers - Your packet sent to your studio includes scholarship numbers for all of your pre-registered attendees (excluding teachers). There are two copies of this scholarship within your packet. The second copy is not for Sunday, but a back up for if the attendee loses their first copy. DanceMakers will *not* be reprinting any scholarship numbers onsite. The scholarship number should be pinned on their clothing so that the number is visible. All scholarships are picked throughout the weekend by our faculty members in all age levels. Remember, the number *must* be visible to our faculty to be eligible.

Observers - Classrooms will be limited to registered dancers and teachers only. No observers will be allowed in the convention ballrooms in order to limit the amount of people in each room. The exception to this will be our Camp Dance classroom. You will receive 1 Camp Dance Observer Band per registered Camp Dance dancer in your studio registration kit. We ask that each studio only have one observer in this room, but understand with this age group if that is not possible.

Waiver - All registered attendees are required to sign our waiver prior to attending. Please see our waiver on our website!

Convention and Competition Information

Temperature Checks - DanceMakers will now have industry forward thermal temperature scanners at each ballroom door for additional safety measures. All attendees will be required to have their temperature taken at the door before entering the ballrooms for convention and competition. Once you have been cleared you will receive a wristband that is good for admittance for that day only. This band will gain you access to all DanceMakers activities along with your designated wristband.

Mask Regulations for New Orleans - These mask regulations have been put in place based off the local mandates surrounding masks. All attendees are required to wear a mask, including public spaces such as pre-function space, convention classrooms, and competition setting. For convention, dancers must wear masks while participating in convention. For competition, dancers will not be required to wear masks while they are performing. Masks must be worn at all other times of competition! If your dancers choose to wear masks while performing there will be no point deductions. All of the DanceMakers staff, crew and faculty will be wearing masks as a preventative measure.

Social Distancing Standards for Dancing in Convention - DanceMakers has secured the appropriate amount of ballroom space to allow all dancers to keep a minimum of 6' apart.

If you feel sick, stay home! We will be performing symptom checks on site for our event, but be proactive on knowing your body and if you have any symptoms of Covid-19. If you have had these symptoms in the past 14 days please stay home!

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Water Stations - Classroom water stations will not be provided due to safety protocols. Please come prepared.

Convention Times and Breaks - All dancers will report directly to their classrooms on Saturday and Sunday morning. DanceMakers has staggered the start and end times for convention as well as the lunches to assist with the flow of people.

Photography/Video for Competition - Photography and videography during competition are strictly prohibited. Advanced technology of video on cell phones, cameras, etc has forced us to prohibit all camera use. This includes ALL still photography, with or without flash. This is to protect the rights of the choreographer as well as your children's safety. Any violations can result in routine and/or studio being disqualified.

Competition Music - We ask that all competition music is uploaded to support our contactless check in. Please log into your DanceMakers registration account to upload music by clicking "Music Manager" feature for your event. MP3 or MP4 files are accepted. Once uploaded you can preview all music! If you need assistance, please contact our admin team prior to your event to assist.

Props - Prop storage is limited this season. It is preferred that props are brought backstage with the dancers before their performance. If prop storage is needed please contract registration for assistance. The use of props is the sole responsibility of the studio. Props must be placed and removed from the stage within 2 minutes combined by the studio. Violation of this rule will result in a 5 point reduction. This time limit includes clean up or sweeping time including confetti/glitter/feathers etc. Stage must be left clean by performers. No studio logos are allowed while on stage helping with props. Any obvious studio affiliation will result in a 5 point reduction. Teachers, parents, or students may assist with props. No props or costume pieces to be thrown into judges area. DanceMakers cannot guarantee props over 8'h will fit on the stage.

Live Stream - DanceMakers will now be offering LIVE Streaming for all competition and all award ceremonies. Check it out on our DM Dashboard!

Competition Seating - All seating for competition will be based on current CDC and local guidelines in your city. Observers for competition will be limited based on the square footage of the ballroom. We ask that you help us by limiting observers and watching your dancers only. Please remember to check out our Live Stream on DM Dashboard in the virtual Showroom under Competition!

Backstage - We will be limiting backstage to dancers only. We will also be limiting the number of routines staged backstage to comply with social distancing.

