

2009-2010 Performance Team Season

December - Sarah Fazio, Master Teacher & Choreographer from NYC, came to KDA for a workshop. Performance Team was a hit at this year's holiday party at Abilities First (formerly known as Rehab Center),

January - Dance Olympus workshop in NYC. We held our famous Dancing & Dessert fundraiser at Highland High School February - Co. Dance Competition & workshop in Brooklyn, NY. The Team had the opportunity to take classes from Tyce Diorio, Barry Youngblood, Gregg Russell & Lauren Gottlieb

March - Dance Olympus workshop & Dance America Competition in Albany, NY,

April - Starbound Competition, Mamaroneck, NY,

May - Encore Competition, Sugar Loaf, NY,

July - KDA Performance Team is excited to be going to our first National Competition. We did so well at the regional competition we will be heading to Atlantic City, NJ to compete our group numbers.

Special Awards & Honors:

Dance America: Gianna DiMassio received the "Most Promising Performer" award, Natasha Wolfe won the Jr. Best Emotional for her solo & Lindsay Kondas won the Sr. Best Emotional for her solo. Dance America's Dancer of the Year semi-finalist are; Petities - Gianna DiMassio, Deanna O'Neill & Bryanna Winkler, Junior - Natasha Wolfe, Senior - Lindsay Kondas. Deanna O'Neill traveled to Orlando, FL to compete at the Dance America Nationals in the Dancer of the Year program with her solo in July where she competed with an interview, jazz combination and her solo. She also learned a production routine choreographed by Sarah Fazio, which was performed for all of the thousands at nationals and a wonderful opportunity to perform the dance in Disney World.

Starbound: Bryanna Winkler got the "Perfectly Pointed Toes" award.

Congratulations to the following entries that made **top 10** in their categories: Deanna O'Neill/solo, Natasha Wolfe/solo, Bryanna Winkler/solo, Lindsay Kondas/solo, Lindsay Kondas & Deanna Virtue/duo, Survive, American Woman, Devil, Broken Road, Jet Plane, Black Betty & Wiz.

Encore: Oh My! Too many to list them all. We rocked! Here's the highlights: Best Choreography - Syrup & Honey, Lindsay Kondas/solo, Spirit of Encore - was awarded to KDA for great showmanship. Top petite soloist - Bryanna Winkler, Top Teen Soloist - Erika Van DeWater, Top Sr. Soloist - Lindsay Kondas, Top Sr. large group - Broken Road, Top teen super group - Black Betty, Top Jr. production - Wiz. Grand Finals workshop scholarship recipient - Gianna DiMassio. Congratulations to everyone who made Top 5 & our 7 Platinum awards 2008-2009 Competition Season:

October - Dancin' to Win - Performance for Breast Cancer Research Fundraiser, Middletown, NY,

November - Andrea Hammond, a Radio City Rockette, came to KDA for a workshop,

December - Holiday performance for Rehab Center, Poughkeepsie, NY,

March - Starquest, Albany NY,

April - Dance Olympus Workshop, Albany and Starpower Competition, Hartford, CT

May - Showstoppers Competition, Hartford, CT,

June - LaGrange Community Day Performance

Special Awards & Honors:

At the Starquest Competition: Platinum awards were achieved by "Soul Man" duet by Lindsay Kondas & Deanna Virtue and "So Much Better" solo by Deanna Virtue

At the Starbound Competition: "Mercy" received 1st place high score award with a \$100 gift certificate. "How Will I Know" received 1st place high score award, \$100 and "Great Style and Flair" Special Award. "The Two" a duo with Kylei Dolder & Fallyn Gerbino won 1st place high score & \$100 gift certificate. Fallyn received the "Spunky & Confident" Special award for her solo "Brilliance"

Lindsay Kondas was accepted as Dance Olympus VIP for their summer tour. She will be traveling to NYC, Omaha, Chicago & Minneapolis from July 2nd to July 16th. Congratulations.