

# COMPETITION 2012-2013 CALENDAR

20 years  
DEVOTED TO...

*You!*

*StarQuest*

Performing Arts Competitions



# StarQuest

## DEVOTED...

To positive memories that resonate a lifetime • To knock your socks off communication • To running a seamless show • To running on time • To eliminating all distractions • To making you smile... every minute of every moment of every day • To award ceremonies with artistry • To insightful judges' critiques • To cultivating remarkable friendships • To understanding your needs • To getting it right for you the first time... all the time • To making your moments offstage as special as your moment onstage • To giving you the answer... before you have to ask • To getting you home when promised • To thoughtful scheduling in a theatrical atmosphere • To attention to detail in a theatrical atmosphere • To exceptional guest interactions in a theatrical atmosphere • To positive memories that resonate a lifetime • To knock your socks off communication • To running a seamless show • To running on time • To eliminating all distractions • To making you smile... every minute of every moment of every day • To award ceremonies with artistry • To insightful judges' critiques • To cultivating remarkable friendships • To understanding your needs • To getting it right for you the first time... all the time • To making your moments offstage as special as your moment onstage • To giving you the answer... before you have to ask • To getting you home when promised • To thoughtful scheduling in a theatrical atmosphere • To attention to detail in a theatrical atmosphere • To exceptional guest interactions in a theatrical atmosphere • To positive memories that resonate a lifetime • To knock your socks off communication • To running a seamless show • To running on time • To eliminating all distractions • To making you smile... every minute of every moment of every day • To award ceremonies with artistry • To insightful judges' critiques • To cultivating remarkable friendships • To understanding your needs • To getting it right for you the first time... all the time • To making your moments offstage as special as your moment onstage • To giving you the answer... before you have to ask • To getting you home when promised • To thoughtful scheduling in a theatrical atmosphere • To attention to detail in a theatrical atmosphere • To exceptional guest interactions in a theatrical atmosphere • To positive memories that resonate a lifetime • To knock your socks off communication • To running a seamless show • To running on time • To eliminating all distractions • To making you smile... every minute of every moment of every day • To award

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## RAVE REVIEWS!

*Professionalism and Customer service for adults and the kids... I feel important as a director and my kids feel so special and important all week-end. HIGH above the staff and show quality of other events.*

— Sallie McClain, The Dance Company

*StarQuest runs the most organized competition of them all. Your spacing of dances and genuine concern for each dancer is AMAZING! Each year I ask myself, how does StarQuest do it so well! Every time!*

— Mary Cortopassi, DeForest Dance Academy

*We feel like we are family. The excitement created by your staff to the personal concierge makes StarQuest our favorite competition. We just attended our 3rd regional and after returning home many of our parents made the same comment "StarQuest is the Best." Thank you for an awesome event.*

