

TDEA ALL STATE DANCE TEAM 2012

Dear All-State Dance Team Participant:

Congratulations on being selected to represent your team as a 2012 All State Dance Team Member. What an *honor* it is for you to be part of such an elite group of dancers! This is a huge opportunity to meet many other dancers from across the state, as well as experience innovative choreography and informative workshops. The more involved you are at convention the more material you will have to take to your home team.

The 2012 All State Dance Team choreographer is **Rochelle Mapes**. Ms. Mapes graduated from Cal State Long Beach on scholarship receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Dance. Her professional credits include dancing on the television show “Nip/Tuck” and performing with such artists as Gladys Knight and Wayne Brady. She has danced with several companies including BARE Dance Company under the direction of Mike Esperanza, Bodytalk Dance and Benita Bike’s DanceArt Company. Currently, she dances and choreographs for RhetOracle Dance Company with Nate Hodges. She choreographs extensively throughout the country for nationally ranked dance teams, college dance departments and studios and is a much sought after master class teacher. For the past 13 years Rochelle has been a head instructor and regional/national judge for the United Spirit Association and is a twice named “MVP” of the USA Staff. During the school year she teaches commercial and classical dance at the prestigious Orange County High School of the Arts. She is passionate about healthy living and has a weekly nutrition segment called “Food to Go with Steph and Ro” featured on the iTunes podcast “Infinite Dance Cast.” She is excited to be a part of TDEA this year!

Important information regarding ASDT Registration:

*Registration will begin at 5:00 pm- 9:30 pm on Wednesday, January 4th. There is a Jazz & Audition Tips class and a Contemporary class that evening beginning at 6:15 p.m.

*Your first meal will be breakfast on Thursday morning. If you are a vegetarian, please inform Cyndi Vaughn at the registration table when you check in so that proper arrangements can be made.

*You will be placed in rooms based on your district. **ALL DANCERS WILL GET THEIR ROOM KEY FROM THE TDEA REGISTRATION TABLE.**

Special Notes:

*Due to space limitations, outside spectators, including parents, are **not** allowed to view the **ASDT performance!**

*All dancers must have a medical release form on file – no exceptions. There is one on the web-site that you can print off – go to www.tdea.org, click on All-State, and scroll down. Print it off, have your parents sign and **BRING WITH YOU TO CONVENTION!!** Do not put it in the mail after December 15th as it might not make it in time!

*The All-State Dance Team Photo order form is also on the TDEA website for you to download. Please bring with you to convention, along with a check. You can turn in at registration.

***Hotel information:**

**Marriott Westchase
2900 Briarpark Drive at Westheimer
Houston, TX 77042
(713) 978-7400**

*Opening session begins at 10:00 a.m. If arriving on Thursday morning, please make arrangements to be there on time.

*The last class is over 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 7th.

Class Attire:

*Any leotard and dance pants – no sports bras or hot pants in class!

*Dance shoes – conducive to dancing on carpet – for hip hop and jazz.

*Hair pulled out of face at all times.

*No jewelry.

*Cover-ups must be worn in all public areas of the hotel.

*** PLEASE LOOK ***

Picture/Performance Attire:

*Performance Costume. **HALTER LEOTARD/DRESS** – provided by **Motion Wear**

*Tan tights

*Halter Nude Sports/Cami bra with **CLEAR** straps

*Toe-paws

*Hair pulled back into low ponytail

*Performance make-up

*No jewelry

*Appropriate under attire - **Please make sure that your bra is not visible, but yet you are supported!** Convertible/clear straps are **highly recommended**.

Extra's to bring:

*4x6 Horizontal photo of you and your Director(s)/Dance educator. We have a project planned for you to give to your Director/Dance Educator!

*Tacky pajamas for the Celebration Party after your performance! Prizes are going to be given to the tackiest ensemble! Get creative with your outfit!

DO NOT FORGET THESE ITEMS!!!

The All-State schedule is posted on the All-State page of the TDEA website. Please download so that you are prepared for your convention. As you will see there are a variety of classes offered in addition to your performance. It will certainly be a fun-filled few days for you and the entire All State staff! We look forward to seeing you in January! Feel free to e-mail with any questions.

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