



September 7, 2023

Hello Dance Educators, Coaches, and Sponsors,

The Illinois High School Dance Festival committee invites you to our one-day event which includes 4 Sessions of master dance classes and a professional performance featuring Chicago-based company *Giordano Dance Chicago*.

This invitation is extended to ALL Illinois High School Dance programs which includes but is not limited to Dance Teams, Pom Squads, and any Illinois High School student enrolled in a school-sponsored dance class.

Below you will find all the details of this year's festival! We hope you will join us!

WHEN:

Saturday, October 14, 2023

WHERE:

**Evanston Township High School
1600 Dodge Ave
Evanston, IL 60201**

COST:

\$35 per Student before Sept. 22, 2023; \$45 per Student after Sept. 22, 2023

****There is no additional cost for educators, coaches, or sponsors***

FESTIVAL CLASSES & PRESENTERS:

8:15am	Opening Ceremony		Beardsley Gym (G150)
8:45-9:35am	Session 1	Instructor	Location
8:45-9:35am	Counter Technique	Omar Oviles (maybe) Kristen Best (SIUe)	G175
8:45-9:35am	Ballet	Michelle Reid	Dance Studio
8:45-9:35am	Contemporary Modern	Morgan Clune	G160
8:45-9:35am	Musical Theatre	Connor Cornelius	Beardsley Gym (G150)
9:45-10:35am	Session 2	Instructor	Location
9:45-10:45am	*NEW* College Auditions (Juniors & Seniors Only)	College representative	Beardsley Gym (G150)
9:45-10:35am	Flamenco	Irene Sivianes Fernandez	G160
9:45-10:35am	House	Destine Young	Fieldhouse
9:45-10:35am	Contemporary	Colleen Hollis	G175
10:45-11:30am	Professional Company Performance by Giordano Dance Chicago		Auditorium
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch Time		East Cafeteria
12:45-1:35pm	Session 3	Instructor	Location
12:45-1:35pm	Jazz	Giordano Teacher	G175
12:45-1:35pm	Modern	Darby Wilde (Illinois State University)	G160
12:45-1:35pm	Umfundalai (Contemporary African)	Dr. Kemal Nance (University of Illinois)	G160
12:45-1:35pm	Bollywood	Shreya Vasavada	Beardsley Gym (G150)
1:45-2:35pm	Session 4	Instructor	Location
1:45-2:35pm	Heels	Sheena Baskerville	Fieldhouse
1:45-2:35pm	Hip-Hop	Christopher Ayala	Beardsley Gym (G150)
1:45-2:35pm	West African	Zenzile Fatou	G160
1:45-2:35pm	TBD	Giordano Teacher	G175
2:45-3:30pm	Express Your Mess		Beardsley Gym (G150)

COLLEGE AUDITIONS:

Audition Participant Recognitions/Invitations/Scholarships may be awarded

For the first time ever, we will have a time for area Universities to watch a college level master class, with the intention of awarding possible scholarships. If you are a Junior or Senior, this is an excellent opportunity for exposure and experience. Awards will be announced at the end of the day before Express Your Mess.

Universities in attendance will be:

Illinois State University

Lindenwood University (St. Charles, Missouri)

Loyola University Chicago

Northern Illinois University

Northern Michigan University

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

University of Illinois

University of Iowa

Western Illinois University

.....With more yet to confirm!

Juniors and seniors, please sign up for the audition during our second session if dancing in college is something you are interested in.

PROFESSIONAL COMPANY PERFORMANCE:

Giordano Dance Chicago → [Giordano Dance Chicago Website](#)

Giordano Dance Chicago (GDC) illuminates beauty and invigorates the world with deep connections.

We create and present innovative jazz dance choreography, often redefining and expanding the very definition of jazz dance, and bring this invaluable American art form to audiences and students of all ages and from all ethnic backgrounds. GDC is dedicated, also, to the preservation and promotion of the Giordano Technique. Whether on the stage or in the classroom, we strive to enrich lives through dance, and this solid mission and organizational vision inform the organization's artistic programming.

Stated simply, Giordano Dance Chicago offers to all the universal and life-affirming experience of witnessing dance that is powerful, passionate, elegant, and celebratory.

Express Your Mess:

This part of the festival will feature all IHSDF participants. Dancers will demonstrate various combinations they learned in selected classes throughout the day as a closing ceremony. It will be an opportunity to come together as a collective dance community where dancers have an opportunity to support one another while they **"Express their Mess"**.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

STEP 1:

DIRECTORS/TEACHERS ONLY: Please click the link below to register your SCHOOL.
[Registration Form](#)

Once registration is complete you will receive an automated invoice for payment.

Payment Options:

CHECKS can be made payable to:

Illinois High School Dance Festival

Please mail payment to:

IHS Dance Festival % Amelia Faulstick
33697 N Evergreen Dr
Grayslake, Illinois 60030

-or-

ZELLE Payment

**Please email IHSdancefestival@gmail.com for additional info on the Zelle option*

The Illinois High School Dance Festival is officially registered as a 501(c3) non-for-profit organization. ***Please reach out to Amelia Faulstick, Treasurer and Registration Chair, to receive any tax forms needed to remit payment at IHSdancefestival@gmail.com.***

****Please note: Any school that Registers after October 1st will not be able to place lunch orders or receive a pre ordered festival tshirt.***

STEP 2:

Once payment is received a **Student Registration** link will be emailed to you to share with your registered students so they may self-enroll in their festival classes.

****Please note that classes will have a capacity set and will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.***

Please be sure to have your students register as soon as you receive the **Student Registration** link.

SELF-REGISTRATION for Classes

CLOSES ON OCTOBER 11th!

****Any student who is not signed up for classes will be given a generic schedule on the day of the festival!***

LUNCH ORDERS:

Students may bring lunch however a lunch will be offered at an additional cost. Details are provided on the school registration forms.

FESTIVAL MERCHANDISE:

We will be offering pre-ordered 2023 festival t-shirts for purchase, so please make sure to include your order on the school registration form. Details are provided on the form.

There will be other general festival merchandise available the day of (this does not include the pre-ordered festival shirt design). *Venmo and cash payments are accepted!*

***For more information regarding the Festival
and Highlights about the day like:***

***Presenter Bios
Colleges attending the Festival
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*The Illinois High School Dance Festival Committee looks forward to hosting your
school and dancers for a day full of DANCE!*