# **ZDC Attends That's Entertainment Dance Competition**

Ziegler Dance Centre's Z Dance Troupe recently attended That's Entertainment Dance Competition in Whippany, NJ. The dancers competed in all genres of dance, ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, musical theatre and acrobatics. The dance troupe is made up of dancers from the age of 5 to 18. Here are a few highlights from the competition:

ZDC was awarded the "ADCC" Studio Of Excellence Award. This award goes to a studio that exemplifies working together and striving for excellence on and off stage from technique, performance and sportsmanship.

#### **Senior Advance Division:**

- Natalia Arroyo of Vernon won **1st Overall** and Platinum Plus for her lyrical "Hold my Hand" as well as **Highest Score of the Entire Competition**.
- Diego Rojas of Ogdensburg won **2nd Overall** for his tap "If I Ever Get You Back" and was awarded the **MVP**, **Most Valuable Performer**.
- Arabella DeJager of Vernon won 3rd Overall for her jazz "Something New"
- Makayla Snyder of Franklin won 1st Runner up Miss That's Entertainment for her Jazz "Fever" as well as 5th Overall. Snyder also self choreographed her lyrical "There You'll Be" and won highest score for student choreography with a Platinum Plus.
- Sadie Smaldino of Vernon won **1st Overall** for her Vocal "On My Own" in the Vocal, Musical Theatre, Instrumental Performance Division.
- Arianna Rojas of Ogdensburg won **2nd Overall** for her Musical Theatre "Friends on the Other Side" in the Vocal, Musical Theatre, Instrumental Performance Division. Rojas also won the "**Best Supporting Actress**" award.
- Ava Berner of Hardyston won **3rd Overall** for her Musical Theatre "Life of the Party" in the Vocal, Musical Theatre, Instrumental Performance Division.
- Hip Hop Duet "Makin' it Hot" performed by Natalia Arroyo and Mason Shirhall of Vernon won 1st Overall.
- Owen Baez of Vernon and Diego Rojas won 3rd Overall with their hip hop Duo "Reee-wind".
- Small Group musical theatre "Ex-Wives" won 1st overall.
- Small Group jazz "Body Language" won 2nd overall.
- Small Group lyrical "This Will be the Day" won **3rd overall**.

## **Teen Advance Division:**

- Emma Casper of Vernon won 3rd Overall for her jazz "Cover Girl".
- Emma Casper and Addyson Molette of Vernon won 1st Overall for their jazz "Glam".
- Sadie Smaldino and Kailey Vogel of Vernon won **3rd Overall** for their hip hop "Black Widow".
- Small Group jazz "Welcome to the Madhouse" won 1st Overall.
- Large Group musical theatre "Born to Hand Jive" won **2nd Overall and Entertainers of the Year** for Whippany, NJ
- Large Group tap "Black Betty" won 3rd Overall.
- Production musical theatre "Chicago" won 1st Overall.

## Junior Advance Division:

- Audrey Bertagno of Vernon won 1st overall for her jazz "Lone Digger"
- Alondra Sybesma of Vernon won **2nd overall** for her lyrical "The Rose".

- Willow Robinson of Hardyston won **3rd overall** for her jazz "Baby That's Rock and Roll".
- Emilia Smaldino of Vernon won **1st overall** for her vocal "Waiting on a Miracle" in the Vocal, Musical Theatre, Instrumental Performance Division.
- Alondra Sybesma and Brooklynn Sybesma of Vernon won **1st overall** for their lyrical duet "Foot Prints".
- Small group lyrical "I Believe" won 2nd Overall.

## **Petite Intermediate Division:**

-Large Group hip hop "Outta the Park" won 3rd Overall.

#### Mini Novice Division:

- Ballet Small Group "God Help the Outcast" won 1st Overall
- Hip Hop Small Group "Fam Jam" won 3rd Overall
- Tap Small Group "Aloha" won 5th Overall

## That's Entertainment Elite Team Dancer Nominees:

Brooklynn Sybesma, Natalia Arroyo, Diego Rojas, Arianna Rojas, Makayla Snyder, Arabella DeJager, Ella Casper, Caroline Perry, Willow Robinson,, Aubree Admits, and Alondra Sybesma.

For more information and full competition results visit <u>www.zieglerdancecentre.com</u> or call 973-209-7709. Ziegler Dance Centre is located on Rt. 94 Viking Village in McAfee.