

2010 Regional Dance Competition Schedule

IMPORTANT Please observe all entry deadlines

Location	Venue Address	Entry Deadlines	Dates
Monticello, MN	Monticello High School 5225 School Blvd. Monticello, MN (parking on west side of building, door 6)	Friday, January 29, 2010	Sunday, February 28, 2010
Des Moines, IA	Iowa Events Center 730 3rd Street Rooms 204 & 205 Des Moines, IA 50309 (515) 564-8000	Wednesday, February 10, 2010	Saturday, March 13, 2010
St. Charles, IL	Pheasant Run Resort St. Charles Ballroom 4051 East Main Street St. Charles, IL 60174 1-800-474-3272	Friday, February 19, 2010	Sunday, March 21, 2010
Indianapolis, IN	Adam's Mark Hotel 2544 Executive Drive Indianapolis, IN 46241 (317) 381-6143	Thursday, February 25, 2010	Saturday, March 27, 2010
Coralville, IA	*Marriott Hotel and Convention Center 300 E 9th St Coralville, IA 52241 (319) 688-4000	Wednesday, March 10, 2010	Saturday, April 10, 2010 Sunday, April 11, 2010
Fargo, ND	*Ramada Plaza Suites & Conference Center 1635 42nd Street Sw Fargo, ND 58103-3323	Tuesday, March 16, 2010	Sunday, April 18, 2010
Monticello, MN	Monticello High School 5225 School Blvd. Monticello, MN (parking on west side of building, door 6)	Tuesday, March 23, 2010	Friday, April 23, 2010 Saturday, April 24, 2010 Sunday, April 25, 2010
Wisconsin Dells, WI	*Kalahari Resort 1305 Kalahari Dr. Wisconsin Dells, WI 1-877-525-2427	Thursday, April 1, 2010	Saturday, May 1, 2010 Sunday, May 2, 2010
Collinsville, IL	Gateway Center One Gateway Drive Collinsville, IL 62234 (618) 345-8998	Wednesday, April 14, 2010	Saturday, May 15, 2010
Nationals Wisconsin Dells, WI	*Kalahari Resort 1305 Kalahari Dr. Wisconsin Dells, WI 1-877-525-2427	Friday, May 14, 2010	Thursday, June 17, 2010 Friday, June 18, 2010 Saturday, June 19, 2010 Sunday, June 20, 2010

* Ask for the Midwest Starz discount.

! Please check our website, www.midweststarz.com for updated information !

- Plan a fun weekend for your whole family – be sure to bring your swimsuits and sunscreen!
- Call for hotel reservations at least six months prior to the dance competition.
 - For group rates, mention the Midwest Starz Competition.

• 20th Annual Nationals will be held at Kalahari Resort, Wisconsin Dells, Thursday, June 17 through Sunday, June 20, 2010. All participants will receive an award. Trophies will be presented to all groups and ribbons will be awarded to all participants. All solos, duos/trios will each receive an individual trophy. Cash awards will be available for each division. A special award will be presented to the highest score of the day for solo, duo/trio, small group, large group, production, and line if there are more than four in a division, we will award a high point plaque.

There will be one choreographer's Award for the best routine at each event.

For registration and more information, contact:

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Midwest Starz is proud to announce its **20th** Regional Dance Competition Season culminating in our spectacular **National Competition** at the **Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells, WI.**

THURSDAY, JUNE 17 - SUNDAY, JUNE 20, 2010

Accommodations

Kalahari Resort

1305 Kalahari Dr., Wisconsin Dells, WI

Call 1-877-525-2427 for reservations.

Ask for the Midwest Starz discounted room rate and theme park tickets.

Rooms Available: Hut Room, Lodge Room and Desert Room.

All rooms come with four wrist bands for the water park (\$160 value).

