

SPARK A SPECTRUM

World Autism Awareness Day | April 2, 2026

Dance Competition

Movement is a universal language. The Spark a Spectrum Dance Competition invites participants of all ages to perform a dance celebrating autism, inclusion, and the power of community. Dance videos will be shared on the Spark a Spectrum Gallery throughout March as they are received.

Theme	Celebrate Autism, Inclusion, and Sparking Possibilities
Open To	All ages, solo or group
Duration	1 to 3 minutes per performance
Competition Opens	March 2, 2026
Deadline	April 2, 2026 at 6:00 PM (local time at your center)
Where	Live performance at your registered Spark a Spectrum center on April 2
Cost	Free to enter
Winners Announced	April 5, 2026

Categories

Entries are grouped by group size:

- Category A: Solo (1 person)
- Category B: Small group (2 to 5 people)
- Category C: Large group (6 or more people)

There is no age restriction for dance. All ages may participate.

What You Can Perform

All dance styles are welcome. This includes:

- Traditional and cultural dances
- Contemporary or modern dance
- Hip hop, afrobeat, or popular styles
- Ballet, folk, or classical forms
- Any other dance style

Music is optional. Performances with or without music are accepted. Costumes are welcome but not required.

How to Enter

Option 1: Register Online

Complete the online registration form at: sparkaspectrum.org/dance-competition/register

You will need: participant names, ages, country, center name, category, and a brief description of your performance.

Option 2: Contact Your Coordinator

Reach out to your center coordinator directly. They will help you register and prepare for your performance on April 2.

What Happens on April 2

All registered dance performers will perform live at their center on April 2. Coordinators will video record all performances. Videos will be uploaded to the Spark a Spectrum Gallery and shared with the judging team.

Judging

All performance videos are reviewed by a panel of 4-5 judges. Each category has assigned judges. Entries are scored on creativity, connection to theme, technical skill, and energy and audience engagement.

Final scores: 50% judges + 50% public vote.

Public Voting

Public voting opens April 3 and closes April 4 at 6:00 PM. Anyone can vote online at sparkaspectrum.org. You may vote once per category.

Prizes

First place winners in every dance category receive a laptop. We are fundraising to provide as many additional laptops as possible — the more we raise, the more winners we can recognize. All winners also receive certificates of achievement. Check sparkaspectrum.org for prize updates.

Rules

- Open to all ages at registered Spark a Spectrum centers.
- Performances must be 1 to 3 minutes long.
- One entry per solo participant. Groups may enter once as a group.
- Content must be appropriate for all ages.
- By entering, participants give Spark a Spectrum permission to share performance videos on the gallery and social media.
- Winners are selected globally. There are no regional prizes.
- Organizer decisions are final.

Questions? Contact your coordinator or email sekinah@sparkaspectrum.org

Together we do more. | www.sparkaspectrum.org