

JULY 2nd-4th,
2026
HALIFAX

LIMELIGHT

SPATZ THEATRE
& MARRIOTT
HARBOURFRONT

NATIONALS



CASH AWARDS

NATIONAL TOP STUDIO AWARD - **\$2,500** • NATIONAL GRAND CHAMPION GROUP/PRODUCTION - **\$1,000**
NATIONAL GRAND CHAMPION SOLO/DUO/TRIO - **\$1,000** • GRADUATING DANCER OF THE YEAR - **\$500**
TEACHER OF THE YEAR - **SPA DAY**

COMPETITION • CONVENTION CLASSES
SPECIAL GUEST MEET & GREET • RED CARPET GALA
DINNER • FINAL AWARDS PRESENTATION
MARITIME KITCHEN PARTY!

This is it! A National Dance Event right in your backyard. Limelight Nationals brings together studios for an unforgettable, season-ending celebration of talent, passion and performance. Held in the beautiful city of Halifax, dancers will have the chance to make new friends, compete for top CASH prizes, and learn from some of the best dance professionals in the industry.

All dancers will have the opportunity to participate in our three (3) days of activities:

COMPETE FOR CASH & NATIONAL GRAND CHAMPION TITLES

At each adjudication, judges will focus on recognizing specific strengths with LOADS of special awards for choreography, entertainment value and technical artistry. Top routines will take home HUGE prizes and National Grand Champion titles. Numerous overalls will be awarded at the Final Awards Presentation.

LEARN FROM THE BEST

Four (4) hours of convention classes by your event judges and a Special Guest in a motivating, all-inclusive, and inspiring environment. Convention Teachers will be awarding junior and senior dancers a variety of prizes and scholarship opportunities to enhance their dance abilities and boost their confidence for future endeavors.

SPECIAL GUEST MEET & GREET

Have the chance to get up close and personal with our (very) Special Guest, score autographs and take pictures to level up your social media game.

ROLL OUT THE RED CARPET

Get dolled up and strut down the red carpet with your dance besties stopping along the way to get pictures with your judges. Kick off our Final Awards presentation with a GRAND entrance with your dance fam!

BE OUR GUEST

Enjoy a one-of-a-kind evening of delicious drinks, great food and the Final Awards Presentation celebrating our vibrant dance community. An event the whole family can enjoy!

GET YOUR TOES A TAPPIN'

Unwind and celebrate your successes with a Maritime Kitchen Party! An unforgettable evening of East Coast vibes and dancing with your besties. It will be a party you just won't want to miss!

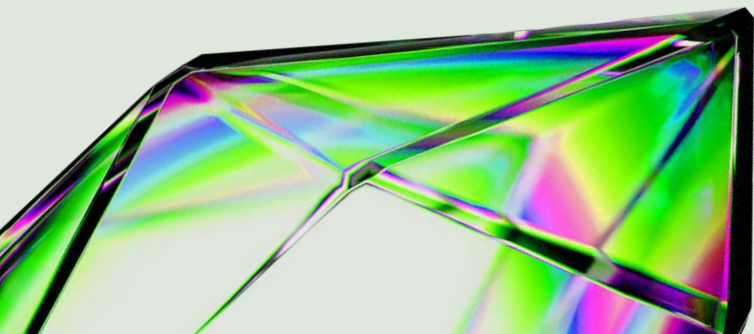
TOP NOTCH VENUES

COMPETITION

Located in the heart of Halifax, Spatz Theatre is a premier performing arts venue known for its exceptional acoustics, modern design, and intimate atmosphere. The venue's state-of-the-art auditorium features elegant paneling, curved stage elements, and a beautifully designed balcony, ensuring excellent sightlines and sound quality throughout the space. Its prime location offers easy accessibility, while the surrounding area enhances the experience with a vibrant cultural ambiance.

CONVENTION

The newly renovated Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel is situated along the scenic Halifax waterfront and offers easy access to the shops and restaurants along the boardwalk as well as the Historic Properties. Fuel up for a busy day in downtown Halifax with a cup of coffee at Balancing Rock Coffeehouse, enjoy the harbor views from their seasonal outdoor Stone's Throw Patio, or enjoy a meal at Harbourstone for seasonal dishes sourced from here in Nova Scotia. Additional hotel amenities include an indoor swimming pool and a fully equipped gym. The convenient downtown location of the hotel is perfectly placed for exploring Scotiabank Centre, Casino Nova Scotia, Citadel Hill, Spatz Theatre and more. Our event will take advantage of the hotel's expansive venue spaces, including the largest pillarless hotel ballroom in the city.



HOW DO I ATTEND NATIONALS?

YOU DON'T NEED TO QUALIFY!