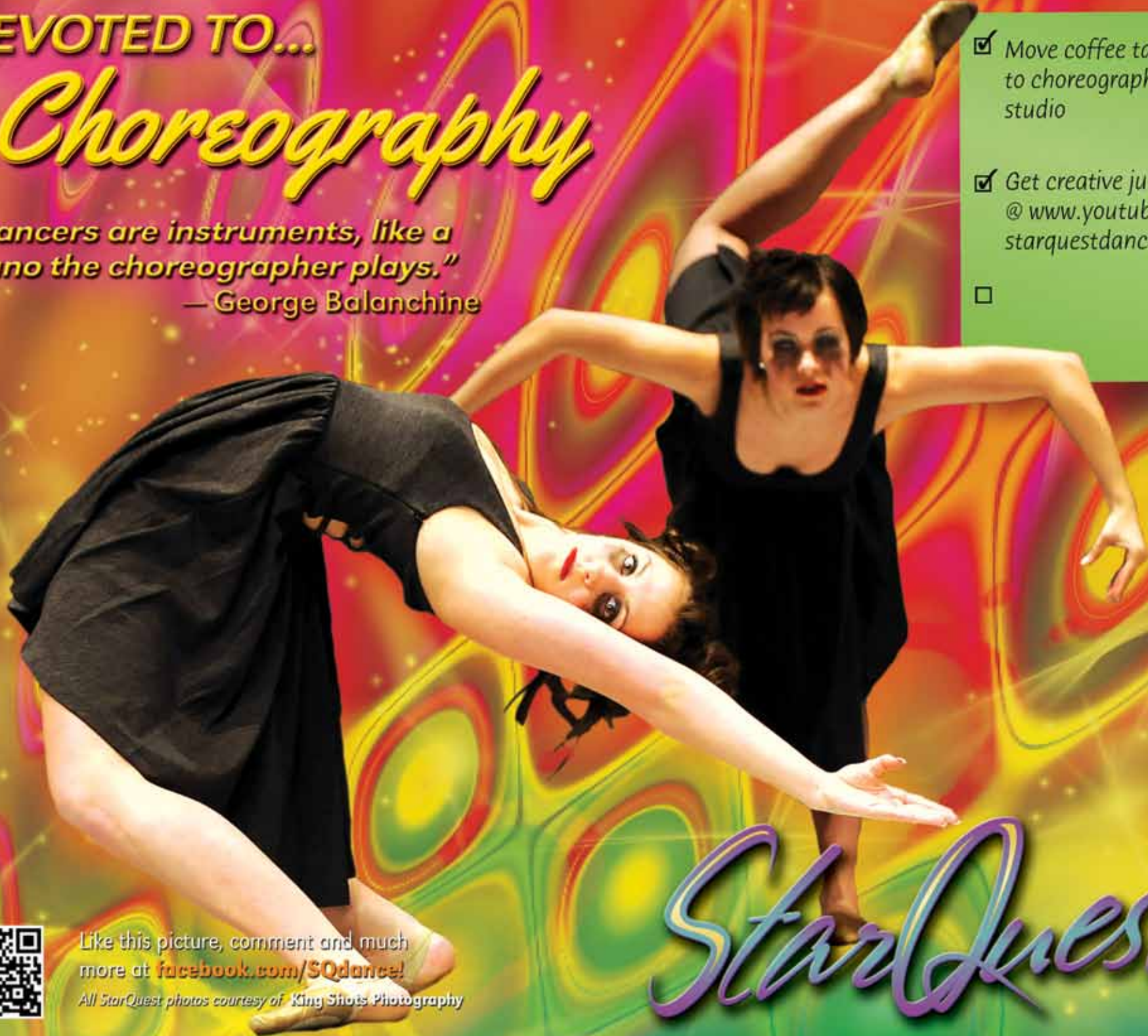
— Jillian DuHadway, DuHadway Dance Dimensions

DEVOTED TO...

# Choreography

*"Dancers are instruments, like a piano the choreographer plays."*  
— George Balanchine

- Move coffee table aside to choreograph outside of studio
- Get creative juices flowing @ [www.youtube.com/starquestdance](http://www.youtube.com/starquestdance)
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## AUGUST 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
<b>FRIENDSHIP DAY</b>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

*Choreography is like a painting – the artist slaves for weeks or months to create the perfect piece. They create, revise, edit, and rethink until it is flawless and ready for the reveal. The artist then watches proudly as onlookers marvel at their creation. The StarQuest experience is the big reveal for the artists that are choreographers!*

— Mary Morton, StarQuest Associate Event Manager

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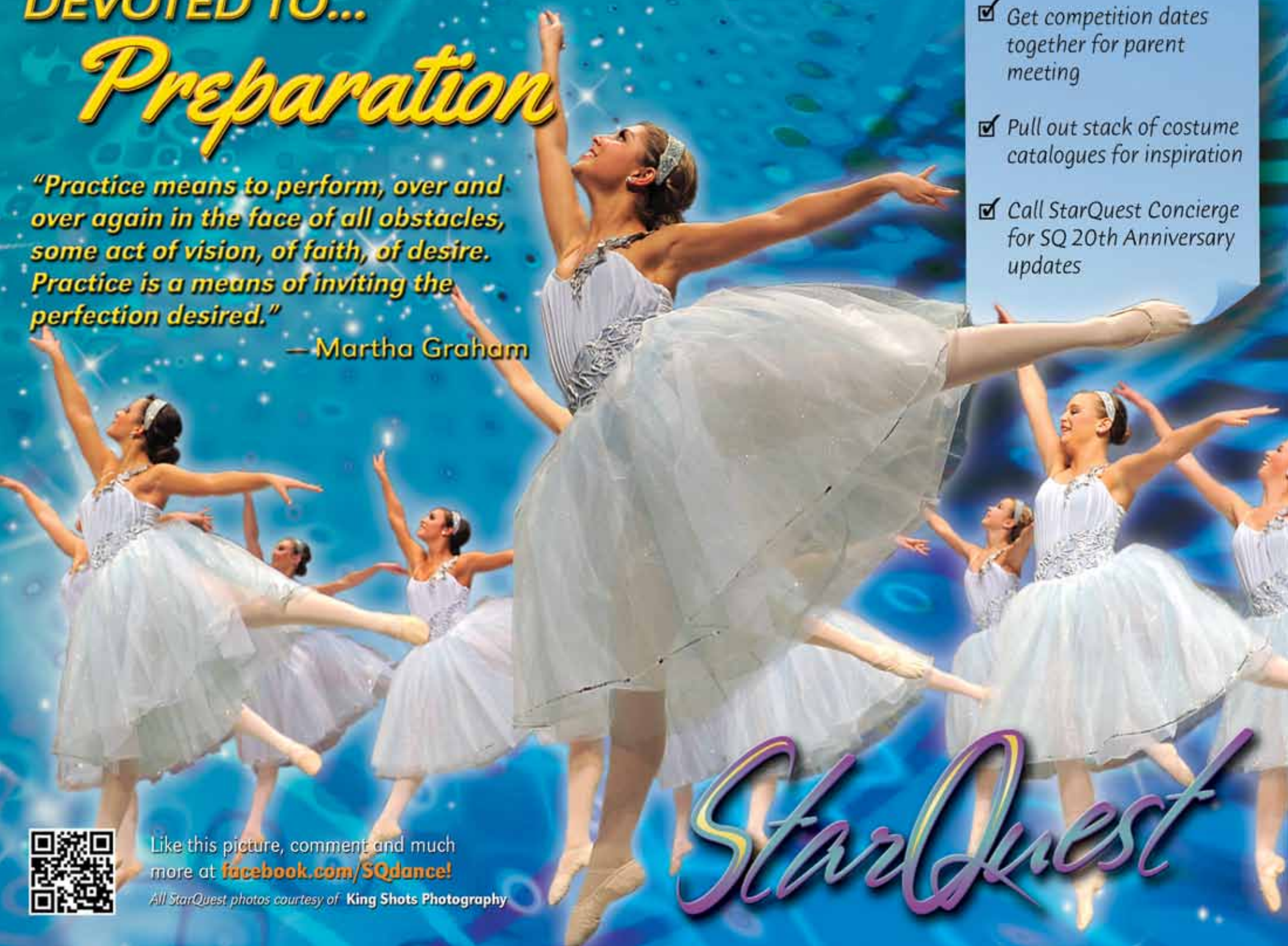
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# Preparation

