Dance Choreography – Specific Rules/Guidelines

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY is the act of creating movement. The *choreographer* (student submitting entry) maybe the performer or one of the performers, but the choreographer does not have to perform in the entry.

Reflect on the 2019-2020 Theme: *Look Within*

Submission Requirements:

- Original signed and completed student entry form should be in a sheet protector and securely affixed to the front of a re-closable manila envelope. Place the USB flash/thumb drive in the manila envelope.
- Video must not exceed 5 minutes in length and 1GB (one gigabyte) in file size.
- Accepted file formats include: AVI, MOV, MP4, WMV and FLV, submitted via USB flash/thumb drive.
- File name should include student name and PTA.
- Label physical USB flash/thumb drive with student name, arts category, age division and PTA name.
- Dance Choreography entries (USB) may not be returned by WSPTA.
- Only new pieces of artwork inspired by the theme may be submitted.
- Each entry must be the original work of one student only.

Consider the following styles and ensembles to portray your original choreography: Ballet, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Jazz, Tap, Folk Dance, Religious Dance, Dance Ensembles (color guard/indoor guard), Ice Skating/Dancing and Gymnastics-floor Routine.

Consider use of background song(s), props and the location to show a clear relation of the dance choreography to the theme. An explanation of the origin of the dance and/or the significance of the choreography might be a useful addition to the artist statement when submitting a dance choreography entry that involves traditional, cultural or regional dances. Whether an entry displays formal dance technique or a simple approach, it will be judged primarily on how well the student uses his or her artistic vision to portray the theme, originality and creativity.

Suggestions for Audio/Visual Quality:

- Use a tripod to hold the camera still.
- Make sure there is plenty of lighting, especially if shooting indoors.
- Turn off all noise-making devices in the room (air conditioners, fans, telephones, etc.).
- Record a short test and listen to it. If needed, change the record volume or microphone location.
- Make sure the background music (if any) is audible on the recording.
- Allow for two seconds of silence at the beginning and end of your recording.

Copyright: Use of copyrighted material is prohibited. Plagiarized entries will be disqualified. Use of background music must be cited on the student entry form.

All participants must also follow Official Rules for Participation

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