



**We will try to break it down for you and make following our awards ceremony, super easy!**

### **LET THE FUN BEGIN**

Dancers will be asked to join us on stage for a little pre-ceremony dance film viewing. As the judges make their final decisions, we want the dancers to come together as one dance community, supporting each other and having fun together! Photographs and videos of the awards ceremony are welcomed.

### **THE LEVEL AWARDS**

The first awards given are what we call the Level Awards. They are organized by type of routine (solo, duet, small groups, etc.), age division (Mini, Junior, etc.), and performance division (showcase or competitive), aggregating the dance style categories together. Every routine that performs is awarded a Kinetix Level Distinction Award. However, we do not rank the dancers within their categories. Our accreditation system is designed as a way for dancers to track their personal growth and push themselves to achieve more each time they take the stage.

We have 9 award levels at Kinetix, starting at Level 1, with Level 9 being our highest award. Our levels are somewhat similar to Gold, Platinum, etc., which you find at other competitions. However, at Kinetix all dancers, no matter their performance division or age, are placed onto the Kinetix award spectrum. There are no fixed rules that set competitive dancers apart from dancers taking fewer hours on our award scale. Our scale starts at Level 1 and continues along a dancer's path towards pre-professionalism with level 9 being reserved for the rare performance that demonstrates total mastery both in technique and presentation.

A general guideline to award levels: Mini & Junior dancers tend to fall between Level 1-4. Teen dancers in general fall between Levels 2-6. Senior dancers tend to fall between Levels 3-7. However there are exceptions in every age group and ability level for all dancers

### **LEVEL AWARD TROPHIES**

Each routine that performs receives a cube award. If it is a solo performance, then the soloist will receive a cube award. For duets, trios, and groups, the studio will receive the cube and each dancer in the routine will receive an awards pin.

### **OVERALL AWARDS**

Our Overall Awards are just as they sound, awards bestowed upon routines that the judges felt were the overall standout routines within a certain age division and entry type. In the Showcase division, the Overall Awards are NOT ranked. We view our showcase division as a stepping stone to the competitive division. We want to nurture showcase dancers' sense of accomplishment and help them feel the support of peers without focusing on who is the "best of the best."

At the same time, we feel that competitive dancers deserve to have the most thorough possible evaluations when determining the overall winners because they dedicate tremendous time and effort to their art and trying to advance in it. Competitive dancers are ready to be ranked according to the judges' feedback and the top routines bestowed overall honors.

The judges determine the number of overall awards given in each set, based on the performances they saw and the merit of each. The Overall Awards are determined by the judges at the end of the set, taking all performances into consideration and re-examining them separately from their Level Awards.

### **OVERALL CUBE AWARDS**

Each routine receiving an Overall Award will receive an Overall Cube Award.

### **SPECIALTY AWARDS - SHOWCASE LEVEL**

The Emerging Artist Award is exclusively reserved for our Showcase Level and is bestowed upon top Showcase entries the Judges felt showed outstanding merit and potential, while exhibiting the emergence of our future standout artists.

### **SPECIALTY AWARDS — SOLOS**

K-Krew & Lil'Krew award recipients, as well as Judges Select K-Krew recipients, will be acknowledged during the solo awards ceremony for their age group. Highlight awards may also be awarded during solo ceremonies, if nominated by the judging panel.

### **SPECIALTY AWARDS — DUET/TRIO**

Highlight Reel awards may be awarded during duet-trio ceremonies, if nominated. A Most Cinematic Duet-Trio for 11&Under and/or 12&Over may also be awarded if judges nominate a routine.

### **SPECIALTY AWARDS — GROUPS**

At the end of the of the Mini-Junior (11&Under) group awards, and the end of Teen-Senior (12&Over) group awards the winners of the following Specialty Awards will be announced: The Choreography Award, The Entertainment Award, Cinematic Award, & Top Showcase Award. These awards are only available to group routines, but not restricted by performance division. The Artists in Motion Award ("AIM Award"), is presented to the Top Competitive Group in the 11&Under and 12&Over division.

Highlight awards may also be awarded during group award ceremonies, if nominated.

The studio with the most Kinetix points at the end of each regional event will be awarded The SOAR Award: Studio Of Artistry Regional Award. Points are based on Level awards obtained, special accolades such as Highlight & Emerging Artist, as well as K Krew & Judges Awards.

### **AFTER THE AWARDS**

After the awards, feel free to go on stage to hug your kiddos and take photos celebrating their amazing accomplishments! We will have a photo station in the lobby so you can grab a memorable shot at any point during the weekend. If you would like to purchase a cube for your child, you may do so at our lobby store. Scoresheets and critiques will be given directly to teachers after the event.



**Now celebrate!! No matter what level your child received, no matter how many or how few extra awards they were given, their greatest achievement was having the courage, determination, and commitment to take the stage and share their passion for dance. We applaud every dancer on our stage and thank them for sharing their talent and gifts with us at Kinetix. We hope everyone keeps exploring and growing in this beautiful, evolving, enduring art form. Never forget that feeling of accomplishment and pride that comes with being on stage and sharing dance with others!**