



WINTER SERIES GROUP SYLLABUS

Griffith Duncan Theatre, CALLAGHAN NSW 2320

6th and 7th June 2020

To enter go to www.comps-online.com.au

ENTRIES MUST CLOSE ON THE 11TH MAY 2020





TEACHERS! EXCITING NEWS

BRAND NEW CHOREOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Ritz and Glitz Dance Challenge is excited to announce that we have been invited to team up with **LISTEN UP MUSIC** and **TORCH FEST** creating a brand-new platform to join our Performing Arts Community together. This is YOUR studios chance to **WIN** a unique opportunity! This has never been done before and an opportunity like this could last a lifetime.

TORCH FEST is Australia's first Mental Health Music Festival which takes place in April each year. 2020 will see it completing a full complex takeover of The Factory Theatre in Sydney, and its six stages, showcasing music, mental health, comedy, theatre, and performances of 60 featuring artists.

LISTEN UP MUSIC is Australia's first song writing competition with a mental health focus. Every year it hosts a nationwide song writing competition inviting musicians from across Australia to write and submit an original song in response to a mental health theme. **The theme for 2019 was 'Songs that heal'.** The **LISTEN UP MUSIC** judges shortlist ten songs from each region to perform at the regional semi-finals. The top three performances from each semi-final will then go onto perform at the grand-final in Sydney, with one winner taking out the major song writing prize for the year.

SO? WHAT'S THE CHALLENGE?

Studio's must create an original choreography piece to the licensed original songs of **LISTEN UP MUSIC** for a chance to win over 3,000 dollars in prizes.

THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN BE A PART OF THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY!

- **ENTER** your studio into the Choreography Challenge via the link www.comps-online.com.au/Competition_Home.aspx?Organiser=OR000076
- Studios can enter **up to 5 times** in this section but need to choose a different music choice from our selection for each group entered
- Groups need to be **6 competitors or over** and it will be **OPEN AGE**
- On receiving your entry, we will send you an email with the links to the **award-winning original songs** from the 2019 'The Songwriters Prize' competition. *
- The Ritz and Glitz challenge has chosen the songs from the **LISTEN UP MUSIC winners** to suit the different dance genres and it will be completely your choice of which music you wish to choreograph your team with and of course which genre you choose!
- Genres will include - Contemporary, Lyrical, Classical Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, Jazz and Acrobatics/Circus.
- * You will not only have wonderful original songs to dance to but a chance to meet all the original artists of these songs, and they will be there watching your wonderful dances on the day.
- **Alistair Taylor**, the founding member of **LISTEN UP MUSIC** and **TORCH FEST**, will be accompanying our dance judges at the **JUNE GROUPS WEEKEND** to choose a winning group on the day.
- **The original artists of the music will also perform their original songs on stage for you.**

WHATS IN IT FOR YOU?

EVERYONES A WINNER!

Every group entry will receive a professional video of your studio's performances on the day FREE courtesy of our sponsors @RIDLEY St Photography and Video

Winners Prizes:

- **A MUSIC VIDEO** featuring your students performing YOUR choreography with the Original Artist winner from LISTEN UP MUSIC Valued at **\$1500**.
- A completed Master Copy of the Professional Music Video to the Studio owner – Valued at **\$200**
- **STUDIO Marketing shoot** with RIDLEY St Valued at \$500
- The Winning studio will have some amazing **performance opportunities** in Sydney both at
 - TORCH FESTIVAL – APRIL 2021
 - LISTEN UP MUSIC GRAND FINAL- 2021

We hope this will be something all teachers and choreographers will embrace. What a fantastic way to get the word out there about Mental Health and to encourage our dancers to experience and express their feeling and emotions through our art form. Mental Health touches every one of us, so we ask you to help us spread the word.

Big Love
The Ritz Team



SECTIONS

GROUPS – ANY SIZE

Open Age

12 Years & Under

13 Years & Over

18+ Mature and Motivated

All New CHOREOGRAPHY CHALLENGE

Variety, Any Style Special Needs

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GROUPS – LARGE / SMALL / NOVICE

6 Years & Under

8 Years & Under

10 Years & Under

12 Years & Under

14 Years & Under

15 Years & Over

Jazz, Classical Ballet / National Character, Modern Lyrical or Contemporary, Hip Hop / Break,

Jazz, Tap, Modern Lyrical, Modern Contemporary, Classical Ballet / National Character, Hip Hop / Break

Jazz, Tap, Modern Lyrical, Modern Contemporary, Classical Ballet / National Character, Hip Hop / Break

Jazz, Tap, Modern Lyrical, Modern Contemporary, Classical Ballet / National Character, Hip Hop / Break

Jazz, Tap, Modern Lyrical, Modern Contemporary, Classical Ballet / National Character, Hip Hop / Break

Jazz, Tap, Modern Lyrical, Modern Contemporary, Classical Ballet / National Character, Hip Hop / Break