Capacity Regulations

Due to Covid-19, there are strict capacity mandates for all ballrooms that are required in order for our event to be held. Please be respectful of all attendees and limit the number of family members and extended family members brought to our DanceMakers event. If at all possible please limit this to two family members per dancer. Please exit the ballroom immediately following your dancer's performance and/or when your dancers convention classes have started.

For the Showroom, if capacity is met we will be required to stop competition and clear the Showroom in order to allow the correct dance families to enter the Showroom to view their dancer's performance. Please be respectful and do not watch competition if your dancer is not performing!

All convention ballrooms have a capacity as well and our registration for these rooms reflect those limits.

DanceMakers convention and competition schedule has been shifted in order to make all of these mandates possible. If everyone abides by this concept there should be no problem for all families to see their dancers perform as our registrations reflect these limitations. The only aspect DanceMakers cannot control is how many family members attend outside of the actual dancer! Please do your part in allowing everyone to participate in our event!

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this uncertain time. DanceMakers is doing everything that we can in order to offer our event to your dancers and your support and corporation means more than you know.

Dressing Room

Girl's Dressing Room for Competition - DanceMakers will be providing one large girl's dressing room available for everyone's use. Please be respectful and limit the amount of people in the dressing room. There is more than enough space for everyone but we must be respectful of the venue's capacities.

Boy's Dressing Rooms for Competition - DanceMakers will be providing one dressing room for all male competitors for both solo and group competition. This dressing room will open Friday at 2 pm and Saturday at 2:30 pm. Location: Empire A

Competition Awards

Solo Awards - All soloists will receive an adjudication score on their scoresheets. Scoresheets can be viewed in the registration online portal starting Sunday at 9 am. They will also receive a Solo Participation "trading card" included in the At Home Awards Kit on Sunday. All Overall Awards will be presented Sunday at the Wrap It LIVE, which will be streamed on DM Dashboard. The Wrap It LIVE is not being held in person.

Group Awards - Each group routine will be presented Adjudication Awards (High 1st, 1st, 2nd, 3rd & Style High Scores) at the routine's designated Awards Ceremony. All Overall Awards will be presented Sunday at the Wrap It LIVE! All Awards Ceremonies, including the Wrap It LIVE, will be streamed on DM Dashboard in the virtual Showroom under Awards! They will not be held in person. All awards ceremonies will be available to watch back on DM Dashboard directly following the stream and will be available for 30 days post event!

DanceAgain! Awards - DanceMakers will still be offering our DanceAgain Awards! These are our judges' favorite routines from the entire competition, nondependent on scores. These routines will have their competition performances from Friday or Saturday streamed during our Wrap It LIVE on Sunday! These dances will not be announced ahead of time so be sure to turn in to see if your routine was chosen to DanceAgain!

At Home Award Kits - DanceMakers is introducing our NEW At Home! Awards Kits. They will be available for pick up on Sunday starting at 12:30 pm at Registration. These kits will include your awards from all our adjudication award ceremonies on Friday and Saturday, as well as your awards for the Wrap It. Your kit will be sealed and we ask for these not to be opened until post Wrap It Ceremony on Sunday afternoon. Within our At Home! Awards Kit each dancer in each routine will receive a "trading card" of their adjudication award as well as any overall awards! We invite you to have an in-studio awards ceremony where you and your dancers can celebrate all of your hard work! Be sure to tag us on social media so we can join in on the fun!

Wrap It LIVE! - As with all of our award ceremonies, the Wrap It LIVE will not be held in-person. The Wrap It will now be streamed on the DM Dashboard in the virtual Showroom under Awards! The timing of the Wrap It LIVE! stream has been adjusted to allow dancers to pack up from the event. Please see your city's schedule for timing! All awards ceremonies will be available to watch back on DM Dashboard directly following the stream and will be available for 30 days post event!

Judging Commentary - All scores will be uploaded by Sunday at 9 am and all critiques will be uploaded by the Tuesday following your event, at 9 am EST to the registration online portal.

Competition Results - NEW! This season DanceMakers will be posting all competition results on our new DM Dashboard! All Adjudication Awards and Style High Scores will be posted within an hour of the Virtual Awards Ceremony and all Overall Winner and Scholarship Winners from our Wrap It Ceremony will be posted the Monday directly following the event. Be sure to check it out! Don't forget that all awards ceremonies will also be available to watch back on DM Dashboard directly following the stream and will be available for 30 days post event!