

1 Aim

Aims to promote the art of dance by hosting a high standard dance competition, providing a platform for dance lovers to communicate, exchange performance experience and improve together.

2 Date and Venue

Date	Venue
5 th to 14 th April, 2024	Y Theatre, Youth Square (238 Chai Wan Road, Chai Wan)

3 Categories

Categories	Age Group	Time Limits	
Chinese Dance*	Mini Group: Age 4 to 6	<u>Solo/Duo/Trio</u> Mini Group: 3 minutes Primary/Open Group: 4 minutes	<u>Group</u> Mini Group: 4 minutes Primary Group: 5 minutes Open Group: 6 minutes
Jazz Dance	Primary Group (Junior): Age 7 to 9 or primary 1 to primary 3		
Street Dance	Primary Group (Senior): Age 10 to 12 or primary 4 to primary 6		
Modern Dance	Open group: Age 13 or above		
Ballet	Mini Group: Age 4 to 5 Children Group: Age 6 to 8 Youth Group: Age 9 to 11 Teenage Group: Age 12 to 15 Open Group: Age 16 or above	<u>Solo/Duo/Trio</u> Mini Group: 3 minutes Children/Youth/ Teenage/Open Group: 4 minutes	<u>Group</u> Mini Group: 4 minutes Children/Youth/ Teenage Group: 5 minutes Open Group: 6 minutes
Singing & Dance (Children Dance)	Mini Group: Age 4 to 6	N/A	<u>Group</u> Mini Group: 4 minutes
A competitor's age is taken on 5 th April, 2024.		1 point will be deducted for over the time limit.	

*Oriental dance and other folk dance are classified as Chinese Dance category.

- 3.1 The same competitor can only participate in the same dance category in maximum of 3 times, solo and group can be calculated separately.
- 3.2 In all participation teams, the age of the oldest competitor will determine the group category.
- 3.3 When one of the competitors from the team is applying for solo/ Duo & Trio, the competitor can choose to apply in the name of a team or as an individual (e.g “Art Dance – Cheung Sum Yi” or “Cheung Sum Yi”), as for group dance will have to enroll in the name of the team.

4 Enrollment

Date of Enrollment	Enrollment method
3 rd January, 2024 (Wednesday) 11am to 19 th January, 2024 (Friday) 6pm	Online enrollment in www.hkdea.hk, limited quota will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis based on groups.

5 Participation Fee

5.1 Enrollment Fee

Solo/Duo/Trio	Group
Solo: \$520 HKD/ Team	4 to 12 people: \$820 HKD/ Team
Duo: \$620 HKD/ Team	13 to 35 people: \$920HKD/ Team
Trio: \$720 HKD/ Team	
Discount	
<p>1) Early bird discount: Enrollment before the 5th January, 2024 (Friday). Each team get \$30 HKD discount.</p> <p>2) Dance Academy discount: 5 teams or above of the same dance academy participated, each team can be awarded with \$30 HKD discount.</p> <p>The above discounts can be all used at the same time, every team have maximum \$60 HKD discount.</p>	

- a. Fees will be calculated by each dance.
- b. Fees included: competition fee, scoring sheets, photography, certificate and trophy (only applicable for related award-winning team).
- c. Participation teams need to make sure the right amount of fees is transferred, if the team needs HKDEA to return the excess amount of money and will charge every team \$70 HKD for administrative fee.

5.2 Additional Charge (It is necessary to order during enrollment and transfer together with the enrollment fee)

HD videography fee (1920 x 1080)

Duo recording with video editing Or Continuous video recording with single camera	\$60 HKD/ Team
Duo recording with video editing And Continuous video recording with single camera	\$100 HKD/ Team

6 Enrollment Procedures

- 6.1 Online enrollment: After transferring through Automated Teller Machine (ATM) or online transfer (e-banking), please visit www.hkdea.hk fill in the enrollment details and upload the copy of the bank-in slip. In the bank-in slip, it is necessary to include the name of your team and the name of the dance, enrollment is valid only if the information is complete and the transfer is successful. If the enrollment of the group/organisation has more than 1 team, fees can be all transferred together.
- 6.2 Bank account: Bank of China (Hong Kong)(012)-591-2-035518-9, Hong Kong Dance Education Association. FPS: 98188921.
- 6.3 Due to the number of teams and the limitation of the venue, every group has a limited quota and will be offered on a first-come and first-served basis.
- 6.4 HKDEA will organise and arrange the competition schedule after the deadline of enrollment, no time changes of the competition schedule will be accepted.
- 6.5 **Participation teams of Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary school might have the possibility of being arranged to compete on the whole weekday or weekend time slot.**
- 6.6 The shortlist and the competition arrangement will be announced online through our website on 2nd February, 2024 (Friday).
- 6.7 Participation teams have to read through the details and regulations on this rule before enrolling, once you have enrolled, there will be no refundable fee for participation teams that had cancelled their application or that had been disqualified.
- 6.8 If there is any enrollment detail needed to be edited (not including dance category and age group), edit can be made online on the 24th to 28th February, 2024 or before (depends on the dance category) to notify the HKDEA.
- 6.9 If the participation teams are not eligible for the competition or submitting false representation, HKDEA have the right to disqualify the team.

