



TEEN TALENT FOLLIES 2023

March 31, 2023
7:00pm
Lamar High School

*Dance Theatre of Arlington
Presents*

STARS OF THE FUTURE 2023

April 1, 2023
1:00pm
Lamar High School

Dance Theatre of Arlington is 501(c)(3) non-profit organization

Teen Talent Follies

Teen Talent Follies is a yearly competition for 7th through 12th grade students with professional judges. Winners in each category are awarded cash scholarships when they graduate from high school.

Each year, Dance Theatre of Arlington presents over \$2500 to the winners of the Teen Talent Follies.



Directors & Technical Staff

Director Leslie Jones
Assistant Director / Stage Manager Lori Woods
Backstage Crew Students of the LHS The Blue Curtain Theatre
Tech Support Patrick Holcomb
Emcee Hunter Hall
Accompanist Jesse Fry
Program Designer Chloe Ryer

Act 1

“It Don’t Mean a Thing” DTA Company Dancers

WELCOME

INTRODUCTION OF JUDGES & DTA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

“Lamest Place in the World” Molly Fry 7th, Medlin MS
“Fascinatin’ Rhythm” Alison McBee 7th, St. Maria Goretti
“You Say” Audrey Deller 8th, Bailey JHS
“Beyonce Mashup” Neziyah Mitchell & Breshayla Broadnax 10th, Lamar HS
“Sometimes” Nakiyah Bellamy 10th, Lamar HS
“My Way” Vince Castillo 10th, Lamar HS
“The Winner Takes It All” Kate Autrey 10th, Pantego Christian
“Tay Is Gonna Give It to You” Taylar Maiden 11th, Lamar HS
“I Have Nothing” Christina Williams 11th, Mansfield Lakeridge HS
“When Will My Life Begin” Rachel Vitela 11th, Pantego Christian

INTERMISSION

Act 2

“In the Dark” Mina Elmasri 11th, Martin HS
“Train Wreck” Shaniah Combs 11th, Lamar HS
“Fingers Crossed” Savannah Salyer 12th, Martin HS
“She Loves Me” Andrew Cave 12th, R.L. Turner HS
“I’m Movin’ On” Ashlynn Adams 12th, Burleson HS
“Stupid with Love” Dani Ortiz 12th, Pantego Christian
“Crazy” Kimberlyn Schwartz 12th, Mansfield HS
“Yesterday” Rileigh Stahlberger 11th, Burleson Centennial HS

SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Kevin Kemp Award *Roger Spivy Award*
Fred I. Nevius Award *Persis Forster Award*

Audition Judges

Charles Collins

Charles Collins, a native of Kansas City, began his dance training with the Lori Woods at Lamar High School and local studios with the DFW metroplex. He has also trained at Kansas State University and Lamar University where he earned his BS degree in theater and dance with an emphasis in dance. While at the University he was apart of the University dance team and dance company. Charles continues hIS passions for dance as a first year MFA candidate at Texas Woman's University and as the company director for Studio C Dance.

Philip Glenn

Philip Glenn, a graduate of TCU, has been directing choirs, show choirs and musicals for more years than he cares to admit. He is currently the choral director at Lake Ridge High School in Mansfield where he also teaches AP Music Theory and serves as musical director for the annual productions. His ensembles have performed in many locales – including Branson, Disney World, Anaheim, Washington D.C., Nashville, the UK (London, Inverness, Edinburgh), and Austria (Salzburg, Vienna). He also provides sound and lighting design for Pantego Christian Academy and Studio C Dance.

Chloe Ryer

Chloe Ryer is the Dance & Drama director at her alma mater, Pantego Christian Academy. On nights and weekends, you can find teaching jazz at Miss Persis Studio, where she has worked since she graduated high school. Altogether, she has been dancing since age 3 and teaching dance since 2015. She was a company member of Dance Theatre of Arlington and is accomplished in jazz, ballet, lyrical and hip-hop. She was a member of the DBU Patriettes dance team and traveled with the college group to national competitions. Chloe is a member of the Texas Association of Teachers of Dancing and the Texas Dance Educators Association. She now lives in Arlington with her husband, Rod.

