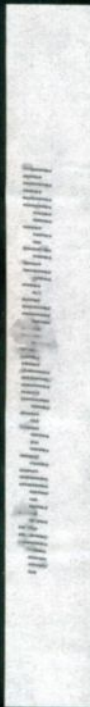


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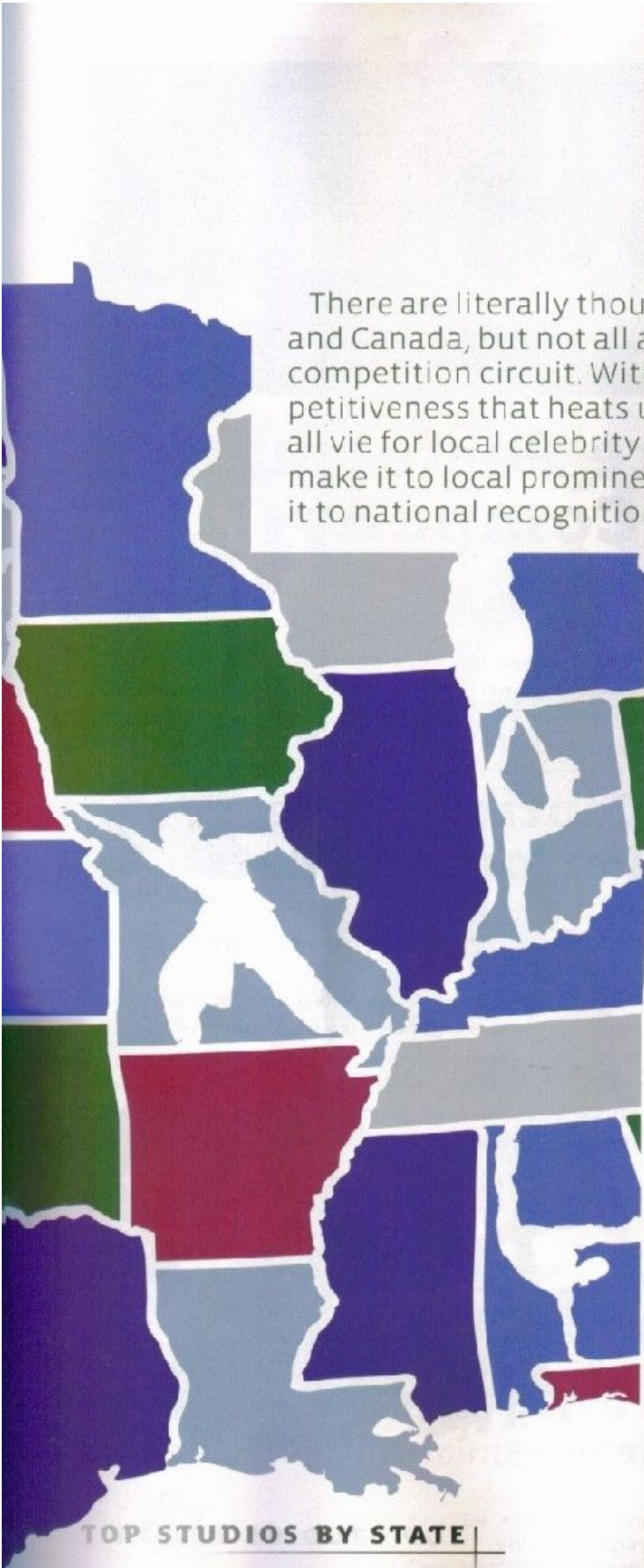
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For Competitive Dance Studios

NORTH AMERICA'S MOST COMPETITIVE DANCE STUDIOS BY STATE





There are literally thousands of dance studios in each state and Canada, but not all are recognized as top contenders on the competition circuit. Within each state, there's a spirit of competitiveness that heats up at the onset of every season; studios all vie for local celebrity status in their communities. Very few make it to local prominence, and an even smaller number make it to national recognition.

Ever wonder how your dance studio stacks up against other studios right in your home state? You may have had an idea in the past, but now you can be certain based on the hard facts presented here. *Dancer* has created the first ever ranking of the top three most competitive dance studios in each state as well as Canada. Using the same scores that were submitted to us from national competitions for our top 50 ranking system, we took the results one step further and broke them down by state.

If your state is not represented on our list, there are a few possible reasons why. First, a group number from your studio had to have placed within the top three during general competition (not overalls!) at a national event to be eligible. And second, not every national competition in the U.S. submitted its scores to us. So, if you participated in a national event but do not see your state represented on our list, then make sure the competitions you attended submit their scores next year!

In this section of the Year in Review 2008, you'll find informative articles about the top studios in 37 states as well as Canada. We have also provided you with exciting photos and fun facts for top scorers. Use this information wisely—if you're in the top three, starting planning your approach to stay there, and if you're not, now you know who to beat this season and in the future.

From New York to California and everywhere in between, congratulations to the top scorers! And best of luck next year.

TOP STUDIOS BY STATE



Fun Fact:

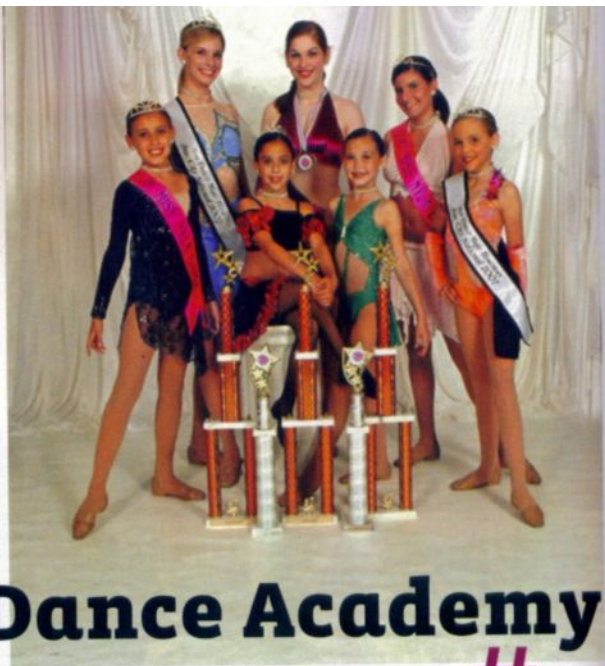
After Hurricane Katrina, Elite Dance re-opened.

Director Eileen Arnold bought Elite Dance Academy in 1999. The school, now known as Elite Dance L.L.C., is a progressive studio that keeps up with cutting-edge choreography from around the nation.

Elite Dance Academy

Covington, LA
elitedanceacademyllc.com

#1



Under the direction of Eileen and Michael Arnold, the studio has become known for its award-winning routines, guest teachers and full scale productions completely with scenery, set, props and singers.*



Baton Rouge Dance Connection

Baton Rouge, LA
brdance.com

#2

Under the direction of Jennifer Cothren, Baton Rouge Dance Connection exposes all students to life empowering creativity and a healthy lifestyle combined with confidence and an appreciation of the arts. For nine years, this school has educated dancers with the highest level of technique. The competition team is nationally recognized.*

Tammy Palmer's Center Stage Dance, Co.

Lake Charles, LA
tpcsdance.com

#3

Tammy Palmer's Center Stage provides the best possible dance training in the area by focusing on the individual needs of each student. The competition company attends both regional and national competitions, picking up trophies wherever they go.*