*"Practice means to perform, over and over again in the face of all obstacles, some act of vision, of faith, of desire. Practice is a means of inviting the perfection desired."*

— Martha Graham

- ✓ Get competition dates together for parent meeting
- ✓ Pull out stack of costume catalogues for inspiration
- ✓ Call StarQuest Concierge for SQ 20th Anniversary updates



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## SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Monster Mash Day
2 National Dance Lovers Week	3 National Dance Lovers Week	4 National Dance Lovers Week	5 National Dance Lovers Week	6 National Dance Lovers Week	7 National Dance Lovers Week	8 National Dance Lovers Week
9 ROSH HASHANAH	10	11	12	13 National Ballroom Dance Week	14 National Ballroom Dance Week	15 First day of Autumn National Ballroom Dance Week
16 National Ballroom Dance Week	17 National Ballroom Dance Week	18 YOM KIPPUR National Ballroom Dance Week	19 National Ballroom Dance Week	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	<p>At a dance rehearsal, the studio director makes sure all costumes are right, all props are in place, sound &amp; CDs are working – each item of a routine has to be examined and refined. For each and every StarQuest show, we make sure everything is working and set right. We prepare for the unexpected, so everything runs seamlessly.</p> <p>— Melissa DiFondi, StarQuest General Manager &amp; Executive Board</p>					

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DEVOTED TO...

# Vision

**"You have to think big to be big."**

— Claude M. Bristol

- Pick up bucket of Halloween candy for parents in waiting room
- Finalize plans for World Finals: Minneapolis or Virginia Beach?
- Meet with prop dads for prop design & build



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## OCTOBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	COLUMBUS DAY					
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Can-Can Day			Let's Dance Day			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
			HALLOWEEN			
28	29	30	31			

Whenever I pitch a video concept to my dad, it usually feels a little too big. Interestingly though, when I meet with my dad he will push it further, as if it wasn't big enough. So, then we finish it & it turns out to be even greater than our original idea. It is easy to second guess yourself, so encouraging each other to "think big" is StarQuest's way of making sure we don't settle for what is easy, but create what is great.

