



# The DMA Times

Newsletter for the DMA 125<sup>th</sup> National Convention

Thursday, July 9, 2009



Editor: Lisa Gillespie

## BREAKING NEWS ...

### MISS DANCE 2010

Jordan Lombardi was crowned Miss Dance of America 2010 last evening. She proudly represents Chapter 17 and her teacher is Ashley Canterna-Hardy. Jordan performed a lyrical piece entitled "Hallelujah."

### MR. DANCE 2010

Joey Arrigo was awarded Mr. Dance of America 2010 last night. He proudly represents Chapter 38 and his teacher is Dawn Rappitt. Joey performed a lyrical selection entitled "Champagne Supernova."

### MISS DANCE AWARD WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up: Kelsey Landers, Ch 10  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up: Lindsay Leuschner, Ch 38  
3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up: Madison Embrey, Ch 4  
4<sup>th</sup> Runner Up: Nicole Pachol, Ch 16  
Other Semi-Finalists:  
Taylor Harrelson, Ch 33  
Hayley Kropog, Ch 6  
Amber Lawson, Ch 46  
Jennifer Sedler, Ch 36  
Farrah Thompson, Ch 15  
Most Talented Non-Finalist:  
Courtney Myers, Ch 3  
Ballet Award: Jordan Lombardi, Ch 17  
Jazz Award: Kelsey Landers, Ch 10  
Tap Award: Nicole Pachol, Ch 16  
Acrobatic Award: Farrah Thompson, Ch 15  
Interview: Jennifer Sedler, Ch 36  
Miss Congeniality: Madison Embrey, Ch 4

### MR. DANCE AWARD WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up: Alexander Anderson, Ch 2  
2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up: Ben Lanham, Ch 16  
3<sup>rd</sup> Runner Up: Samuel Quinn, Ch 5  
4<sup>th</sup> Runner Up: Jacob Fontes, Ch 36  
Most Talented Non-Finalist: Miles Yeung, Ch 27  
Ballet Award: Alexander Anderson, Ch 2  
Jazz Award: Joey Arrigo, Ch 38  
Tap Award: Ben Lanham, Ch 16  
Acrobatic Award: Joey Arrigo, Ch 38

Interview: Joey Arrigo, Ch 38  
Mr. Personality: Ben Lanham, Ch 16

### OTHER SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

#### PHIL OSTERHOUSE AWARD (tap):

Ben Lanham, Ch 12

#### JEAN GORDON ESSAY AWARD:

Courtney Myers, Ch 3

#### WILLIAM COMO ESSAY AWARD:

Alexander Anderson, Ch 2

#### EDITH ROYAL AWARD (ballet/pointe):

Farrah Thompson, Ch 15

#### SHERRY GOLD MEMORIAL AWARD:

Lane Alexander – Choreographer for Ben Lanham, Ch 16

#### GEORGE LON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (jazz):

Mr. Dance: Alexander Anderson, Ch 2

#### EMILY SACHS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (lyrical):

Jordan Lombardi, Ch 17

#### GENE WRIGHT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (lyrical):

Joey Arrigo, Ch 38

## COMING EVENTS

### GRAND BODY MEETING

Don't forget the last Grand Body Meeting of this convention will be held this afternoon (Thursday) at 5:00 PM in the Chesapeake Rooms G-H.

### GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The Performing Arts Grand National Championships will be held this evening at 6:00 PM on the Main Stage in the Maryland Ballroom (Rooms A-D).

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Scholarship awards will be announced (except for the Overall awards) between 7:45 and 8:15 PM during tonight's Grand National Championships. Overall awards will be announced at the banquet on Friday evening,

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## SCHOLARSHIP BOOTH NEWS

Raffle drawing will be held TODAY (July 9) beginning at 12:45 PM. You do not need to be present to win. Winners will be posted.

### Raffle Prizes

- \$100 gift certificate for video or photography from **Donner Photography**
- Red Hoodie from **Dance Emporium**
- Lime green shorts/top from **Right Stuff**
- Flo orange/yellow shorts/top from **Right Stuff**
- Ballet shoes (2 pairs donated) from **Sansha**
- Pointe shoe toe pads (2 pairs donated) from **Sansha**
- Bracelet from **Dancewear, Etc.**
- Necklace from **Dancewear, Etc.**
- T-shirt from **Wearable Graphics**
- T-shirt (2 donated) from **So Danca**
- Ballet shoes (2 pairs donated) from **So Danca**
- Dance Instructor mug with bunny and key chain from **Lebo's**

As well as many items donated from the Scholarship Booth .

A special **THANK YOU** to the above vendors for graciously donating these items. Thanks also to all who help support our Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Booth will be open until Friday afternoon. All proceeds benefit our Scholarship Fund.

## ELECTION RESULTS

President: Butch Theisen, Ch 16, Area II  
First Vice-President: Phyllis Guy, Ch 37, Area III  
Second Vice-President: Deborah Sanford, Ch 3, Area IV  
National Exec. Sec'y: Robert Mann, Ch 26, Area I  
National Treasurer: Charleen Locascio, Ch 6, Area III  
Area Vice-President: Jeanne Cummings, Ch 21

Area Vice-President: Tracy Davenport, Ch 21  
Area Vice-President: Kathi Halbert, Ch 16  
Area Vice-President: Terrie Legein, Ch 5  
Area Vice-President: Shely Pack-Manning, Ch 13

### Director:

Shely Pack-Manning, Ch 13 (elected 2008)  
Joanne Zavis, Ch 46 (elected 2008)  
Dee Buchanan, Ch 17 (elected 2009)  
Patricia Oplotnik, Ch 27 (elected 2009)

## CHAPTER NEWS

**Chapter 17** will have a Member Breakfast Meeting Friday, July 10 at 7:00 AM in the Italian Restaurant, Pienza, here in the Hotel.

## STUDENT NEWS

Former Miss Dance of America, **Kristen Oei**, has been cast in the upcoming Broadway musical, *Spiderman*.

Former Mr. Dance of America, **Peter Chursin**, is appearing in *West Side Story* on Broadway.

Former Teen Mr. Dance of America, **Zack Benitez**, appeared with Paula Abdul on *American Idol*.

Former Junior Mr. Dance of America **JP Viernes** is on his 6<sup>th</sup> callback for the Lead in Broadway's *Billy Elliott*.

**Carina Brown**, former 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-up to Teen Miss Dance of America, won a Gold Medal in the World Ballet Competition and a scholarship to study in Florence, Italy.

The above individuals are all students of Shely Pack-Manning, Chapter 13.

## QUOTE/THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Organizations exist for only one purpose: to help people reach a higher purpose together—something wonderful that they couldn't achieve individually. – *Robert Waterman*