Cody Schwartz

Cody has been a professional musician for over 30 years. With a Bachelor of Music degree with a major instrument of saxophone from Stephen F. Austin State University, Cody has been a versatile musician with numerous skills of performance, arranging, and leading. Currently Cody is the Orchestra Director for Southcliff Church and Director of Bands at Pantego Christian Academy. In 1999 Cody founded Mood Swings Entertainment, with the vision to have an in-house network of musicians for any occasion, without the fees of a booking agent. Cody continues to manage every aspect of Mood Swings Entertainment, providing the best musicians and services for any event.

Show Judges

Hannah Arguelles

Hannah Argüelles is an actor, choreographer, director, and theatre-teaching artist who has worked all across the DFW metroplex. She graduated from Oklahoma City University with dual degrees in Theatre for Young Audiences and Music, with a minor in Directing. Hannah formerly served as the Director of Education at Casa Mañana Theatre. She is also the co-creator of Stage West's Musical Theatre College Prep program, in which she helps students prepare for college auditions. She was last seen on stage as "Vanessa" in In The Heights at Firehouse Theatre and is introducing the art of theatre to Arlington ISD elementary students while performing with Theatre Arlington's "Show in a Box."

Stephanie Locker-Hall

Stephanie Locker-Hall grew up in Arlington and competed in the Teen Talent Follies from 7th - 12th grade. She is a graduate of the Performing Artist Musical Theatre Conservatory and has performed as a member of Actors Equity Association for many theaters such as Casa Manana, North Shore Music Theatre, and Ogunquit Playhouse. She has also performed all over the US in Industrial Shows for companies like Wilson Art, Mary Kay, American Airlines, and many more. For 17 years she was co-owner and director of Freestyle Dance Productions, but now teaches and choreographs for Texas Wesleyan University.

Christen Reyes

Christen Ashley is a BFA recipient from Howard University, and a proud legacy of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Her experience includes work with Camille A. Brown, Hope Boykin, Ray Mercer, and Kim Bears-Bailey. She has performed with Alfre Woodard at the Lincoln Memorial for Constitution Day and with Anthony Hamilton on TV's A Christmas Special. She has served as a dancer with Dallas Black Dance Theatre: Encore! for 3 seasons. After the completion of dancing for 3 seasons, Christen then served as Artistic Assistant for DBDT: Encore! Mrs. Reyes was, also, a principal dancer with the Dallas Opera and a featured choreographer for Deeply Rooted Dance Theatre's Emerging Choreographer's program. She served as the Director of the Junior Performing Ensemble within the Dallas Black Dance Academy from 2017-2020, and is currently the Founder and Director of Dance at I.M. Terrell Academy for STEM and VPA. She is a certified Horton Technique teacher, and enjoys her time teaching and coaching this next generation of dancers

Reginald S. Wright

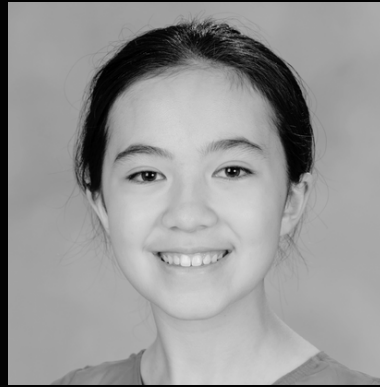
Reginal received both his Bachelor and Masters of Music Education Degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas. He has performed music in Vienna and Salzburg, Austria as well as Munich, Germany and throughout the United States. As a 20 year educator, Reginal has earned many awards including Outstanding Teacher, Who's Who Among America's Teachers, and a nomination for the UIL Sponsor Excellence Award. Reginal also earned the 2018 Educator of the Year Award for the Mansfield School District. He is currently a director in Mansfield ISD. Reginal resides in Arlington with his wife Renetta, son Gabrien, daughter Reece and Yorkie Cooper.

