



2018 Stellar Pro Challenge USA for Soloists, Duos, Trios and Groups

August 2, 2018 –Start Time 5:00 p.m.

Doubletree by Hilton at Sea World/Orlando in the Oceans Ballroom

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 STELLAR PRO CHALLENGE WINNERS!

2017 Stellar Pro Soloist
Jesenia Lopez of Florida



2017 Stellar Pro Fusion Artist
Verrina of Florida



2016 Rising Stellar Soloists
Jessie of Georgia and Anastasia of Florida



In 2010, Belly Dance Masters began the tradition of the Stellar Pro Challenge USA. It has been a great success with wonderful contenders who have displayed great commitment and style! All our winners received fabulous prizes, but more importantly, each and every contender has received a comprehensive evaluation of their performance by our panel of experts. The true reason for any challenge is to push you to that next level. Winners must wait 2 years before competing again in the category they have won.

Entry fees are \$ 49 soloist or duet/category or \$ 69 per group of 4 (four) or more and includes the edited HD Video by electronic transfer and detailed feedback from our non partisan, objective judges. We will distribute the feedback sheets by or before the end of the event and your HD Video should be sent to you within 2-4 weeks.

Each Contender must participate in at least one full day of Belly Dance Masters for each category he/she participates in or the equivalent. All those who enter will be able to perform and get the detailed feedback from our judges, if there are 3 or more contenders in your category, we will give a crown and/or trophy to the dancer in that category who our experts feel makes the best showing and maybe even a performance opportunity in the Gala or the Spectacular!

**Our winners from categories which meet the minimum will receive
A Crown, a beautiful trophy and MORE!**

Stellar Pro Soloist USA

Our dance's roots may lie in the Middle East but no one can deny that the world wide popularity of Middle Eastern Dance and the evolution of this art form are largely due to the American Belly Dancer. The Challenge is open to Professionals who have been seriously pursuing their study of Dance for at least the past 3 years steadily.

Each contender must be a performing professional at local or regional events or revenue venues. Contender could also be a dance mentor who regularly works with dancers regionally or nationally and/ or multiple levels to students in his or her city.

All contenders have a maximum of 5 minutes to display their talents.

Required in this performance are 3 distinct rhythmic or timing changes (dancer's choice), finger cymbals and the use of at least one of the following props:

Any type of fan(s)

Sword

Wings

Veil or Double Veil

Tray

Cane

Or any other prop with written approval from Stellar Advantage.

Judges will consider Technical Ability, Audience Appeal, Choreography, Musicality and Transitional Skills. All contenders will receive a written performance evaluation from the judges by email within 14 days (usually at the program). All judges have been selected for their ability to be impartial and for their ability to help the contenders improve through constructive, objective feedback. This is the real reason any dancer should choose to participate.

Stellar Pro Fusion Artist USA

One of the Greatest Recent Evolutions of Belly dance undeniably is Fusion. Fusion can be either fusing Belly Dance with another Classical Dance style, Tribal Fusion or Classical Belly Dance to a non-Arabic music selection. The performance can be simply fusion, you could choose to be theatrical or comedic or all of the above. Contenders will compete with their choice of music and props. Fire is not allowed and we respectfully ask that you take into account the other contenders as well as clean up time. Time limit is 5 minutes. Open to Performing Pros who have been seriously pursuing their study of the Art of the Dance for at least the past 3 years steadily.

Judges will take into account Technical Ability, Audience Appeal, Choreography, Musicality and Transitional Skills. All contenders will receive a detailed written performance evaluation from the judges usually at the event. All our expert judges have been selected for their ability to be impartial and for their abilities to help the contenders improve through constructive, objective feedback. This is the real reason any dancer should choose to participate.

Stellar Pro Duet or Trio USA

Working in harmony with a partner or two is a challenge!

Time limit is 5 minutes

Judges will take into account Technical Ability, Appearance, Audience Appeal, Choreography, Synchronicity, Musicality and Transitional Skills.

All contenders will receive a detailed written performance evaluation from the judges usually by the end of the event. All our expert judges have been selected for their ability to be impartial and for their abilities to help contenders improve through constructive, objective feedback. This is the real reason any dancers should choose to participate.

Stellar Pro Troupe USA

Performing professionally as a troupe, managing artists for strengths and weaknesses as a unit, this is a task! Because of this, our groups and groups in general should be given a lot of respect!

Any classical or fusion style is acceptable!

Each group must be 4 or more.

Time limit 6 minutes.

Judges will take into account Technical Ability, Appearance, Audience Appeal, Choreography, Synchronicity, Musicality and Transitional Skills.

All contenders will receive a detailed written performance evaluation from the judges usually by the end of the event. All our expert judges have been selected for their ability to be impartial and for their abilities to help contenders improve through constructive, objective feedback. This is the real reason any dancers should choose to participate.

Rising Stellar Soloist USA

This category is open to Cabaret or Fusion emerging artists! Contenders should not be performing at a professional level or for pay in commercial establishments or a teaching anything other than beginner level. Time limit for performance is 4 minutes. Contenders may perform a choreography designed by themselves or a respected star, teacher or mentor.

Judges will consider Technical Ability, Audience Appeal, Choreography, Musicality and Transitional Skills.

All contenders will receive a detailed written performance evaluation from the judges usually before the end of the event. All our expert judges have been selected for their ability to be impartial and for their ability to help the contenders improve through constructive, objective feedback. This is the real reason any serious dancer should choose to participate.

We are also considering Junior or Youth Troupe, Junior and Youth Soloist as well as a Goddess Categories. We are happy to set this up if you or your group is up for the Challenge and see to it that ALL CONTENDERS receive a performance evaluation and their HD Video. Junior contestants under 12 will be able to compete without participating in so many classes and considered without classes if they are accompanied by participants. All spots in the CHALLENGE are Subject To Availability. Deadline is July 3, 2018 or until all contender spots are filled. Whichever comes first!

To all contenders:

1. Fire is not allowed and we respectfully ask that you do not use anything that will leave feathers, confetti, anything liquid or anything that may leave a mess when choreographing. We are trying to get everything handled on a schedule and your help is critical!
2. When you are not backstage cued to dance or dancing on stage, please have a cover-up on especially in our public areas of the event and in the public areas of the hotel.
3. Please keep the noise level down in the dressing room and out front. We will have a lot of dancers and contenders and it is important that we all be supportive of each other .
4. Contenders must be back stage before their category and must stay backstage until their category is complete.
5. We have professional videographers and photographers, absolutely no video or photos during the shows (or workshops).
6. Be sure to silence your cell phones in the ballroom and dressing room.

If you need answers to questions, read all of the above carefully
and if you do not find the answer,

Contact Stellar Advantage at stellaradvantage@gmail.com