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**USA INTERNATIONAL BALLET COMPETITION ANNOUNCES  
2010 JURY AND SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Jackson, Miss., February 15, 2010 – The [USA International Ballet Competition](#) (USA IBC) announced today the 2010 jury list and selection committee. The USA IBC will be held June 12 -27, at Thalia Mara Hall in Jackson, Mississippi.

“The USA International Ballet Competition strives to give its participants a chance to test their skills against the highest international standards,” said Sue Lobrano, USA IBC executive director. “We gather a jury from among the most noted dance experts around the world.”

The USA IBC was the first international competition to allow only one jury member per country, a requirement that upholds the standard of fairness.

Below is the complete list of **jury members** for the 2010 competition:

Bruce Marks, chairman, USA

Patrick Armand, France

Lita Beiris, Latvia

Samantha Dunster, Canada

Hideo Fukagawa, Japan

Hae Shik Kim, South Korea

Doris Laine, Finland

Thomas Lund, Denmark

John Meehan, Australia

Alexei Ratmansky, Russia

Denise Shultz, South Africa

Bruce Simpson, Great Britain

Xiao Susha, China

Selection to compete on the Jackson stage requires dancers to complete a two-tier application process that includes an initial paper submission followed by a DVD of the dancer's skills. To manage this task for 2010, the USA IBC appointed a selection committee that, in the past, has reviewed and scored approximately 300 competitor applications from more than 30 countries.

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Members of the 2010 **selection committee** include Ethan Stiefel, principal dancer with American Ballet Theatre and Dean of the School of Dance at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts; Ravenna Tucker, associate professor of Dance at Belhaven University; and William Whitener, artistic director of the Kansas City Ballet.

The USA IBC is a two-week, “olympic-style” competition where tomorrow’s stars vie for gold, silver and bronze medals; cash awards; company contracts; and scholarships. The event is designated as the official international ballet competition in the United States by a Joint Resolution of Congress. Presented under the auspices of the International Dance Committee, International Theatre Institute of UNESCO, the USA IBC is held every four years in Jackson, Miss., in the tradition of sister competitions in Varna, Bulgaria, and Moscow, Russia.

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