7 Judges and Scoring Criteria

- 7.1 HKDEA invites experienced dance artists as judges, participation teams need to obey the decision of the judges.
- 7.2 Scoring based on style of dance, dance structure, theme, creativities, movements, techniques, expressions, musicality, collaboration and overall performance.
- 7.3 The competition does not have an appeal mechanism.

8 Award

Scores	Awards	Prizes	
85 marks or above	Gold award	<p><u>Certificate</u> Solo/Duo/Trio & Group dance: Each team will have 1 certificate. (Duo/Trio & Group awardees can order their own certificate with their own name printed on it)</p>	<p><u>Trophy</u> The awardee of the Gold /the Best Performance Award: Each team will have 1 trophy. (All awardees can order their own trophy with their own name printed on it)</p> <p><u>Bonus (issued in the form of cash coupon)</u> The awardee of the Best Performance Award: Each team can earn \$500 cash coupon as encouragement.</p>
80 marks to 84.9 marks	Silver award		
75 marks to 79.9 marks	Bronze award		
65 marks to 74.9 marks	Merit award		
Selected by Judges	The Best Performance Award		
Selected by Judges	The Best Choreography Award	<p><u>Trophy</u> The choreographer will have 1 certificate.</p>	N/A
Calculated based on the awards of the best 5 teams achieved (see 8.2 for more details)	The Outstanding Team Award	N/A	<p><u>Trophy</u> The awardee of the champion, the 1st runner up & the 2nd runner up: Each team will have 1 trophy.</p>

Note:

- 1) The participation team name printed on the free trophy/certificate are the same as the enrollment name, edition are not acceptable.
- 2) Free trophy/certificate need to be picked up in HKDEA.
- 3) If the teams choose to use the delivery express / post to receive the additional trophy/certificate, it is necessary to pay for the express / posting fee: \$10 HKD per certificate and \$30 HKD per trophy.

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- 8.1 Each session (each category / group) have the Best Performance Award and the Best Choreography Award. Judges reserve the final right of awards decision.
- 8.2 Hong Kong Professional Dance Competition have the Outstanding Team Award, as long as the schools / dance schools have enrolled for 5 teams or above, then they can compete the Outstanding Team Award to compete the champion, the 1st runner up and the 2nd runner up. HKDEA will oversee the whole competition process and the total marks will be calculated based on the awards of the best 5 teams achieved by the same schools / dance schools, details are shown below:

Award	Score
Gold Award	5 marks
Silver Award	3 marks
Bronze award	1 mark
The Best Performance Award	2 marks
The Best Choreography Award	1.5 marks

- 8.3 The awardees can apply for additional order of trophy/certificate through online, during the 5th to 19th April, 2024.
- 8.4 Person in charge or individual team member can order additional trophy and certificate by themselves.

9 Music

- 9.1 Competition music will have to be emailed to music@hkdea.hk in the period of time between 13th to 22nd March, 2024. Record format will have to be in mp3 and recorded separately.
- 9.2 Music file will have to be named after the entry number, team name and dance name. Details please see notice of the competition.
- 9.3 2 marks will be deducted if music is submitted or music change is made after 22nd March, 2024 (Friday).
- 9.4 Participation teams will have to take responsibilities for copyright issues.

10 Stage Effect Sheet

- 10.1 Stage effect sheets will have to be emailed as PDF to stageform@hkdea.hk between the periods of 13th to 22nd March, 2024.
- 10.2 Each PDF file can only include 1 participation team.
- 10.3 Participation team can choose the color of the canopy, projection image or background animation material of their own preferences, no additional charges. The participation team that chosen projection background animation material will have to give it to HKDEA before the 2nd to 28th February, 2024, in order for the approval by government department.
- 10.4 Participation teams who are overdue, stage effect will be arranged as basic lighting setup.
- 10.5 No changes of stage effect during competition is accepted.
- 10.6 Stage manager reserves the rights for final decisions.

11 Venue and Stage

- 11.1 There are marley floor in Y theatre of Youth Square. The size of the stage is approximately 11.5m (width) x 9.8m (depth).
- 11.2 HKDEA will set up a moderate amount of dressing rooms for teams to take turns to use after reporting. Participation team that participated in group dance will be arranged to wait/makeup in Y Theatre.
- 11.3 Ballet group have newly added on stage try out period and allowing ballet participants apply moderate amount of rosin power on their point shoes to act as anti-slippery usage.

