ZDC Attends Turn It Up Dance Challenge

Ziegler Dance Centre's Z Dance Troupe recently attended Turn It Up Dance Challenge in East Rutherford, 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 81 dancers from the age of 5 to 18. Here are a few highlights from the competition:

ZDC was awarded the **"Pure Passion" Studio award.** This award goes to a studio whose dedication and devotion to dance shines through on stage as well as behind the scenes.

Mini Novice Division:
- Ballet Small Group "It's A Small World" won **3rd Overall**
- Tap Small Group "Everybody Wants To Be A Cat" won **2nd Overall**
- Hip Hop Large Group "That's Finesse" won **1st Overall**

Mini Intermediate Division:
-Audrey Bertagno of Vernon, won **5th Overall** for her jazz solo "Wildside"

Junior Intermediate Division:
- Aubree Adamitis of Vernon, won **8th Overall** for her lyrical "Unbreakable"
- Natalie Bello of Hardyston and Cavan Garrity of Franklin won **4th Overall** for their tap "Me and My Shadow".
- Hip Hop Large Group "The Train is Moving" won **1st Overall**

Teen Intermediate Division:
- Arianna Rojas and Diego Rojas of Ogdensburg won **2nd Overall** for their tap "Mr. Pinstripe Suit"

Senior Teen Advance Division:
- Makayla Snyder of Franklin won **4th runner up** for Miss Turn It Up for her lyrical "Only Hope"
- Lyrical Line "Power of a Dream" won **2nd Overall**
- Musical Theatre "Moulin Rouge" won **2nd Overall** and the IDC choice award for Musical Theatre

Senior Teen soloist Kelsie Shinall, of Vernon, performed her lyrical solo "Lighthouse" and Junior soloist Alondra Sybesma, of Vernon, performed her lyrical solo "Tiny Voice"; both soloist were awarded the **"Heart of Gold" award.** This award was presented to one soloist in each age category that the judges feel showed the most heart, soul, and passion in their performance.

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