— David Wappel, StarQuest Video Production Manager

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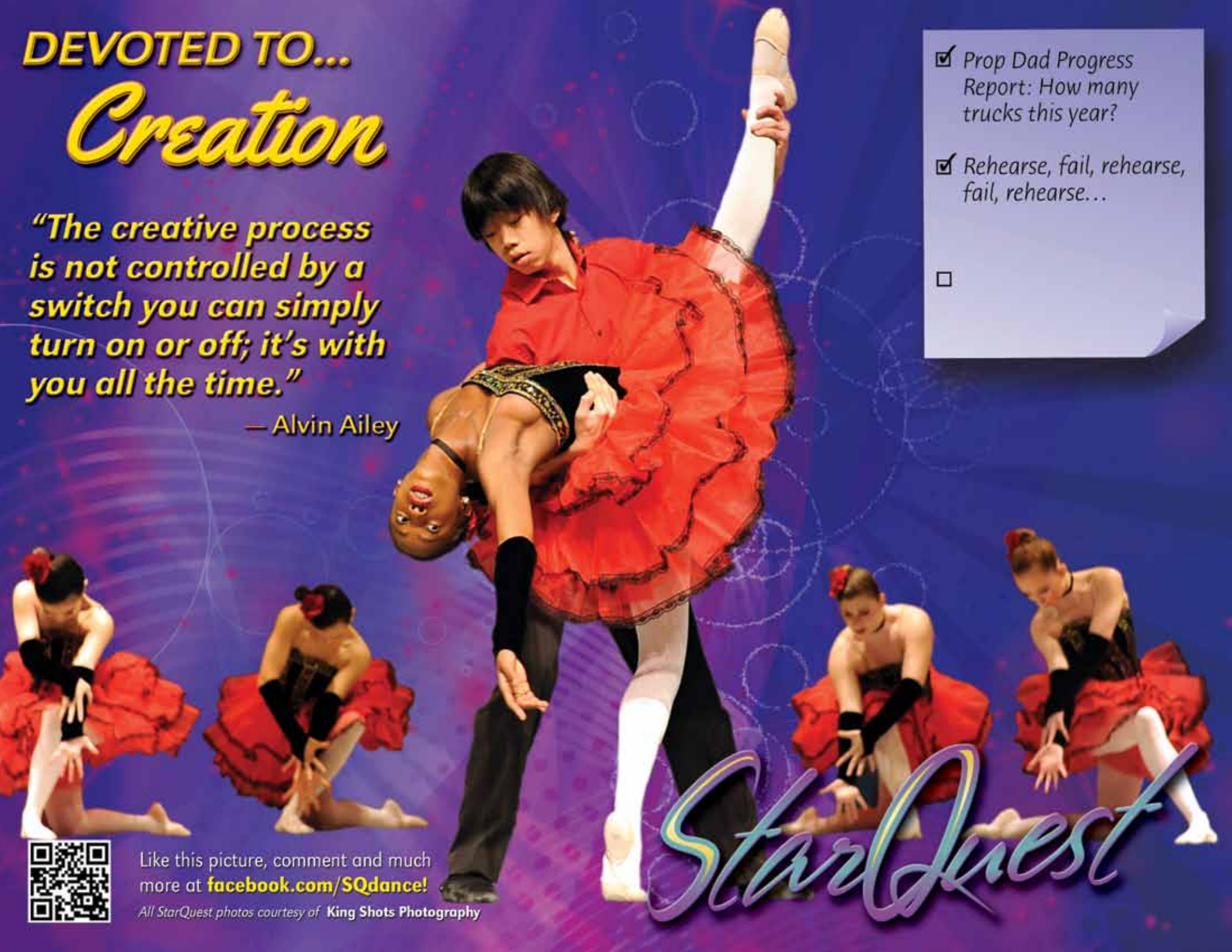
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# Creation

**"The creative process is not controlled by a switch you can simply turn on or off; it's with you all the time."**

— Alvin Ailey

- Prop Dad Progress Report: How many trucks this year?
- Rehearse, fail, rehearse, fail, rehearse...
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## NOVEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				ALL SAINTS DAY	Drum, Dance, & Pray for Peace Day	
				1	2	3
Daylight Saving Time Ends						
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	VETERANS DAY					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
				THANKSGIVING DAY		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

*There is one event that I remember very well: In between performances, the stage manager began searching the stage floor with a very quizzical look on his face. The audience, curious as to what he was looking for, was murmuring about the scene, including me! After about thirty seconds, he bent down, picked up a bobby pin left behind by one of the previous dancers, struck a pose, held up the bobby pin with a smile, and the crowd went wild! Even the smallest creative impulses can generate huge reactions.*

— Mary Morton, StarQuest Associate Event Manager

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DEVOTED TO...

# Family

"Happiness is only real when shared."

— John Krakauer, *Into The Wild*

- Holiday sleepover...
- Stock Keurig machine: Hot Cocoa, Latte, Peppermint laced coffee
- Review SQ World Finals travel plans



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## DECEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 CHANUKAH BEGINS
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 First Day of Winter	15
16	17	18 CHRISTMAS DAY	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	<p>When I was young, I'd hang out backstage at events and when my dad introduced people to me, he'd always refer to them as his friends. As I grew up I realized they were technically his clients, but it never seemed like business. The fact is they were, and are, his friends. I try to remember that whenever I interact with any of our "clients" family.</p> <p>— David Wappel, StarQuest Video Production Manager</p>				

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DEVOTED TO...

