



# USA International Ballet Competition



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**JUNE 17 – JULY 2, 2006**

**JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI**

### FACT SHEET

- THE EVENT:** One of the world's most prestigious dance events, the USA International Ballet Competition (IBC) is a two-week “olympic-style” competition where tomorrow’s ballet stars vie for gold, silver, and bronze medals; cash awards and scholarships. Designated as the official USA Competition by a Joint Resolution of Congress, the USA IBC is held every four years, in the tradition of sister competitions in Varna, Bulgaria and Moscow, Russia. A festival of ancillary events, such as the International Dance School, art exhibitions, regional ballet company performances and dance workshops are enjoyed by audiences and participants alike. The next USA IBC is scheduled for June 17 – July 2, 2006.
- PARTICIPANTS:** Professional and amateur dancers of all nationalities compete in two divisions: Junior Division (ages 15-18) and the Senior Division (ages 19-26). The International Dance School is open to intermediate and advanced students, ages 12 and up. A teachers' workshop is also offered.
- TICKETS:** Ticket prices range from \$6 to \$70; there is a 15% discount for groups of 20 or more. Ticket packages go on sale to the public in January before the event and individual tickets are sold beginning in April before the competition.
- ORIGIN:** The first international ballet competition was held in Varna, Bulgaria in 1964. Mississippi Ballet International, Inc., a non-profit organization, was incorporated in 1978 to produce a U.S. competition in Jackson, Mississippi in 1979. Subsequent competitions have been held in Jackson in 1982, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1998 and 2002.
- MISSION:** The mission of the USA International Ballet Competition is to provide an opportunity for dancers to test themselves against recognized international standards of dance excellence; to showcase their technical skill and artistic talent; to provide a forum for communication and intercultural exchange; and to educate, enlighten, and develop future audience support for the art of dance.

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