

**The first LDA Choreographic Competition was in 1993 and they have been running biannually ever since! The choreographic competition was brought in to give our students the experience of competitive dancing in a fun and friendly environment.**

#### **COVID RESTRICTIONS AND WHY IT'S DIFFERENT THIS YEAR:**

COVID has cancelled two of our shows so we were determined to offer our students a performance opportunity this year. However, theatres are so expensive and only viable with a full audience. At the moment having an audience is so up in the air, we wanted to find an option that meant we could run regardless of the restrictions. As long as dance schools are still open, we can run this event with our pop-up theatre.

#### **CAN PARENTS WATCH?**

As part of our pop-up theatre, we have hired a professional videographer, who will video your child's dance and the adjudication. As things stand parents will be unable to watch. If restrictions ease, we may be allowed to have you in whilst your child's dance is being filmed but we will not know this until closer to the date. Please assume parents will not be allowed.

#### **IS THERE A FEE?**

Usually, the choreographics is free to enter. However, parents normally have to purchase tickets to watch, and it is not usually filmed. Due to the hire of the Pop-Up Theatre and videographer, the fee this year will be £25 per student. This includes an individual recording of your child's dance, an edited recording of the whole show including demonstration dances. A participation medal and full written feedback report per dance from the adjudicator and to go towards the hire of the theatre, hall hire, videographer and adjudicator costs.

#### **WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY?**

Nearer the time students will be split into age categories according to the eldest dancer. They will be given a time slot for their category and will be called in to perform their dance. Once everyone in their category has performed, they will be called back in for adjudication. All students will receive a participation medal and report as well as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places being awarded. Once the adjudication has been announced students can leave. However, there are some special trophies with prizes attached. Once all categories have been seen, the adjudicator will choose who has won the special trophies and prizes below. Those students will be called to come back at 6:00pm to be presented with their award.

**Musicality Award:** Prize = 1 x Private tuition class

**Theatricality Award:** 1 x Private tuition class

**Most Appropriate Costume:** Uniform Voucher worth £25

**Adjudicators Award:** Scholarship award of 1 x Free Term at LDA

#### **WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?**

- Firstly, decide on if you are doing a solo, duet or group dance. If doing a group dance, please do this with students from your bubble.
- Choose your music and cut to the time limits of: Solos 1m30s, Duets 2m30s Groups 3mins
- Complete your entry form
- Decide on your costume
- Practice, Practice, Practice!