# Teamwork

*"Individual commitment to a group effort? That is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."*

— Vince Lombardi

- Dress rehearsal
- Synchronize, clean, synchronize, clean...
- Time for parents to rhinestone!



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## JANUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		NEW YEAR'S DAY				
		1	2	3	4	5
			Choreographer's Day		Disco Day	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Effective communication and teamwork between the staff is a big reason why every StarQuest show runs like a well-oiled machine. Adjustments are quickly implemented, and the show runs without a hitch – this frees us up to have fun with everyone in the building!

— Paul Rasp, StarQuest Production Associate

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DEVOTED TO...

# Expression

"Dance is an art,  
paint your dream  
and follow it."

— Steven Thompson

## TO DO LIST

- Praise the dancers... They're improving!
- Praise the prop dads... They're improving too!
- Praise the moms...



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## MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					<i>StarQuest</i> DENVER, CO LONG ISLAND, NY (EARLY) WATERBURY, CT	<i>StarQuest</i> DENVER, CO LONG ISLAND, NY (EARLY) WATERBURY, CT
					Stretch Your Legs Day	
<i>StarQuest</i> DENVER, CO LONG ISLAND, NY (EARLY) WATERBURY, CT					<i>StarQuest</i> ATLANTA, GA HACKENSACK, NJ OMAHA, NE	<i>StarQuest</i> ATLANTA, GA HACKENSACK, NJ OMAHA, NE
Start Daylight Savings						
<i>StarQuest</i> ATLANTA, GA HACKENSACK, NJ OMAHA, NE				<i>StarQuest</i> DURHAM, NC LANCASTER, PA PROVIDENCE, RI	<i>StarQuest</i> DURHAM, NC LANCASTER, PA PROVIDENCE, RI	<i>StarQuest</i> DURHAM, NC LANCASTER, PA PROVIDENCE, RI
ST PATRICK'S DAY			First Day of Spring			
<i>StarQuest</i> DURHAM, NC LANCASTER, PA PROVIDENCE, RI					<i>StarQuest</i> CONCORD, NH SYRACUSE, NY	<i>StarQuest</i> CONCORD, NH SYRACUSE, NY
		PASSOVER BEGINS			GOOD FRIDAY	
<i>StarQuest</i> CONCORD, NH SYRACUSE, NY						
EASTER						
Dance Marathon Day	StarQuest produces fun, exciting, and unforgettable events that focus on the dancers. This focus lets them express themselves in such a beautiful way every time they step on stage. The professionalism of each StarQuest event gives each dancer the feeling that they are not just simply performing a number, but pursuing their greatest dream of dancing to sold out shows on the stage of the greatest theatre.					
	— Jennifer DiFondi, StarQuest Associate Event Manager					



