



INFORMATION PACK



THE ULTIMATE DANCE EXPERIENCE



**WE ARE PROUD TO WELCOME YOU TO THE
FIRST UDO ENCORE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS!**

**UDO ENCORE REPRESENTS ALL DANCE STYLES (EXCLUDING STREET)
THROUGH COMPETITIONS, WORKSHOPS AND CELEBRITY GUEST
JUDGES TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE MOST PRESTIGIOUS AND
EXQUISITE DANCE EVENT ACROSS THE GLOBE!**





WHAT IS ENCORE?

UDO ENCORE IS SO EXCITED TO BRING YOU THE FIRST UDO ENCORE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN ADDITION TO OUR ALREADY ESTABLISHED ENCORE REGIONALS TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE ULTIMATE DANCE EXPERIENCE.

THIS PRESTIGIOUS COMPETITION OFFERS AN ELEGANT AND LIVELY ATMOSPHERE FOR A VARIETY OF DANCE GENRES INCLUDING; COMMERCIAL, CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL, MUSICAL THEATRE/JAZZ AND MORE!

THIS EVENT GIVES DANCERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPETE IN TEAMS, SOLOS AND DUOS, AS WELL AS IN OUR BRAND-NEW UNLEASH YOUR STYLE CATEGORY. THIS EXCITING ADDITION ALLOWS ALL DANCE STYLES TO BE SHOWCASED, GIVING PERFORMERS THE CHANCE TO REPRESENT STYLES THAT MAY NOT HAVE THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL CATEGORY.

WE WELCOME ALL AGES AND ABILITIES & PRIDE OURSELVES ON PROVIDING AN ENJOYABLE, SUPPORTIVE AND FAMILY FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE AT ALL OUR EVENTS.



THE ULTIMATE DANCE EXPERIENCE!

Will you be crowned the first Encore World Champion?

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE | WALES

13 - 15 NOVEMBER 2026

GENRES OF DANCE

MUSICAL THEATRE

THIS IS A FORM OF DANCE THAT USES SONGS FROM MUSICALS WITH THE MOVEMENT OF CLASSIC JAZZ STYLES.

MUSICAL THEATRE DANCING IS LESS OF A PARTICULAR STYLE, AND MORE OF A DESCRIPTION OF DANCING THAT IS ROOTED IN THE DIVERSE HISTORY OF BROADWAY MUSICALS. RELYING HEAVILY ON A KNOWLEDGE OF BALLET, TAP AND JAZZ, MUSICAL THEATRE DANCERS PLACE A HIGH FOCUS ON MUSICAL INTERPRETATION.

COMMERCIAL

COMMERCIAL IS A UNIQUE AND POPULAR DANCE STYLE TAKING ELEMENTS FROM ALL GENRES INCLUDING; JAZZ, STREET DANCE, MODERN AND LYRICAL.

THIS DANCE STYLE IS MOST COMMONLY USED IN MUSIC VIDEOS, TELEVISED AWARDS SHOWS AND MUSIC CONCERTS.

JAZZ

JAZZ CAN BE BROKEN DOWN INTO MANY DIFFERENT COMPONENTS INCLUDING; TECHNICAL JAZZ, COMMERCIAL JAZZ & MUSICAL THEATRE JAZZ. IT INCORPORATES SIMILAR ELEMENTS AS BALLET & CONTEMPORARY INCLUDING LEAPS & PIROUETTES BUT TO A FASTER TEMPO AND CAN SOMETIMES INVOLVE SINGING.

CONTEMPORARY / LYRICAL

CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL DANCE EMBODIES BALLET, MODERN, ACROBATICS AND JAZZ. A DANCER USUALLY PERFORMS THE LYRICS OF A SONG, DISPLAYING EMOTIONS IN AN ABSTRACT WAY AND IS A PLACE FOR INNOVATION .

THE STYLE CONCENTRATES MORE ON INDIVIDUAL APPROACH AND EXPRESSIVENESS THAN THE PRECISION OF THE DANCER'S MOVEMENTS. BECAUSE OF THIS, THERE IS NOT AS MUCH FOCUS ON THE CHOREOGRAPHY AND THE CHOREOGRAPHY OFTEN EXISTS ONLY AS A GENERAL GUIDE FOR THE DANCER, NOT AS A ROUTINE THAT HAS TO BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED.



