



Dance Competition for the Stars

HOWELL, MICHIGAN – MAY 7-9  
HARTLAND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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**FRIDAY, MAY 7**

4:00 PM DOORS OPEN  
4:45 PM SESSION 1  
8:45 PM SESSION 2

**SATURDAY, MAY 8**

7:30 AM DOORS OPEN  
8:30 AM SESSION 3  
10:45 AM SESSION 4  
1:55 PM SESSION 5  
4:35 PM SESSION 6/7

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

7:00 AM DOORS OPEN  
8:00 AM SESSION 8  
12:00 PM SESSION 9  
4:00 PM SESSION 10  
  
7:00 PM DUET/TRIO AWARDS – ALL AGES  
7:25 PM 11 AND UNDER SOLO AWARDS  
7:50 PM 12 AND OVER SOLO AWARDS  
8:15 PM RECREATIONAL GROUP AWARDS  
8:40 PM COMPETITIVE GROUP AWARDS  
9:05 PM ELITE GROUP AWARDS

*This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change. A customized schedule with individual performance times for each entry will be emailed to all studios by Thursday, April 29. The deadline for changes is Friday, April 30 and can be emailed to [susan@encoredcs.com](mailto:susan@encoredcs.com). Students should be prepared to compete up to 30 minutes ahead of their scheduled performance time. We recommend watching livestream to stay up to date on the pace of the event as awards may sometimes start earlier than planned!*

***Howell, MI guidelines and safety protocol:*** We are planning 2021 dance competitions with your health and safety in mind and in accordance with local mandates and guidelines from each venue. We invite and encourage family and friends to watch livestream, especially the elderly, high-risk individuals or those with underlying health conditions.

***Spectator guidelines:*** Because seating will be limited to 100 people, teachers will receive a limited number of spectator passes at the registration desk at the event. In most cases this will be 2 spectator passes per student. If your studio has more than 50 students, you will receive 100 total passes that can be distributed among your spectators. Additional passes will be provided in your packet for teachers. Passes can be shared within your studio. If one parent uses a pass to watch their dancer, this parent can share his or her pass with a parent that

may need an extra one. However, the venue requires that the exchanging of passes happen outside the building. Teachers will receive an email with specific details on the number of spectator passes your studio will receive. Local mandates and venue guidelines often change. We will update you if the rule on spectators is lifted prior to our event.

***Teachers, please pick up your spectator passes well in advance of your session because they will have to be distributed outside the building. Passes can be picked up by one studio representative as early as 2:30 PM on Friday.***

Group Competition has been divided into sessions. Teachers will receive an email stating which session of group competition your studio has been assigned. There will be a limited number of studios in each session of the competition and the auditorium will be sectioned off so that each studio will have a separate seating area.

Dressing room space will be assigned and each studio will have a designated area. We ask that only one adult per child is in the dressing room and that social distancing is maintained at all times. For students that are only competing solos, we encourage you to come dressed and ready to perform. If possible, we encourage students over the age of 12 to help each other with quick changes so we can limit the number of people in the dressing room. For group competition only: Each studio will be assigned a "meeting space" to gather for warming up and dressing for one hour prior to your session. You will be able to move to the dressing room after the previous session has ended and we have sanitized the area.

Solo/Duet/Trio awards will be in person with limited numbers of people in each ceremony. We will have a designated area on stage for each studio. Awards will also be livestreamed for those that prefer to watch virtually! Students that are participating on stage will receive a wrist band. One spectator pass per routine will be provided for all solo and duet/trio awards ceremonies.

Studios have the choice of watching group awards virtually OR participating in an in-person ceremony on stage. If your studio is participating on stage we kindly ask each studio to select one representative from each routine to represent you on stage and this student will receive a wristband to enter the backstage area. We will have a designated area on stage for each studio. All other students and parents should watch awards via livestream. One spectator pass per routine will be provided for group awards ceremonies. If your studio chooses to participate virtually teachers should pick up awards before the end of the competition weekend. Trophies and awards cannot be shipped after the event.

Our mask policy is based on the local government and the venue. At this time, the venue requires that spectators and performers wear masks at all times. We will inform you if this mandate is lifted prior to the event. Per the venue, a "mask" is defined as a tightly woven cloth or multi-layer absorbent material that covers the nose and mouth. Venue rules state that face shields cannot be worn in place of a mask by spectators or dancers on stage.

Photos and videos of each routine are provided at no additional cost! Teachers will receive an email with your media password and more information. Media will be available at [www.encoredcs.com](http://www.encoredcs.com) within five days of the event.

We look forward to seeing you in Michigan!