12 Recording and Photography

- 12.1 HKDEA photographer will carry out live photo shoot, each participation team will be able to have free photos taken during the competition.
- 12.2 HKDEA have recording arrangement in the form of duo recording and single camera recording, the detail of recording please find the point 5.2 in this rule.
- 12.3 In respect to the copyright of creation of all choreographers, beside the videographers and photographers of HKDEA, anyone without authorization have no right to record and photograph (except Singing and Dance (Children Dance)), if so will be invited to leave and delete videos and photos that are not authorized.
- 12.4 HKDEA have the right to reserve all the videos/photos for records or related purposes.
- 12.5 In the section of Singing and Dance (Children Dance), their teacher/parents are allowed to take photos using their phone, under the circumstance of not affecting others. But **no flash light and tripod** are accepted. Recording are not accepted.

13 Ticket

Tickets for the competition will be on sale at Art-mate from 13th March, 2024 (Wednesday).

14 Competition Result and Award Ceremony

- 14.1 After every section of the competition is completed, result will be announced immediately, each participation team please return to the venue within the specified time, HKDEA will proceed the live award ceremony.
- 14.2 No tickets will be required for both participants and audiences to enter the auditorium to listen to the result during the live award ceremony.

15 Social Media

- 15.1 If there is any updates of the competition, HKDEA will announce through social media, it is recommended for participants to follow HKDEA social media (Facebook: hongkongdea; Instagram: hkdea), in case for missing related information.
- 15.2 During competition, HKDEA will publish competition clips or photos, welcome to keep track of HKDEA social media to visit the newest updates.

16 Receive items

Items	Method	Date
Scoring sheet	Can be received in reception	After every section of the competition is completed
Certificate	By express delivery / Pick up at HKDEA	11 th June, 2024 or before
Trophy		
Photo	Google drive links will be sent through email for download, videos will be stored online in Google drive for 30 days. Overtime links will be invalid and will not be reissued.	11 th June, 2024 or before
Video (Only applicable to teams that having additional order)		

17 Special Arrangements

- 17.1 Inclement weather: When the Hong Kong Observatory announces Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal 1 or 3, Amber Rainstorm or Red Rainstorm Signal, all competition will be held as scheduled. When the Hong Kong Observatory announces Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal 8 or above or Black Rainstorm Signal 4 hours before the competition starts, competition will be rescheduled or cancelled. When the Hong Kong Observatory announces Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal 8 or above or Black Rainstorm Signal during the competition, HKDEA will base on the situation to decide if the competition continue or end. Welcome to pay attention to the newest news and updates on our social media page.
- 17.2 If the teams will not be able to attend the rescheduled competition due to the inclement weather, it will be deemed as quitting and enrollment fees are non-refundable.
- 17.3 Epidemic and other accidents: During the preparation of the competition, if it is because of an epidemic or uncontrollable events (e.g. government's implementation of activity control, closed of venue, natural disasters, epidemic diseases or health risk such unpredictable or uncontrollable accidents), leading to the competition cannot take place normally, HKDEA have the right to cancel or change the format of the competition (including submitting videos of the dance works), enrollment fees are non-refundable.
- 17.4 Participants need to comply with the policy and rules of both the competition venue and the government pandemic measure requirement (if any), if participants cannot comply with the above requirement and be able to participate, enrollment fee will be non-refundable.

18 Disclaimer and Others

- 18.1 If improper use by the participation team or performer causes damage to the competition venue, the organizer reserves the right to pursue compensation.
- 18.2 HKDEA will not be liable or compensated for any losses or personal injury or death of the participation teams during the competition.
- 18.3 Participation teams can purchase related personal insurance or related insure for “Hong Kong Professional Dance Competition” by oneself.
- 18.4 Photos and related information of the events might be published on the website of HKDEA or any other publicity publication for promotional use.
- 18.5 HKDEA have the right to make any changes or edit the rule, without notice and reserve any final editing decision right.
- 18.6 If there is any inconsistency or ambiguity between the Chinese version and the English version, the Chinese version shall prevail.

19 Important dates

Date	Event
3 – 5/1/2024	Enrollment begins (Early bird discount)
19/1/2024	Deadline of enrollment
2/2/2024	Publication of the competition schedule
2 – 28/2/2024	Submission of projection background animation material
24 – 28/2/2024	Deadline of information edit submission (depends on the dance category)
13/3/2024	Tickets on sale
13 – 22/3/2024	Submission of music submission and stage effect sheet
5 – 14/4/2024	Competition
5 – 19/4/2024	Additional trophy and certificate order
11/6/2024 or before	Receiving trophy and certificate

20 Inquiry

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