

BPS Dance Festival Challenge

2020

Welcome to the first Bangkok Patana School annual dance festival and competition for International Schools in Thailand, which will take place on Saturday January 18th 2020. Our vision for this new event is to create an exciting opportunity for students in Bangkok and Thailand to learn new skills, be creative, perform and compete. The event is split into two halves.

The Dance Festival

This part of the event will take place in the morning from 9 – 12pm. Registration will start from 8am. The morning will consist of various workshops led by a variety of teachers, specialists and visiting artists.

The workshops will be held in a separate studio/room where many styles will be available for our students to try. There will be 3 time slots available where students can choose a workshop for each time slot. Workshops will be 50 minutes with a 10 minute changeover period and will have limited space, therefore allocation will be done on a first come first served basis. The timetable will be sent out to schools once they have registered. There will be a maximum of 20 student places available for each school who registers.

The idea of this part of the event is to give your students who maybe are not as keen on the competitive element in dance an opportunity to try something new or perform in a new environment with new friends. It is up to schools that register to decide which students they bring for which part of the day. Some schools may want to bring one group to the morning or afternoon and some schools may want to bring a group to participate in both.

Due to the logistics and set up of this part of the event, it will only be available for students from year 5 (age 9) up to Year 13 (age 17/18) this is slightly different to the Challenge in the afternoon where it has been set up in age categories.

The Dance Challenge

This part of the day will take place in the afternoon in our Theatre from 1.30pm – 4.30/5pm approx. The afternoon will consist of a competition split into 3 age categories.

KS1 and KS2 Year 2 – Year 6 (age 6 – 10/11)

KS3 Year 7 – Year 9 (age 11 – 13/14)

KS4 and KS5 Year 10 – Year 13 (age 15 – 18)

The Dance Challenge will take place in our theatre where students, staff, friends and family will be able to watch and support. Any students who are participating in the festival in the morning but not in the Challenge are welcome to stay to watch and support. There will be an awards presentation that will take place at the end of the competition.

We have three guest judges who will be visiting artists and specialists in all areas of dance.

The Judges will be following a judging criteria based on previous International and National Schools dance competitions. This will be forwarded onto schools once they have registered.

Rules and Regulations

- Schools can enter more than one team, in any age category
- Teams have to enter into the age category of their oldest member for e.g If you have a mixed team of different ages and their oldest member is 17 and youngest is 13 then you would have to enter in the KS4/KS5 age category
- Teams/Groups should be between **4 – 20 members**
- Any style of dance can be used
- Dances should be no longer than 4 minutes
- Props can be used, these need to be organised by the school and provided by them
- Music needs to be edited to the time given and sent to us by MP3 by **Wednesday 8th January**
- Music should be clean with no inappropriate language used a teacher needs to check this before it is sent to us
- Costumes are welcomed
- Point deductions – There will be point deductions for the following
 - 1) Dances exceeding 4 minutes
 - 2) Music containing inappropriate language
 - 3) Choreography should be clean and age appropriate and fitting for an International schools competition. Please bear in mind that younger students and family members maybe watching and supporting in the audience
 - 4) We encourage schools/teams to prepare their own choreography instead of copying from YouTube or an out of school class as the Judges are all visiting artists who teach in and around Bangkok. They will be looking for originality and creativity.

Payment and Prices

The cost for students participating in the workshop will be 1000 baht per student. This will include the cost of all 3 workshops that they choose, a t shirt and a medal of participation.

The cost of the challenge will be 3000 baht per team. The event is free for spectators and supporters.

When registering if you are registering several teams for the Challenge, we will need a separate registration form for each.

Once we have all the information and all registration forms we will send each school an invoice one week prior to the competition.

Registration forms need to be sent to us on tasp@patana.ac.th or itse@patana.ac.th and to confirm your place in either the festival and/or the challenge we require all registration forms back by **Friday October 18th 2019.**