

moondance 2024

The annual 'Dance Challenge'

Welcome back for our 22nd Year!

Moondance Media is committed to encouraging young talent & we continue to offer fantastic competition & prizes. In 2023 we made some changes to the Moondance Syllabus (the addition of 6/u duo/trio for example) which proved to be a hit.

We are thrilled to bring our EXCITING DANCE CHALLENGE back to the Illawarra.

Staged over one full day (2 if required), **Moondance 2024** offers dancers the chance to compete in Jazz Solo, Duo or Trio elimination events and Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Lyrical & Contemporary Troupe events. The challenge is designed to offer a whole new level of competition, away from traditional eisteddfods.

Don't miss our popular EVENT...the Senior Solo Challenge! **All senior solo finalists** are eligible to enter! Show us your BEST one minute of Dance, any style, performed on the main stage. Winner collects \$350 CASH!

3 experienced adjudicators reside over the day's events making for a *fair & fun* competition.

Jazz Solos, Duos or Trios are placed into heats, where upon adjudicator's *re-call* selected competitors to the next round. (This is achieved by a competitor's number being recorded by a majority of adjudicators – 2 out of 3.) Final placings, 1st through to 6th, are determined using the Skating System of Scrutineering. Adjudicators judge from the floor (ballroom style). Follow our social media to view photos & video of past events.

At Moondance we use a fully computerized adjudicating system specially formulated for theatrical dance. You will see all the adjudicators judging with hand held Palm Pad electronic devices. This fantastic, cutting-edge technology completely eliminates the 'human error' aspect of judging. Adjudicators have all the numbers of the competitors in the event they are currently judging on their palm pad, ensuring that no-one can be missed or marked incorrectly.

All 6 place getters in Solo, Duo/Trio events receive a medallion for their efforts. Troupes winning 1st place receive \$40, 2nd or 3rd place receive a trophy to keep, Highly Commended receives a certificate. All Members of winning Troupes aged 12/u down receive a ribbon. **Cash Prizes in 2024** - 'Best Troupe Costume' Award - \$500, Most Promising Baby - \$50, Talented Junior - \$100, **Senior Solo Challenge- \$350.**

No entry fee is charged for events. All competitors simply purchase an admission ticket. Admission is *free for the Principal* & teachers of the studio. Principals DO NOT pay for troupe entries! Principals no longer need to collect payment from students as all ticketing is now electronic. Studios will still complete Troupe & student entry forms.

The Venue:

Conveniently located, the University of Wollongong is only a 5-min drive from central Wollongong or a 1-hour drive from Sydney. The **University Hall** is surrounded by magnificent gardens and offers ample seating, parking and give us the space we require for our competitors & spectators.

Moondance 2024 will bring out the best in your students.

Who will be the next Moondance star?

Have any questions? Please feel free to phone the Moondance Hotline 0409 071 964

www.moondancemedia.com

For your convenience we have included the following,

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM – excel spreadsheet for Troupes, Solos & Duos/trios

Entries are to be emailed using the excel spreadsheet provided...

Troupes - please include "Title" of the routine & **number of students** involved

Please enter asap to avoid disappointment. Once events are full, they will be closed with no exceptions.

REMEMBER – there are no fees to enter events, all competitors purchase an admission ticket. alanahyde@bigpond.com

NB Competitors MUST pre-purchase admission tickets by 15/03/24.

PARENTS LETTER

While you may have your own system of informing parents about events & how to purchase competitor & spectator tickets, we have included a form letter you can email or print & hand to parents.

ELECTRONIC TICKET info

ALL Competitors must pre-purchase their entry ticket. Competitor tickets may be purchased from Feb 2024 until 15th March 2024 or until sold out. Follow the link to purchase competitor tickets

<https://www.trybooking.com/CONJS>

Purchasing competitor tickets late (after entries close) will incur additional costs. Spectator tickets will go on sale in April 2024. Early bird specials will be available.

SYLLABUS OF EVENTS

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

\$\$\$ Over \$1000 UP FOR GRABS \$\$\$

\$500 'Best Troupe Costume' Award.

\$50 - Most Promising Baby - 6/u, 8/u, solo & duo

\$100 - Talented Junior - 10/u, 12/u, solo, duo

\$350 - Senior Solo Challenge - Senior solo

Programs will be available for purchase on the day, however a running order with session times will be sent prior to competition so parents & spectators may purchase entry tickets.

NB Once events are full, they may close earlier than the cut-off date.