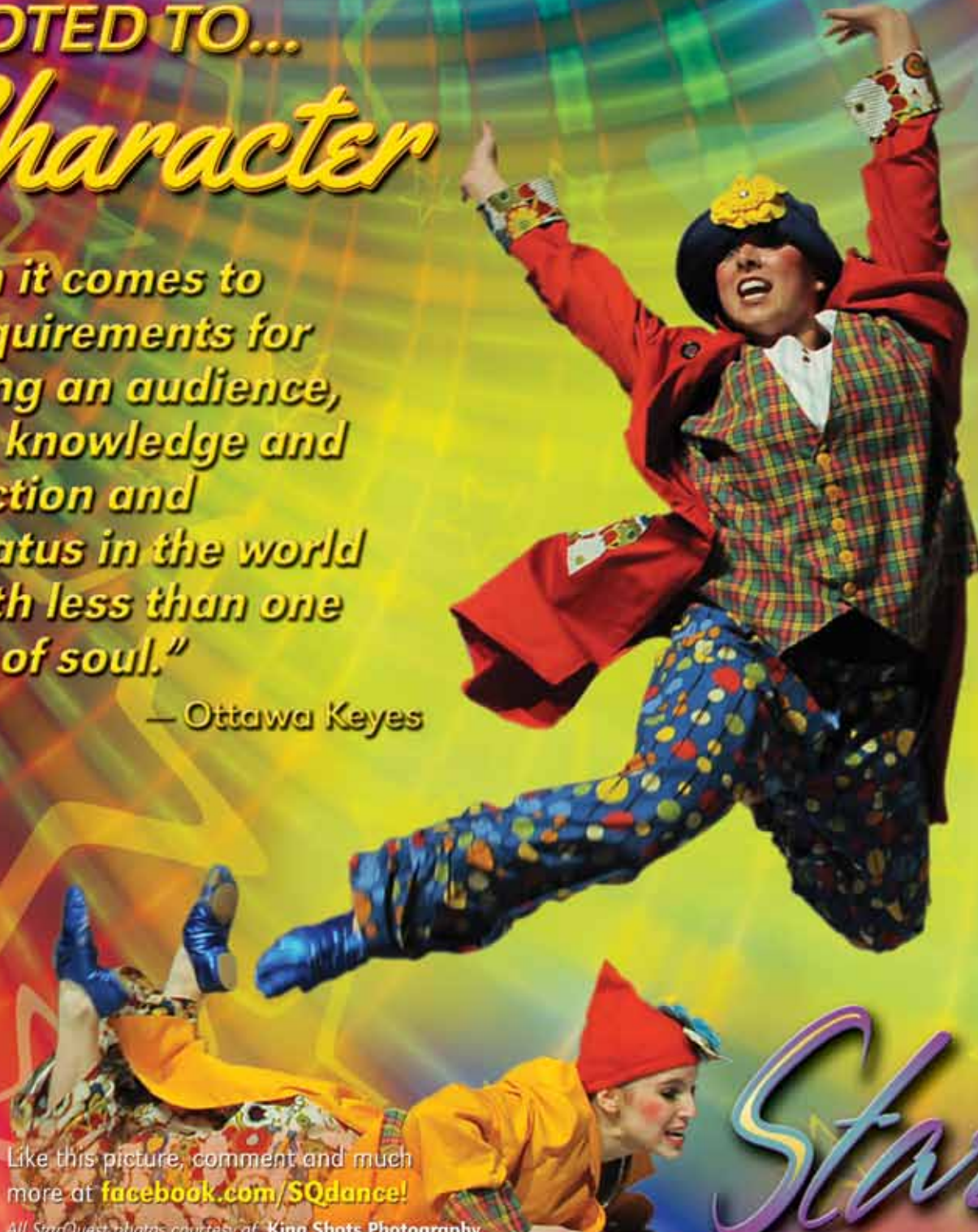
DEVOTED TO...

# Character

**“When it comes to the requirements for pleasing an audience, all the knowledge and instruction and apparatus in the world is worth less than one ounce of soul.”**

— Ottawa Keyes

- Costume repairs
- Remind dancers not to injure themselves over spring break
- Lock down recital theme



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## APRIL 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	APRIL FOOL'S DAY			Ballroom Dancing Day		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
StarQuest COLUMBUS, OH DETROIT, MI (LATE) SPARTANBURG, SC				StarQuest COLUMBUS, OH DETROIT, MI (LATE) SPARTANBURG, SC		Tap Dance Birthday
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
StarQuest FORT LAUDERDALE, FL LONG ISLAND, NY (LATE) PITTSBURGH, PA				StarQuest FORT LAUDERDALE, FL LONG ISLAND, NY (LATE) PITTSBURGH, PA		StarQuest FORT LAUDERDALE, FL LONG ISLAND, NY (LATE) PITTSBURGH, PA
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
StarQuest ALBANY, NY LAKELAND, FL (LATE) UPLAND, CA				StarQuest ALBANY, NY LAKELAND, FL (LATE) UPLAND, CA		StarQuest ALBANY, NY LAKELAND, FL (LATE) UPLAND, CA
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
National Dance Week	EARTH DAY		StarQuest SPRINGFIELD, MA		National Dance Week	National Dance Week
StarQuest SPRINGFIELD, MA VOORHEES, NJ WEST MEMPHIS, AR	National Dance Week Dancer's Day	National Dance Week		StarQuest SPRINGFIELD, MA VOORHEES, NJ WEST MEMPHIS, AR	StarQuest SPRINGFIELD, MA VOORHEES, NJ WEST MEMPHIS, AR	StarQuest SPRINGFIELD, MA VOORHEES, NJ WEST MEMPHIS, AR
28	29	30				

It's incredible to see some of the characters that take the stage at StarQuest! When the music is right, the stage is clear, and the backstage area is calm and organized, the dancers are truly able to focus on displaying the unique attributes of a performance. The audience may not realize it, but they're connecting with the performers on a completely new level because it "feels" like a show!

