



## **HONORS**

- **Overall Honors:** Honoring the Top 10 overall high score winners in each age division (Sparks, Mini, Junior, Teen, and Senior) in the following competition categories: Solo, Duo/Trio, Small Group, Large Group, and Line/Production. If there are less than 5 entries in a division, only 1<sup>st</sup> place will be announced. Lines and Productions are combined for Overall Honors.
- **Special Honors:** Honoring group performances excelling in Choreography, Entertainment, and Technique.
- **Genre Honors:** Honoring group performances excelling in specific genres. Open routines are not eligible to receive Genre Honors.
- **Honored Performance:** Honoring the top scoring group routines from each age division (Sparks, Mini, Junior, Teen, Senior). All finalists will be announced after the last awards ceremony of the week and re-compete in the Honored Performance Competition the day before the Gala (limit one routine per age division per studio). Our esteemed panel of judges will then select one winner in each age division.
  - **Sparks, Mini, Junior, Teen, and Senior earnings:**
    - Winner receives \$1,500 cash
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up receives \$1,000 cash
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up receives \$500 cash
- **Heartstopper:** Honoring the overall highest scoring group routine from our national competition. This recipient receives \$500 cash prize.



## **GALA HONORS**

- **Industry-First Wildcard Competition:** The Wildcard Competition will take place during our final night gala. Eligible studios will be able to submit any single group routine, of any age or any genre, to represent them in the competition. The NDH Faculty will choose ONE (1) routine to take home the title of Honored Wildcard Performance and a cash prize. Studios must have a minimum of 20 registered dancers for the event, *and* must have one of the top scoring groups from the entire national group competition to be eligible. Studios will be notified that they have earned the opportunity to select a Wildcard routine at the final national group awards ceremony. They will submit that routine immediately following the Honored Performance Competition.
  - **Wildcard earnings:**
    - Winner receives \$1,500 cash
    - 1<sup>st</sup> Runner-Up receives \$1,000 cash
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up receives \$500 cash

**Note: If the same routine is awarded Honored Performance and Wildcard Performance, the studio will only receive the cash prize for Wildcard.**

- **Honored Legacy:** Honoring individuals who have inspired and impacted the dance industry. The Honored Legacy will be awarded to individuals for outstanding visions, dedication, and achievements throughout their lifetime.



### **Top Studio Honors:**

- **Honored Sportsmanship:** Honoring the studio with the best overall sportsmanship throughout the event and chosen by the National Dance Honors staff. Recipient of this award will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.
- **Honored Diversity\*:** Honoring studios representing multiple genres. In order to be eligible for Honored Diversity, studios must have at least 5 different genres represented out of all group entries. The highest scoring group routine from each accepted genre will be added and the studio with the highest combined score will be the winner. Eligible genres: Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Contemporary, Lyrical, Tap, and Ballroom. Open routines are not accepted. Recipient of this award will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.
- **Honored Division\*:** Honoring studios representing each division size. In order to be eligible for Honored Division, studios are required to have routines in each division: Solo\*\*, Duo/Trio, Small Group, Large Group, and Line/Production. The highest scoring routine from each division will be added and the studio with the highest combined score will be the winner. Recipient of this award will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.
  - \*\*The studio's highest scoring National Solo score will be used (Honored Dancer Solo scores will not be used toward Honored Division Solo Score).
- **Honored Program\*:** Honoring studios representing all age groups. In order to be eligible for Honored Program, studios must have competing groups in Sparks, Mini, Junior, Teen, and Senior age divisions. The highest scoring routine from each age division will be added and the studio with the highest combined score will be the winner. Recipient of this award will receive a \$1,000 cash prize.
- **Honored Studio\*:** Honoring studios that excel in multiple genres, age divisions, and group sizes. In order to be eligible for Honored Studio, studios must meet the requirements of Honored Diversity, Honored Division, and Honored Program. The studio with the highest combined score or Honored Diversity, Honored Division, and Honored Program will be the winner and receive a \$10,000 cash prize or a 2-Day, 3-Teacher Remix valued at \$15,000!

**NOTE: Recipient of Honored Studio will take home the highest valued prize only.**