DUO's / TRIOS

8 Years & Under

10 Years & Under

12 Years & Under

13 Years & Over

18+ Mature and Motivated

All Ages Special Needs

Tap, Jazz/Hip Hop/Variety, Modern/Classical

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Any Style

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ENTRY AND FEES

- **Entry costs**
 - Choreography challenge - \$100 per troupe
 - Small, large and novice groups - \$4.00 per competitor
 - Duos / Trios - \$10 per competitor
- Entries should be submitted online using the website www.comps-online.com.au
- Late entries will not be accepted after the official closing date.
- Ritz and Glitz Dance Challenge deems no responsibility for incorrect entries. Any competitor entering a section when ineligible shall forfeit all fees in respect to entry. Fees shall not be refunded due to incorrect entries.
- In the case of section cancellation, a refund will be provided.
- Programs are compulsory and will be emailed to you at a cost of \$10.00 each.
- While we do our best to verify all students participate in the correct sections for their age and ability, we do not accept liability for errors in this regard and ask that all parents, guardians and students correctly enter their respective divisions.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

GROUP SIZE

- **Novice Groups** are open to studios who have never placed at any other competition or eisteddfod in that genre.
- No competitor limits for Novice groups.
- **Small groups** must consist of between 4 and 9 competitors.
- **Large groups** must consist of 10 or more competitors.
- If there are limited entries in either small or large groups, Ritz and Glitz Dance Challenge reserves the right to combine these sections. Novice groups will not be combined.

COMPETITOR DETAILS

- Age is taken as of the 1st of January.
- Studios must submit any competitor changes to Ritz and Glitz Dance Challenge via email prior to the day of the competition.
- Studios found to have not adhered to the age policy may be subject to disqualification.
- We have policies and procedures in place to ensure our competition is fair to all, however, we ultimately rely on the honesty of studios compliance and take no responsibility for any loss incurred.

DOOR ADMISSION CHARGES

- One Session – \$20
- Full Day Session – \$35
- Kids under 8 free
- Teachers – up to 4 teachers' free entry. Studios must email a list of teachers prior to the event and collection of teachers passes will be made available at the music collection point which will be located on the mezzanine level.
- CASH ONLY – Limited ATM facilities available at the venue.
- Teachers – we ask that you make parents and carers aware of door admission charges prior to the event to prevent any confusion.

ADJUDICATORS

- All adjudication results will be announced at the end of each session. At the end of the session all competitors will be asked to assemble on stage for the award ceremony.
- The adjudicator's decision is final, and no discussion will be entered into regarding any decisions. Carers and competitors are not to approach or speak with the adjudicator during the challenge or they may be disqualified.

PERFORMANCE LENGTH AND MUSIC

- All Routines: 5 minutes maximum.
- Music will be timed in each routine and disqualification will occur after reaching more than 10 seconds overtime.
- Music is to be on CD only with section and competitor number clearly marked. Music facilities will be provided, and an operator will collect & play all music. There MUST be one track per disc only. No responsibility will be taken for the CD skipping.

DRESSING ROOMS

- Costume changes will only be permitted in allocated dressing areas.

PUNCTUALITY AND TIMING

- Competitors must be ready to perform 30 mins prior to approximate time of their section.
- For permission to dance out of sequence see the main desk a minimum of 4 sections prior or you may be disqualified.
- While we strive to run on time, we cannot guarantee this. No refunds will be given to late competitors.

UNIFORMS

- All tap shoes must be covered whilst in the venue.
- Pointe shoes must not be worn by any competitor who is 11 years of age and under.
- Rosin is not to be used in any part of the venue, dressing areas or stage.

PROMPTING

- Prompting from the wings will not be permitted from age group 7 years and over.
- No parents or teachers are aloud side stage except when helping with props or for 6 years and under.

INJURY AND LOSSES

- Competitors dance at their own risk. Ritz and Glitz Dance Challenge assumes no responsibility for any injury incurred.
- Ritz and Glitz Dance Challenge cannot be held responsible for any damage, loss of property or injury to any persons at this event. Lost property will not be collected or kept.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND FILMING

- Personal video cameras, cameras or any electronic recording devices are NOT allowed in the auditorium at any time for any reason.
- An Independent professional videographer or still life photographer will be present at the eisteddfods for your convenience.
- All competitors grant their permission to appear in any promotional material for the Ritz and Glitz Dance Challenge.

CANTEEN FACILITIES

- Canteen facilities will available at the event for your convenience, as well as Pete's Coffee van.
- A range of healthy items, snacks and drinks will available for purchase.
- The canteen operates on CASH ONLY.

Ritz and Glitz Dance Challenge is able to run thanks to the many volunteers that have helped out over the years. If you or someone you know has any spare time to assist us during the eisteddfod and would be interested in helping out in one of the many different roles including front of house crew, backstage crew, canteen servers, scribes and runners you can email us at ritzandglitzdance@gmail.com



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