— Paul Rasp, StarQuest Production Associate

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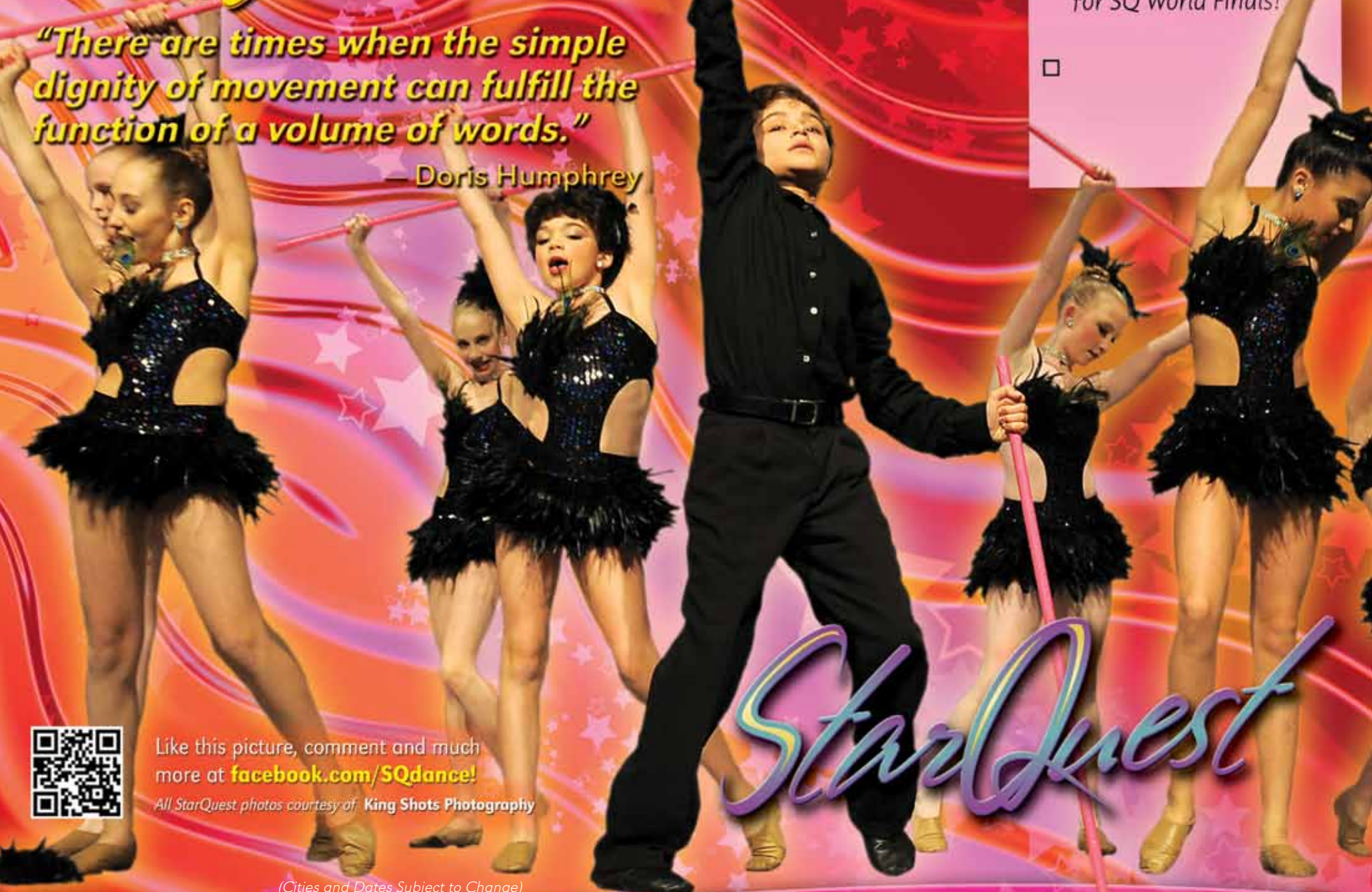
DEVOTED TO...

# Performance

"There are times when the simple dignity of movement can fulfill the function of a volume of words."

— Doris Humphrey

- Buy extra tissues for seniors
- Confirm travel plans for SQ World Finals!
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## MAY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			National Dance Week	National Dance Week	National Dance Week	National Dance Week
			1	2	StarQuest DALLAS, TX UPPER MARLBORO, MD	StarQuest DALLAS, TX UPPER MARLBORO, MD
StarQuest DALLAS, TX UPPER MARLBORO, MD			StarQuest MINNEAPOLIS, MN	StarQuest INDIANAPOLIS, IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN	StarQuest INDIANAPOLIS, IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN	StarQuest INDIANAPOLIS, IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
MOTHER'S DAY		National Dance Like a Chicken Day		Moonwalk Birthday		
StarQuest INDIANAPOLIS, IN MINNEAPOLIS, MN			StarQuest CHICAGO, IL WOODBRIDGE, VA (LATE)	StarQuest CHICAGO, IL ST. LOUIS, MO WOODBRIDGE, VA (LATE)	StarQuest CHICAGO, IL ST. LOUIS, MO WOODBRIDGE, VA (LATE)	StarQuest CHICAGO, IL ST. LOUIS, MO WOODBRIDGE, VA (LATE)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
StarQuest CHICAGO, IL ST. LOUIS, MO WOODBRIDGE, VA (LATE)					StarQuest SAN JOSE, CA	StarQuest SAN JOSE, CA
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	MEMORIAL DAY Modern Dance Day					National Tap Dance Day
StarQuest SAN JOSE, CA						StarQuest SAN JOSE, CA
26	27	28	29	30	31	

