



ISIS EVENT PRODUCTIONS
Yellow Rose of Texas
Belly Dance Star Competition
Policies & Procedures

1. Eligibility:

- Anyone meeting all of the eligibility requirements outlined below and agreeing to abide by the policies and procedures of the competition outlined herein is invited to compete in the Yellow Rose of Texas Belly Dance Star Competition and hereafter is referred to as **YRTBDSC**.
- All contestants must have a completed performer registration, a completed seminar registration which is paid in full, and must attend a full day of workshops for each category of the competition entered.
- Contestants/performers under the age of 18 must have parental consent. Minors must be always accompanied by a Parent or Legal Guardian.
- All contestants must be able to participate in the **YRTBDSC** in its entirety, including taking workshops
- First Place (Judges' Choice) Winners of a category in the previous year's competition may not compete in the same category the following year (e.g.: Rising Star Solo winner for 2022 cannot compete in the Rising Star competition for 2023).
- This is a belly dancing competition. Belly dancing must occur during some portion of the routine. Every performer in a group must stay on the stage during the entire routine. Every performer must dance during some point of the routine and must meet the performance style.
- You may have musicians for live music with your dance performance, but there must be an interaction with them during the choreography. (*Note - one dancer with one drummer is a Duet **NOT** a Solo*)
- Isis Event Productions, in its sole and absolute discretion, reserves the right to refuse the entry or registration of any individual or act for any reason or for no reason at all.
- Solos must be 50% no prop unless otherwise stated (i.e., prop category).

2. Clothing & Costumes:

- Contestants will wear costuming meeting the requirements outlined in this section. This event and our organization are billed as **Family Entertainment**. We do not wish to offend the families and area dignitaries who attend our shows.
 - i. Crotch shots are not acceptable.
 - ii. Boy shorts, leggings or possibly bike shorts **MUST** be worn. Thong underwear is not acceptable if your buttocks may be exposed to the audience at any time during your performance, especially during spins. **We want to showcase your skills & class!**
 - iii. Male performers **MUST** wear athletic/dance supporters.
 - iv. When planning a costume, bear in mind that the front rows of the audience will be seated where they may be able to see up a full skirt (and some straight skirts with high slits).
- Inappropriate costuming will result in immediate disqualification from the **YRTBDSC**.
- Contestants must remain in full costume backstage during the show in which they performed, as they will be called back on stage once their competition category is complete.
- Cover-ups must be worn when not performing and in view of the audience, unless having changed into street clothes.

3. Contestant Conduct:

- Contestants will conduct themselves at all times in a positive and professional manner.
- Isis Event Productions reserves the right to disqualify any contestant whose behavior is intrusive or disruptive to other contestants or the audience.
- Our shows are **FAMILY FRIENDLY**, which means we do not allow nudity, sexually suggestive, culturally offensive, or violent performances, nor do we accept music with inappropriate explicit lyrics. If you would be slightly hesitant to present your performance to a class of third graders, please find a different piece to perform or edit out the offensive words.
- Our venue, the Palace Theater, strictly enforces policies of **NO FIRE, NO LIVE ANIMALS** of any kind, and **NO BREAKABLE PROPS. NO GLITTER, CONFETTI, FOAM STRING, RICE, ROSE PETALS, BIRDSEED**, etc., are to be used inside or outside the venue. *A minimum clean-up charge of \$250.00 will be assessed to the contestant/performer if any violation of this rule occurs.*
- Performances containing any of the inappropriate items outlined in Contestant Conduct section, will result in immediate disqualification from the **YRTBDSC**.
- Alcohol and non-prescription or recreational drug use is strictly prohibited* and may be cause for immediate dismissal from the *Yalla Raqs the Palace, Y'all* event, in addition to an immediate disqualification from the **YRTBDSC**. ***Per our contract with the Palace - they are explicit on this requirement.**
- **NOTE: Videography is NOT allowed at any time during the Yalla Raqs the Palace, Y'all event. All photo and/or recording devices (including cell phones) are strictly prohibited during workshops (allowed with the teachers' permission) and shows.** Violators will be asked to leave the building.
- Contestants agree to abide by all rules & procedures and accept the voting results as final.

