

# **IMPORTANT NEWS RELEASE & INVITATION**

## **USA DANCE 2011 National DanceSport Championships**



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### **USA DANCE 2011 NATIONAL DANCESPORT CHAMPIONSHIPS IN BALTIMORE**

#### **America's Best Ballroom, Latin Dancers Competing at Renaissance Harborplace Hotel, April 8-10**

**31st Annual Event Highlights:  
TV Dance Celebrities from Top-Rated Shows On The Floor, In Attendance**

BALTIMORE, MD – America's top ballroom and Latin dance competitors will compete in Baltimore, April 8-10, 2011, at the **USA DANCE 2011 National DanceSport Championships**, organized by **USA DANCE, Inc.**, the National Governing Body for DanceSport in the United States, a member organization of the U.S. Olympic Committee and the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF).

Celebrating its 31st Year, the USA Dance Nationals is the official national championships for DanceSport, and as ballroom and Latin dancing and DanceSport popularity continues its global surge in popularity, the largest event of its kind in America.

Title sponsor for the 2011 Nationals is Swarovski Elements, global leader of fine crystals, who in collaboration with five of America's top fashion designers, will debut the newest trends in ballroom fashion, to be displayed and worn in competition over the weekend by 11 of the USA Dance nationally-ranked Championship-level couples for 2010.

The event is open to the public and a sell-out crowd is expected to attend. The three-day USA Dance National DanceSport Championships will be held at the Renaissance Harborplace Hotel in Baltimore, and will be non-stop dancing from 8 am to Midnight each day.

At the USA Dance National DanceSport Championships, more than 1,100 amateur DanceSport athletes have qualified throughout the year at National Qualifying Events sponsored by USA Dance. These athletes represent America's top ballroom and Latin talent. In Baltimore, they will vie for national titles and placements on the USA Dance World Teams to compete at upcoming World Championships, sponsored and sanctioned by the International DanceSport Federation (IDSF), member organization of the International Olympic Committee. Also in Baltimore, approximately 20 DanceSport couple finalists will be selected for 11 World Championship competitions held throughout the year in countries around the globe.

In addition to hosting an elite judging panel of nationally and internationally acclaimed adjudicators, USA Dance is proud to announce that throughout the weekend, many of the celebrity youth and adult couples who have performed and won on ABC-TV's "Dancing With The Stars", "So You Think You Can Dance", "America's Got Talent", Paula Abdul's "Live To Dance," and other television dance shows will also compete in their respective divisions.

The USA Dance 2011 Nationals will showcase all four major ballroom dance styles -- International Standard, International Latin, American Smooth and American Rhythm.

Competitors are expected to represent nearly every state in the nation, ranging from Pre-Teen (as young as age 7) and Youth (to age 18) to Adult (age 19+) and Seniors (35 to 70+). There is a strong participation by competitors of all ages from the Baltimore and Washington DC areas.

According to Daphna Locker, Nationals Chairperson, "The USA DANCE 2011 Nationals will definitely be a star-studded destination event. Spectators will see America's finest 'real life' dancing stars in action." And as Locker confirmed, the 2011 Nationals will also host some of the world's most elite ballroom personalities - internationally acclaimed judges and emcees and other well-known Baltimore/Washington DC celebrities throughout the weekend.

Advance packages and individual tickets are available online at [www.usadancenationals.org](http://www.usadancenationals.org) or at the door, although early-bird purchase is recommended for all evening events which traditionally sell out quickly. Special discounted pricing is available for Teens (ages 13–18) and Pre-Teens (under age 12).

**Adult In–Advance Weekend Package pricing:**

Weekend Day & Evening Packages – Adults from \$120 to \$175; VIP \$225

Weekend Evening Only Packages – \$90

**Adult In–Advanced Individual Session pricing:**

Daytime Open Seating \$15

Evening Reserved Seating \$35

**Adult At–Door pricing:**

Weekend Day & Evening Packages – from \$140 (sold Friday only)

Weekend Evening Only Packages – \$105 (sold Friday only)

Daytime Open Seating – \$20

Evening Reserved Seating – \$40

**Adult Social Weekend Package pricing:**

Social Events \$200

**ABOUT USA DANCE:**

USA DANCE Inc. is a 501c3 non-profit organization responsible for the promotion of recreational ballroom dancing and competitive DanceSport in the United States. As the National Governing Body for DanceSport, as recognized by the U.S. Olympic Committee and as member of the International DanceSport Federation, USA DANCE has the additional mission to gain the International Olympic Committee's final approval of DanceSport as an Olympic medal sport.

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