When I'm in the midst of editing a new video, I can't help but do my best work, because I know that all the clips I'm using are of dancers doing their best work. The wonderful performances often lend themselves to a great video. It isn't me making the editing choices to make a good video. The performers do that for me with their excellent work.

— David Wappel, StarQuest Video Production Manager

# DEVOTED TO... *Energy*

**"Dancers work and live from the inside. They drive themselves constantly, producing a glow that lights not only themselves but audience after audience."**

— Murray Louis

☑ Recitals are here - Keep Calm and Eat Chocolate



☑ Note to dancers: No tan lines!

☑ Schedule spa day for staff



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## JUNE 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
						1	
2	3	4	5	6	7 FLAG DAY	8	
9 FATHER'S DAY	10	11	12	13	14 First Day of Summer	15	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
23	<i>StarQuest</i>	<b>Minneapolis, MN Finals!</b>					29
31	24	25	26	27	28	29	

The energy levels at a dance competition are off the charts! I have found that our organization, especially during groups, allows Studio Owners, Directors, Teachers, Parents and Dancers to take that energy and focus it on the dance, as opposed to outside circumstances. If someone who had never heard of competition walked into a StarQuest event during Lines blindfolded, they would think they were at the Super Bowl!

— Stuart Weingartner, StarQuest Tour Manager & Executive Board



DEVOTED TO...

# Accomplishment

*"The dance is over, the applause subsided but the joy and feeling will stay with you forever."*

— W. M. Tory

Decompress while on vacation

Reflect while under palm tree

Plan 2014 while on return flight



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## JULY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				INDEPENDENCE DAY		
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

*StarQuest*

### Virginia Beach, VA Finals!

*The greatest achievement a dancer can achieve on a StarQuest stage is walking offstage knowing, win or lose, that they did their best. When that happens, the dancer accomplished what they set out to do, and we accomplished our goal of running an event that makes all that possible!*

— Melissa DiFondi, StarQuest General Manager & Executive Board

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# 2013 Regional Tour

Albany, NY	Apr 19-21	Houston, TX	Feb 15-17	San Diego, CA	Feb 1-3
Andover, MA	Feb 22-24	Indianapolis, IN	May 9-12	San Jose, CA	May 24-26
Atlanta, GA	Mar 8-10	Kansas City, MO	Feb 15-17	Spartanburg, SC	Apr 5-7
Chicago, IL	May 16-19	Lakeland (Early), FL	Feb 1-3	Springfield, MA	Apr 25-28
Columbus, OH	Apr 5-7	Lakeland (Late), FL	Apr 19-21	St. Louis, MO	May 17-19
Concord, NH	Mar 22-24	Lancaster, PA	Mar 14-17	Syracuse, NY	Mar 22-24
Dallas, TX	May 3-5	Long Island (Early), NY	Mar 1-3	Upland, CA	Apr 19-21
Davenport, IA	Feb 22-24	Long Island (Late), NY	Apr 12-14	Upper Marlboro, MD	May 3-5
Denver, CO	Mar 1-3	Madison, WI	TBD	Voorhees, NJ	Apr 26-28
Detroit (Early), MI	Feb 8-10	Minneapolis, MN	May 8-12	Waterbury, CT	Feb 28-Mar 3
Detroit (Late), MI	Apr 5-7	Nashville, TN	Feb 1-3	West Memphis, AR	Apr 26-28
Durham, NC	Mar 14-17	Omaha, NE	Mar 8-10	Woodbridge (Early), VA	Feb 14-17
Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Apr 12-14	Pittsburgh, PA	Apr 12-14	Woodbridge (Late), VA	May 16-19
Hackensack, NJ	Mar 8-10	Providence, RI	Mar 14-17	Youngstown, OH	Feb 22-24

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## 2013 World Finals Open Invitational

**Minneapolis, MN June 24-29 • Virginia Beach, VA July 15-20**

Two levels of competition • Regional attendance no longer necessary to compete at the 2013 World Finals  
Five separate studios now represented in each group division in the Quest for the Best

**Limited Space Available! Register Online Today! [www.starquestdance.com](http://www.starquestdance.com)**