4. Registration Procedures:

- Preregistration is required for all competing and non-competing performers - No Performer Registrations will be taken at the door.
- You will need **A show ticket** for the night you perform. A show ticket is included with each full day workshop.
- Performer Registration must be received by June 15, 2023, at 11:59 pm; or if mailed, postmarked by June 15, 2023.
- Performer Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. If all performance slots are filled, you will have the option of being placed on a waiting list.
- All **YRTBDC** contestants **must attend a full day of workshops** for each category of competition in which they compete. (e.g.: Contestant competing in the Rising Star category **and** a Troupe competition must take 2 full days of workshops) Each full day includes an evening show ticket.
- All those who want to perform as a **non-competitor performer**, must also participate in at least one **full day of workshops** and understand that they will most likely be performing on Sunday.
- Once accepted into the competition there will be absolutely no substitutions. Competition performance spots cannot be sold or transferred to another. (Only Troupes MAY substitute members, if needed)
- SIGNED PERFORMER REGISTRATION, WORKSHOP REGISTRATION, AND PAYMENT (check, credit/debit card, money order, or layaway agreement) **MUST BE** completed or A PARTICIPATION SPOT IN THE **YRTBDC** WILL NOT BE HONORED.
- A Workshop Registration should be made no later than June 15th or the participant may be PULLED from the competition line-up. The **only exception** is in regard to **layaway** for the Cabaret 3-Day Package, the Fusion 3-Day Package, Musical/Drum 2-Day Package or a full day workshop. Then final and full payment must be received by July 10, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.
- ALL PERFORMER/WORKSHOP REGISTRATIONS SENT BY US MAIL MUST BE PAID WITH EITHER A DEBIT/CREDIT CARD, or CHECK or MONEY ORDER IN U.S. FUNDS MADE PAYABLE TO ISIS EVENT PRODUCTIONS or a layaway agreement form. Returned checks will be assessed a \$35.00 fee.
- ONLINE REGISTRATIONS ARE PAYABLE WITH DEBIT/CREDIT CARDS ONLY.
- No refunds or transfer of workshop registration fees are allowed.
- Participant's show performance acceptance to compete/perform is not finalized until the contestant/performer receives a confirmation email from Isis Event Productions. [isiseventproductions@gmail.com]
- Participants will receive confirmation of their registration by EMAIL ONLY, and **ONLY after ALL criteria has been met**. A detailed packet with important Performer Information will be included. No packets will be sent via US mail.
- Isis Event Productions and **YRTBDC** are not liable or responsible for illegible or incorrect email addresses. Contestant/participant assumes all responsibility to ensure that registration information is typed or printed clearly.
- Look for time changes and updates online at <https://isisandthestardancers.com/yallaraqsthepalace.html>
- **PLEASE NOTE: We do our best to provide updates in a timely manner with accurate information on this site. However, all posted items (text and graphics) are subject to delays or content error when changes, additions, deletions, or periodic updates are processed. You agree that we are not liable for any delays of posted information, for any errors in the content of posted information, or for any actions taken or not taken by you as the result of this information. If you have questions - call or email us.**
- By signing the **YRTBDC** Performer Registration, you release Isis, Isis Event Productions, Isis and the Star Dancers, Isis' Star Dancer Studio, "Yalla Raqs the Palace, Y'all - Setting our Dance World on Fire", their agents and employees, the Palace Theater, the Lancaster Theater, the Vine Arts Center and the City of Grapevine, its agents and employees from any and all claims for any kind of damages or injuries received while participating in July 28-30, 2023 "Yalla Raqs the Palace, Y'all - Setting our Dance World on Fire " Workshops, Activities or Performances; and agree that Isis Event Productions may use your photo in our future promotional work, including but not limited to, ads, postcards, videos, etc.