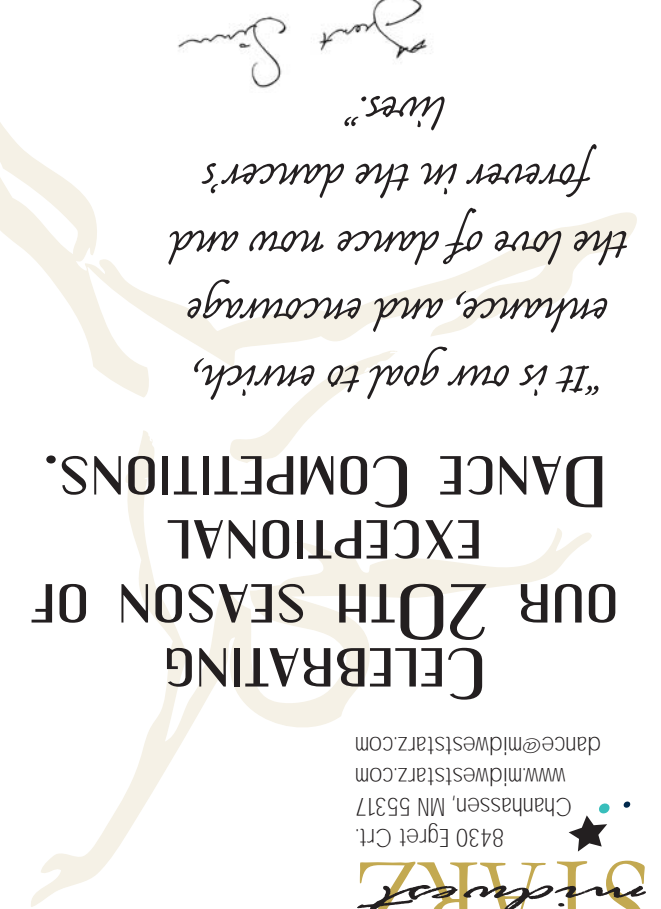
Note: All block rooms that have not been confirmed will become available November 9, 2010 as Hut and Lodge Rooms. So, please follow up with the Kalahari if you're interested in these rooms.

GREAT WOLF LODGE AND WATER PARK

1400 Great Wolf Drive, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Call 1-800-559-WOLF for reservations.

The allotment of rooms at the Kalahari Resort have been selling fast, so please plan accordingly!



"It is our goal to enrich, enhance, and encourage the love of dance now and forever in the dancer's lives."

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General Rules

All entries must be postmarked by deadline date and be accompanied by a studio check or the registration will not be processed. You may duplicate the entry forms. Entry fees are non-refundable. All registration forms must be mailed and accompanied with a studio or certified check. There will be a service charge of \$25 on all returned checks. There is a \$5 fee charged for late entries. If a group, solo, duet or trio wins first place with a routine at nationals in the prior year, **you may not compete that routine again at regionals the following year with the same students.** In Regional competition, a routine winning 1st place will not be eligible for 1st place again in a Regional event in the same season. All dance categories may contain no more than seven gymnastic or acrobatic tricks, except acrobatic category, which must contain more than eight tricks. Passes are considered one trick. Props are allowed in any routine; fire swords, knives, and guns are prohibited.

***Regionals:** All dancers must be ready 30 minutes before or 30 minutes after the scheduled performance time. Must dance in category to be eligible for High Point. If a dancer/group is rescheduled to a prior day they will be disqualified for high point awards.

***Age Groups:** Super Mini (2-3), Mini (4-7), Pre-teen (8-11), Junior (12-15), Senior (16-19), and Adult (20+).

***NOTE:** Average age must be taken of all members performing in a group. For instance, if the average age is 7.7 they are still seven.

***NOTE:** You will no longer have to average up to the next age. Any group competing against itself must go up an age with one of the routines. No more than 25% of line members can be the same students in the same category. Super Mini and Mini are judged separately from the other age categories, based on their ability.

***NOTE:** New category for Large Group, Line and Production only: Daddy Daughter (includes Daddy Son, Mother Daughter, and Mother Son).

Standout Dancers: Dancers that especially impress the judges will be chosen at each city to dance at the Nationals. They will perform a production number before the award ceremony and they will be taught the production routine at Nationals. A special note will be made of their names and the studio they represent!

Nationals: 20th Annual Nationals are held at the Kalahari Waterpark Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI on Thursday, June 17 through Sunday, June 20, 2010.

***Regional Competition Fees:** All groups \$30 each person, Solos each \$60, Duo/Trio \$100. Performer of Excellence \$45 this is a combined division.

***National Competition Fees:** All groups \$35 each person, Solos each \$75, Duo/Trio \$140. Performer of Excellence \$50.

Hotel Reservations: Phone numbers are listed to make hotel reservations. They must be made more than one month in advance of the competition you are attending. Always mention you are attending the Midwest Starz Dance Competition to receive your discount.

Group Injury: If a group changes size due to an injury you can perform the routine as is in regionals in order to allow the injured person registered in that group to qualify for nationals.

Judges: All judges are professionals from the field of dance and will not be affiliated with any dance studio competing in the competition. The decision of the judges is final.