JUDGES TEAM CRITERIA

SCORING		MAXIMUM POINTS
VARIETY	• PORTRAYAL & EXECUTION OF THE STYLE • VARIETY OF CHOREOGRAPHY USED	10
MUSICALITY & CREATIVITY	• INTERPRETATION OF DIFFERENT BEATS & PHRASING • ORIGINAL MOVEMENT IDEAS, UNIQUENESS & ORIGINALITY OF COMBINATIONS • USE OF MUSIC AND ATTENTION TO DETAIL THROUGHOUT • THE CREATIVE THROUGHOUT THE PIECE OVERALL	10
CHOREOGRAPHY	• DIFFICULTY LEVEL OF CHOREOGRAPHY • OVERALL USE OF SPACE AND SPATIAL AWARENESS, AND USE OF SMOOTH TRANSITIONS.	10
PRESENTATION	• ATTENTIVENESS, ENTHUSIASM, ENERGY, CONFIDENCE • ROUTINE EXECUTION AND PERFORMANCE • USE OF FLOOR / STAGE, TRANSITIONS, FORMATIONS & POSITIONING OF THE PIECE	10
JUDGES OPINION	• THIS IS THE INDIVIDUAL OPINION OF EACH JUDGE.	10

GENERAL NOTE

- AGE AND LEVEL WILL ALWAYS BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT WHEN SCORING. THE OLDER AND/OR HIGHER UP THE ABILITY SCALE YOU GO, THE MORE WE EXPECT IN TERMS OF YOUR EXECUTION.
- THE FULL SCALE OF 0 - 10 WILL BE USED.
- WE ENCOURAGE TEAMS TO DO WHAT THEY WANT TO DO AND NOT JUST WHAT THEY THINK WILL WIN.
- SELF-EXPRESSION, CREATIVITY AND ORIGINALITY ARE KEY.

CATEGORIES

TEAM COMPETITION

- JAZZ, CONTEMPORARY / LYRICAL, MUSICAL THEATRE, COMMERCIAL AND UNLEASH YOUR STYLE
- BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED CATEGORIES
- AGE CATEGORIES: UNDER 8'S (4-7), UNDER 12'S (8-11), UNDER 16'S (12-15) & OVER 16'S (16+)
- MINIMUM 5, MAXIMUM 25 DANCERS PER TEAM.
- MUSIC - MAXIMUM 2 MINUTES, 30 SECONDS.

SOLO COMPETITION

- COMMERCIAL & CONTEMPORARY / LYRICAL
- AGE CATEGORIES: UNDER 8'S (4-7), UNDER 12'S (8-11), UNDER 16'S (12-15) & OVER 16'S (16+)
- CONTEMPORARY / LYRICAL SOLO'S WILL DANCE TO A SET TRACK SPECIFIC TO THEIR AGE GROUP FOR THE FINAL ONLY.
- COMMERCIAL SOLOISTS WILL DANCE TO A SONG CHOSEN AT RANDOM BY THE DJ.
- BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED

DUO COMPETITION

- COMMERCIAL, CONTEMPORARY / LYRICAL & MUSICAL THEATRE / JAZZ
- AGE CATEGORIES: UNDER 8'S (4-7), UNDER 12'S (8-11), UNDER 16'S (12-15) & OVER 16'S (16+)
- ENCORE DUO'S WILL DANCE TO A SET TRACK SPECIFIC TO THE DANCE STYLE & AGE GROUP.
- BEGINNER, INTERMEDIATE & ADVANCED

WHAT ELSE DOES THE WEEKEND INCLUDE?

- WORKSHOPS
- PARTIES
- JUDGES SHOWCASE'S
- Q&A (WITH JUDGES)
- PARENT & CHILD - DUOS/TRIOS WILL DANCE TO A RANDOMLY SELECTED TRACK FOR 60-75 SECONDS WITH THEIR PARENT/CHILD.





WORKSHOPS & MASTERCLASSES



WE WANT TO ENSURE WE OFFER DANCERS THE BEST TRAINING AT OUR EVENTS.