5. Competition Procedures:

- All contestants/performers must be signed in with the Performer Check-in Table one (1) hour before their show time.
- All contestants/performers must be signed in backstage fifteen (15) minutes before their show time.
- **Failure to be present backstage before curtain time will result in an immediate forfeiture of competition/performance spot. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Once a show has started, DO NOT enter the backstage area from the auditorium. This creates a distraction for both the audience and the performer on stage. *Please use the alternate backstage entrance.*
- If you are both a solo dancer and a member of a troupe on the same night of competition, you must be prepared for a fast change. Backstage dressing rooms are available for fast changes if you are participating in two competitions on the same night.
- Choreography, including entrances and exits: all **Raks Sharqi Cabaret and Fusion Pro Solos** may not be longer than five (5) minutes. **Rising Star, Diamond Diva, Duet/Trios, Drum/Dance Duet, and Prop Solo** may not be longer than four (4) minutes. **Troupes** (4 or more) **MUST** be at least five (5) minutes in length, but not longer than six (6) minutes. **Drum Solo** **MUST** be at least (3½) minutes in length, but no longer than (4) minutes.
- Performance/Competition **time STARTS** the second you step onto the stage **OR** when your music starts to play (regardless of whether you are on stage or not), whichever comes first. **Time ENDS** when you exit the stage and can no longer be seen by the audience.
- Competition time **STARTS** when your music starts to play.
- All competitors and performers must enter and exit the stage (from the Green Room) to music that is included in your time allowed.

- Contestants going over the time limit for their competition category will be **immediately disqualified** from the competition, and the music will be faded, at which point you must leave the stage.
- Contestants are responsible for taking their props on stage AND removing them when done. Time involved with setting props on and removing props from the stage is counted toward the overall time of the competition performance.
- Leaving props onstage intentionally or accidentally will result in **immediate disqualification** from the competition. The ONLY exception to this is when costume pieces unintentionally fall off during the performance (i.e.: earrings, bracelets, wigs etc.)
- All contestant performers must **enter AND exit** the stage via the backstage green room.
- The entire performance piece must be presented on the stage. Performing in the audience or in front of the stage is an automatic disqualification.
- A **Digital Version** of your performance music must be emailed to isiseventproductionsmusic@gmail.com no later than **July 1, 2023**.
{Yes, Drop Box or Google Drive is acceptable}
- The file formats preferred are Wave, MP3, or MPEG4-Audio. OTHER FILE TYPES may not work!
- **NAMING your music file correctly is critical** unless YOU like the added adventure of dancing to something 'NEW'. Name your files properly!!! **[EXAMPLE: Yvette Marie_Rising Star_YR23]**
- We will verify that your music file is good and not corrupted. IF FOR ANY REASON you need to change the music you have already sent to us, please **CALL US ASAP** at **817-282-6172!!**
- As a backup measure, please bring a Flash-Drive that has your song OR a CD (with ONLY your song on it) to the event.
- The back-up music should be turned in when you pick up your **Yalla Raqs the Palace, Y'all Workshop Package** upon arriving. This will allow the sound team time to verify that the flash drive or CD is a useable back-up.
- **Please DO NOT ask us to download a new version at the event from your cell phone!!**
- Back-up music may be retrieved the day after the show has completed. Please ask the **LOBBY TICKET TABLE personnel** and they will retrieve your music for you. Flash Drives CAN be mailed back to you along with your DVD order if you forget to retrieve them. We will contact you if there is an extra weight change.
- Judge's feedback will not be immediately available and must be requested in writing. Getting the results may take up to two weeks after the event.

6. Stage dimensions are 20' wide x 24' deep and 4' off the ground.

7. Winner Announcements and Prizes:

- Friday, Saturday, Sunday night competition winners will be announced, and their prizes awarded, at the end of that evening's shows.
- The number of award places may be dependent upon the number of contestants in each category. (e.g.: 2 awards - 4 (minimum) entries, 3 awards - 5 entries, 4 awards - 6 or more)
- For all categories, a Judge's Choice will be given.
- Winners are selected by a panel of esteemed Judges (Judge's Choice & Special Judge's.)
- **All decisions by the Judges' tally are final.**
- Prizes:
 - i. Judge's Choice First Place Winner: Trophy, cash, additional prizes
 - ii. Second Place Winner: Trophy (*applicable only if sufficient quantity of contestants are present*)
 - iii. Third Place Winner: Trophy (*applicable only if sufficient quantity of contestants are present*)
 - iv. Fourth Place Winner: Trophy (*applicable only if sufficient quantity of contestants are present*)

We're here to help: If you have any questions, Please contact us!

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