Dressing: Adequate dressing areas will be provided.

Time Limits: Solos, duets and trios are allowed three minutes, small groups - four minutes, large groups - five minutes, productions & lines - eight to ten minutes. All are allowed an eight second leeway due to differences in CD recorders. The stop watch starts when your music starts and stops when you finish the routine.

Group Size: Small groups (4-9), Large groups (10-18), Lines (19-34), Productions (35+)

Proof of Age: Each student is asked to have proof of their age with them. (**i.e.: birth certificate, drivers license, health card, etc.**) in order to prove their age in case of a protest. Failure to do so may result in disqualification. A protest must be in written form from the owner of the protesting studio to be considered.

Performance of Teachers: Teachers may perform in groups only, or in the 20 and over age groups as solos, duets and trios. Assistant teachers (under the age of 20 & non-professional dancer) may compete in any area.

***Accompaniment:** Provide a good quality CD and please do not record in mono. **We are unable to play CD-RW.** Always be prepared with a back-up. The label provided to you must be on the jacket. **Tapes are no longer excepted.** When using a CD, always be clear as to what cut it is.

***Adjudication of Awards:** All routines will be judged on a point system based upon the total scores of the three judges. Each act will receive a Silver, Gold, High Gold or Platinum ranking. To commemorate this accomplishment, each group act will receive a trophy and each participant will receive a special ribbon. *Solo and Duo/Trio will each receive a trophy.*

***Overall High Score Awards:** Daily high score solo, duo/trio* (combined division), small, large, line and production groups will receive a plaque. If there are more than four in the division, we will award a 1st runner up High Point Plaque and, depending on the number of acts, more places will be recognized. Trophies and plaques will be available to purchase by competitors. No scores will be posted until the end of the awards. Please note – any dancer not performing in category, will not be eligible for high point award.

***Choreographer's Award:** A minimum of one standout Choreographer Award will be awarded at each competition.

***Midwest Starz Gift and Cash Awards:** All high point solo, duo/trio, small group, large group, lines, and production in the mini, pre-teen, junior, senior division will receive cash awards at the Midwest Starz 2010 Regional and/or National Competitions. All Solo and Duo/Trio high point division winners will be awarded \$75 at Regionals (must be at least 4 entered in the division), \$125 cash award (winner will receive check) will be awarded to each high point group division winner; Mini, Pre-teen, Junior, Senior, and Adult.

***NOTE:** Super Mini will not be eligible for high point and cash awards.

***Performer of Excellence:** Performing at least two routines in **different dance categories.** Awards are presented to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place.

Coaching: Visual coaching of your dancers during their performance is prohibited and will result in one point deduction from the total score.

***Deductions:** One point from total score will be deducted for starting over once, for being in the wrong category, for exceeding the time limits, for more than 7 different acrobatic tricks in any routine (except in the acrobatic category) for coaching from the side lines, costume deductions could occur for unsuitable costumes and inappropriate behaviors.

Registration Deadlines: Please observe all deadline entry dates. Late entries are subject to a late fee of \$5 per entry. Entries received less than 20 days prior to the show may not appear in the program. **Please mail registration forms at least 30 days prior to competition so performance times can be posted to Midwest Starz' website in a timely manner.**

***Denotes new rule changes!**

Dance Category Definitions

Tap Any routine executing all tap. No tap allowed on the recording.

Jazz Any basic jazz routine.

Lyrical Dancers interpret the lyrics, mood and content of the music.

Ballet Includes classical or contemporary ballet and movement and technique. Ballet slippers on.

Pointe May include classical or contemporary pointe technique and steps. Pointe shoes only.

Open Any of the listed categories of dance may be in. Open if you are performing two routines in the same category or if your routine doesn't fit any of the above categories.

Novelty/Character Folk routines, comedy routines, 50's routines, pantomime routines, character routines, etc. Props permitted.

Precision With or without pompoms. A routine should include marching, clean sharp moves, kicks, leaps, jumps and splits. Jazz moves may be incorporated into routine.

Acrobatic Combines gymnastic and dance choreography – must contain at least 50% dance choreography.

Clogging Any basic routine utilizing clogging technique and style.

Song & Dance Any routine performed along with a song. No vocal allowed on tape.

Musical Show A routine performed in any shoes and fashioned after a Broadway/Hollywood musical choreographed more for "show" and entertainment.

Hip Hop Street or contemporary jazz funk.