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7th & 8th Grade



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*Lamest Place in the
World*



Alison McBee
Fascinatin' Rhythm



Audrey Deller
You Say

10th Grade



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11th & 12th Grade



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Christina Williams
I Have Nothing



Rachel Vitela
*When Will My Life
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Yasmine Elmasri
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Shaniah Combs
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Kimberlyn Schwartz
Crazy



Rileigh Stahlberger
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Past Awards Given

Fred I. Nevius Award Winners

Persis Forster Award Winners

Roger Spivy Award Winners

Kevin Kemp Award Winners

Dance Theatre of Arlington presents

The Stars of the Future

Spring Concert 2023

"It Don't Mean a Thing"

Rachel Vitela, Taylor Williams, Amiya Rayburn, Alison McBee, Victoria Kolb, Stella Terry,
Keira Simpson

Choreographed by Becca Brown

Julia's Solo

Julia Guinn - Nolan Catholic High School Senior, Class of 2023

"When Will My Life Begin"

Rachel Vitela - Pantego Christian Academy, Class of 2024

"June is Bustin' Out All Over"

Rachel Vitela, Julia Guinn, Taylor Williams, Andie Kowis, Ellerie Saxon, Max Foster, Alison
McBee, Keira Simpson, Victoria Kolb, Stella Terry

From CAROUSEL based on original Broadway choreography by Agnes de Mille

"Car Wash"

Rachel Vitela, Julia Guinn, Taylor Williams, Ellerie Saxon, Amiya Rayburn, Max Foster, Alison
McBee, Keira Simpson, Victoria Kolb, Stella Terry

Choreography by Tom Alexander

"Down with Love"

Rachel Vitela, Julia Guinn, Taylor Williams, Ellerie Saxon, Amiya Rayburn

Choreography by Lyn Cramer

"Pep, Vim & Verve"

Rachel Vitela, Alison McBee, Keira Simpson, Victoria Kolb

Choreography by Lyn Cramer

"Texas"

Rachel Vitela, Julia Guinn, Taylor Williams, Ellerie Saxon, Amiya Rayburn, Max Foster, Alison
McBee, Keira Simpson, Victoria Kolb, Stella Terry

Choreography by Rose Gonzalez

Dance Theatre of Arlington

Founded in 1980 – 35 years of gifting dance to our community!

Dance Theatre of Arlington provides dance education to children and adults, performance experience to aspiring dancers, opportunities for youth community service, access to scholarships for talented teens and free entertainment for our citizens – we are committed to making dance available to all.

Persis Forster established Dance Theatre of Arlington in 1980 to encourage dancers and dance education in our city. It has grown from a small company with many civic performances to an organization that offers scholarships, master classes, public school outreach and unforgettable “elf shows” to area nursing home residents – who await the arrival of the elves each year with an anticipation only matched by young children eager for Christmas morning!

DTA Spring Concert Staff

Director Persis Ann Forster
Assistand Director/Company Manager Becca Brown
LHS Director of Theatre & LHS Blue Curtain Patrick Holcomb
Sound & Lighting Members of LHS Blue Curtain
Stage CrewMembers of LHS Blue Curtain
Company Teachers Melissa Martin, Chloe Cannella Ryer, Bettie
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Miss Persis Studio

SUMMER IN THE CITY 2023!

June 5-15 - Beginner classes
Tap, ballet, hip hop, & show production

June 19-22 - Intermediate/Adv classes
Prep for TATD

July 10-13 - Intermediate/Adv classes

July 17 – 27 - Beginner classes
Tap, ballet, hip hop, & show production

July 31-Aug 10 - Beginner classes
Tap, ballet, hip hop, & show production

August 21-31 Intermediate/Adv classes
Prep for DTA Auditions

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