AT ENCORE WORLDS, EACH OF OUR JUDGES LEADS A WORKSHOP AND BOTH DANCER AND SPECTATOR PASSES GIVE YOU ACCESS TO TAKE PART IN ALL OF THEM.

MAKE SURE YOU GET INVOLVED AND TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF THE KNOWLEDGE THEY'RE SHARING.

KEEP TRAINING WHILE YOU COMPETE!

THE FULL LINEUP FOR 2026 WILL BE REVEALED SOON.

STAY TUNED ON OUR WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA FOR ALL THE ANNOUNCEMENTS!



INCLUSIVE/ACCESSIBLE CATEGORY

GIVING EVERYONE THE CHANCE TO SHINE!

**THIS CATEGORY IS OPEN TO ALL STYLES OF
DANCE AND WILL BE FOR SUITABLE FOR
EVERYONE WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS.**

THIS IS A TEAM DIVISION ONLY (FOR NOW!)

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UNLEASH YOUR STYLE!

STEP INTO THE SPOTLIGHT AND SHOW EVERYONE WHAT MAKES YOUR TEAM UNIQUE!

UNLEASH YOUR STYLE IS A BRAND-NEW OPEN CATEGORY AT THE UDO ENCORE CHAMPIONSHIPS, GIVING YOU THE CHANCE TO COMPETE IN ANY DANCE STYLE OF YOUR CHOICE – BALLET, SALSA, TAP, IRISH AND MORE!

THIS IS YOUR SPACE TO SHINE, AS LONG AS YOUR STYLE DOESN'T FALL UNDER OUR EXISTING STANDALONE TEAM CATEGORIES: JAZZ, COMMERCIAL, MUSICAL THEATRE OR CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL.

WHETHER YOU'RE A PASSIONATE CREW OR A POLISHED TEAM, WE WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU BRING TO THE STAGE.

SO IF YOUR STYLE DOESN'T FIT IN A BOX...THIS IS YOUR MOMENT.



JOIN US. SHOW UP. UNLEASH YOUR STYLE.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE



FRIDAY

- WORKSHOPS
- OPENING PARTY

SATURDAY

- JAZZ TEAMS & AWARDS
- CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL TEAMS & AWARDS
- MUSICAL THEATRE TEAMS & AWARDS
- COMMERCIAL DUOS & AWARDS
- UNLEASH YOUR STYLE TEAMS & AWARDS
- WORKSHOPS
- JUDGES DEMONSTRATIONS & JUDGES Q&A
- PARENT SOLOS & AWARDS
- PARENT TEAMS & AWARDS
- FANCY DRESS PARTY

SUNDAY

- COMMERCIAL TEAMS & AWARDS
- COMMERCIAL SOLOS & AWARDS
- CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL SOLOS & AWARDS
- CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL DUOS & AWARDS
- MUSICAL THEATRE/JAZZ DUOS & AWARDS
- INCLUSIVE/ACCESSIBLE TEAMS & AWARDS
- PARENT & CHILD DUOS & AWARDS
- JUDGES CHOICE AWARDS
- WORKSHOPS



HOW TO QUALIFY

**FOR THE UDO ENCORE WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026, YOU
WILL NEED TO QUALIFY!**

CHECK OUT HOW TO QUALIFY BELOW!

HOW TO QUALIFY FOR UDO ENCORE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026

AT AN ENCORE REGIONAL	AT THE UDO BRITISH DANCE FESTIVAL	INTERNATIONAL QUALIFICATION
PLACE TOP 3 IN YOUR TEAM CATEGORY OR TOP 5 IN SOLOS AND DUOS	PLACE IN A FINAL AT THE UDO BRITISH DANCE FESTIVAL (ALL ENCORE CATEGORIES)	IF THERE ISN'T A QUALIFIER IN YOUR COUNTRY, YOU CAN SUBMIT A VIDEO ENTRY





WHO DO WE CONTACT FOR MORE INFORMATION?

THIS DOCUMENT IS AN OVERVIEW OF THE EVENT AND MORE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED CLOSER TO THE TIME.

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GILL@THEUDOGROUP.COM - TRADE STANDS, EXHIBITIONS & VENDORS

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WE HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!

FROM, THE UDO ENCORE TEAM

