



NEWSRELEASE:

Abbott's Performing Arts Center's Competition Dance Team WINS Big for Texas!



Abbott's Competition Dance Team represented Texas at the STARBOUND National Talent Competition. There were over 1000 dance numbers representing dance teams from across the nation. Abbott's Sr. Dance routine to "Why" was selected as the Grand National Senior Showcase Winner, coming in second place was another Abbott's dance called "Shoot the Moon". Abbott's Jr. Dance Team won third and fourth place in the Grand Champion Jr. Showcase, with a school from Mississippi taking top honors.

Abbott's Dancers, Kyle Santolini, Lyndsay Lunsmann, Hillary Walker and Taylor Fitch were selected as "Title Holders" in their age groups. Abbott's Dancer, Allysen Hooks won top Sr. Solo (APAC Sr. Dancers won 8 out of the top ten positions for solos). Kristen Stanley, Lyndsay Lunsmann and Allysen Hooks took Top Sr. Duet/Trio for their performance (APAC Dancers won nine out of the top ten in the Duet/Trio category). Allysen Hooks and Kyle Santolini have been selected by Dance Spirit Magazine as future Stars of Tomorrow and have been featured in their magazine.

Abbott's dancers are having a busy summer even though the competition season has ended. Lyndsay Lunsmann, Hillary Walker and Blaire Ostendorf will be furthering their dance training by attending classes in LA. Kyle Santolini and Sarah Stanley will be studying at Point Park School of the Arts. Allysen Hooks, Page Leahy and Amy Crowson will be attending Boston Conservatory and Kristen Stanley and Jackie Boe have been accepted into the prestigious Ann Reinking's Broadway Theater Project.

Next year's team is already hard at work with choreography by Liz Imperio (on a break from choreographing Madonna's new tour, and Gloria Estafan's upcoming tour). Jeff Amseden from NYC will be at APAC soon. APAC Dancers spent the summer studying with Dorio Perez of Houston Ballet Company, and teachers from TUTS and Planet Funk. They are sure to be ready to bring glory back to Houston and the Copperfield area in 2005.

Abbott's Performing Arts Center is located in Copperfield on Hwy 6 and West Rd. It is under the creative direction of Mrs. Paula Abbott Barry. Paula opened the school in 1988, after a dance career on Broadway and in International and National Tours. Paula has been recognized by the National Advancement in the Arts as one of the Nation's most outstanding teachers. In 2003, Ms. Abbott was asked to sit on the Panel at the Julliard School in NYC to discuss training artists for the 21st Century. Ms. Abbott sits on the judge's panel for the Tommy Tune awards, and is closely affiliated with Theater Under the Stars. Along with her Professional Program, Abbott's also offers Drill Team programs for dancers aspiring to explore that area of dance. Our Strong Drill Program can boast many Head Officers of Local High School Drill Teams, including Langham Creek, Cy-Fair, Cy-Creek, Cy-Springs, Jersey Village, Mayde Creek, Katy Taylor and Dulles. Abbott's trained dancers have held the Title of Miss Drill Team and won top honors in many Drill Team Competitions. Abbott's is flattered that many drill team directors send their own daughters to train

at our school. Abbott's is proud to have turned out professional dancers who are dancing on Cruise Ships, Broadway and in Nationals Tours. Many APAC dancers have gone on to receive scholarships to College and prestigious ARTS Schools across the Nation.

Abbott's Performing Arts Center is designed to present a professional and artistic approach to each of the disciplines offered. Although few will pursue a career in the Arts, all will benefit and enjoy the center's approach to learning. APAC wants all their students to feel secure in taking risks, trying new things. We treat all of our students with dignity and respect to build their self-confidence and self-esteem as dancers and individuals. They hope to instill a curiosity and love of dance and all the arts that will stay with them a lifetime as well as pass on the "traditions" of dance to the next generation.