All Novice, Pre-Competitive and Competitive studios and dancers are welcome to compete at Limelight Nationals without qualifying. Dancers can participate in the full Nationals experience including the Competition, Convention, Red Carpet Gala, Dinner & Final Awards Presentation, and the Maritime Kitchen Party or attend the Convention classes only. During our regional events, dancers may qualify by receiving a Golden Ticket Invitational which entitles them to discounted National competition entry fees.

NATIONAL EVENT PACKAGES

PACKAGE #1

COMPETITION & CONVENTION PACKAGE

\$350 per dancer + National Competition Entry Fees

Includes:

- Competition Event Fee
- 4-Hours of Convention Classes with Judges & Special Guest
- Special Guest Meet & Greet
- Red Carpet Gala
- Dinner & Final Awards Presentation
- Maritime Kitchen Party
- Complimentary Videos
- Complimentary Pictures by Jaclyn Doyle Photography

PACKAGE #2

CONVENTION PACKAGE

\$250 per dancer

Includes:

- 4-hours of Convention Classes with Judges & Special Guest

NATIONAL COMPETITION ENTRY FEES

COMPETITION ENTRY FEE	\$40
CONVENTION	\$25
SEE YOUR STUDIO DIRECTOR	
PROFESSOR	\$75
ADULT	\$60
JUNIOR/TEEN	\$50

Fees are per dancer. Fees do not include taxes.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

July 2-3 | Competition | Spatz Theatre

July 4 | Convention, Meet & Greet, Red Carpet Gala, Dinner, Final Awards Presentation, Maritime Kitchen Party | Marriott Harbourfront

DEADLINES

Entry Deadline #1: April 17th, 2026

Priority will be given to studios attending one or more of our 2026 regional events. First come, first served.

Entry Deadline #2: May 1st, 2026

If space permits, registration will open up to all other studios. First come, first served.

**To be eligible for National Grand Champion Group and National Top Studio Award, your studio must have ten (10) or more group routines registered.*

**Awards may vary depending on the number of entries registered for the event.*

LIMELIGHT NATIONALS FAQ

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NATIONALS

WHEN IS LIMELIGHT NATIONALS?

July 2-4, 2026

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE AND LOCATION OF THE EVENTS?

July 2-3: Competition at Spatz Theatre, Halifax

July 4: Convention, Red Carpet Gala, Dinner, Final Awards Presentation, Maritime Kitchen Party at Marriott Harbourfront, Halifax

*competition dates are tentative based on registration

WHO QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS?

There is no requirement to qualify for nationals. During our regional events, select routines will be invited to compete at nationals, however, all are welcome to attend and registration is open to all dancers.

WHAT IF I RECEIVE A GOLDEN TICKET INVITATIONAL?

Golden Ticket Invitations are awarded to select routines entitling them to a discount on their routine entry fee. The discount will be noted on the Golden Ticket.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO ATTEND NATIONALS?

Please reach out to your studio for routine fee pricing. Each dancer will pay a \$45 Competition Event Fee. There are two packages available:

COMPETITION & CONVENTION PACKAGE

\$350 per dancer + routine fees. *Includes:*

- Competition Event Fee
- 4 Hours of Classes with Judges & Special Guest
- Special Guest Meet & Greet
- Red Carpet Gala
- Dinner & Final Awards Presentation
- Maritime Kitchen Party
- Complimentary Competition Photos & Video

CONVENTION ONLY PACKAGE

\$250 per dancer. *Includes:*

- 4 Hours of Classes with Judges & Special Guest
- Special Guest Meet & Greet

CAN I ATTEND THE CONVENTION PORTION ONLY?

Yes, dancers are welcome to attend the convention only at \$250 per dancer.

WHO IS THE SPECIAL GUEST?

This information is top secret for now, but we can't wait to tell you!

WHAT IS THE SPECIAL GUEST MEET & GREET?

At the Special Guest Meet & Greet, dancers will have the opportunity to receive an autograph and a picture with our Special Guest.

WHAT ARE THE SPECTATOR FEES?

Admission to the competition portion is free. Spectator packages for the red carpet gala, dinner, final awards and maritime kitchen party will be available to purchase closer to the event. More information will be made available on our website and social media.

HOW CAN I PURCHASE A SPECTATOR PACKAGE?

Spectator packages will be available to purchase closer to the event and information will be available on our website and social media.

DO I NEED TO ATTEND THE RED CARPET GALA?

This is a special event for dancers, their families, teachers and studio directors to get dressed up and take pictures. Attendance is not required, but highly recommended.

DO I NEED TO ATTEND THE DINNER?

Yes. All dancers, their families, teachers and studio directors should attend the dinner, as the final awards from the competition will be presented at this time.

DO I NEED TO ATTEND THE MARITIME KITCHEN PARTY?

This is a special event for dancers, their families, teachers and studio directors to celebrate their successes. Attendance is not required, but highly recommended.