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CCPA COMPANY TEAM EXCELS IN 2023 SEASON

CODY, WY (May 9, 2023)— Cody Center for the Performing Arts competition season has come to a close with several dancers receiving awards and scholarships for their efforts and talent. CCPA Company dancers participated in four competitions and conventions in 2023 including the 24/7 Dance Convention and the Fly, Axis and Thunderstruck Dance Competitions. All four events tour nationally with stops in Billings, MT.

“I am so proud of our Company team this year,” notes Cody Center for the Performing Arts Director, Angie McKenzie. “There were hundreds of dancers and routines from studios around the region and because of the strong work ethic and talent of our students, many received high honors, national scholarships and awards.”

The CCPA Company team has been working since summer, learning choreography, refining their technique and rehearsing their dances. The team participated in group dances in Modern, Tap, Jazz and Musical Theatre. Several Company members also competed with solos and duets. (See Awards List at end of document).

In 2022-23 there were 27 dancers in CCPA Company. These dancers were selected through an audition process and served as role models at CCPA. In addition, they attended conventions and competitions throughout the year and performed in CCPA’s annual Christmas Show, “Taking Care of Christmas.” The 2023-24 Company team has been selected for next season and will begin working on their routines this summer.

Cody Center for the Performing Arts has been a part of the Big Horn basin for 39 years, offering dance instruction for children and adults ages two and up. Classes include creative movement, ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, modern and hip-hop. With the addition of Cody Center for Gymnastics and Acrobatic Arts, Cody Center also offers gymnastic and tumbling classes for children up to age 18. CCGA is home of the Valor USA gymnastics team. CCPA dancers have competed and performed nationally at festivals and competitions in Colorado, Montana, Los Angeles and New York City. CCPA also houses Studio Theatre at CCPA, Cody’s “off-main” theatre. All students of any ability are welcome at all Cody Center programming where they grow and learn in a positive, nurturing and structured environment.

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Full List of Awards:

24/Seven Dance Convention:

Hailey Smith (High 5 Award/Scholarship - Hip Hop, Scholarship for the 2024 Season)

Abrielle Hartwig (High 5 Award/Scholarship - Ballet)

Group Dances:

“Fall on Me” (Teen/Senior Group - Contemporary): FLY - *High Gold*, AXIS - *High Gold*, THUNDERSTRUCK - *Elite High Gold*

Dancers: Isabella Bertagnole, Kristen Boysen, Abigail Fullmer, Beatrice Sandvik, Mya Schenk, Britain Thompson, Adaya Whitelock, Sophia Whitelock

“Kick up your Heels” (Teen/Senior Group - Tap) FLY- *High Gold* 9th overall category, AXIS - *High Gold* 1st place category) THUNDERSTRUCK - *Elite High Gold*.

Dancers: Kristen Boysen, Abigail Fullmer, Beatrice Sandvik, Mya Schenk, Britain Thompson, Adaya Whitelock

“Zoot Suit Riot” (Teen/Senior Group - Jazz) FLY - *High Gold*, AXIS - *Elite High Gold*

Dancers: Isabella Bertagnole, Kristen Boysen, Abigail Fullmer, Beatrice Sandvik, Mya Schenk, Britain Thompson, Adaya Whitelock

“This Mountain” (Junior Group - Contemporary) FLY - *Gold*, AXIS - *High Gold* 1st place category

Dancers: Ella Cole, Abrielle Hartwig, Emma Miller, Ember Poley, Ramsey Roemmich, Kacyn Rooney, Sophia Shearer, Hailey Smith, Jailee Stenulson, Sophia Whitelock, Ella Wilkerson, Anna Wille

"Let's Get Ready to Rumble" (Junior Group - Tap) - FLY - *Gold*, AXIS - *High Gold*

Dancers: Abrielle Hartwig, Emma Miller, Ramsey Roemmich, Kacyn Rooney, Sophia Shearer, Sophia Whitelock Anna Wille

"Jumpin' Jive" (Junior Group - Jazz) FLY - *Gold*, AXIS *High Gold* 1st place category

Dancers: Ella Cole, Abrielle Hartwig, Emma Miller, Ember Poley, Ramsey Roemmich, Kacyn Rooney, Sophia Shearer, Hailey Smith, Jailee Stenulson, Sophia Whitelock, Ella Wilkerson, Anna Wille

“Lollipop” (Mini Group - Tap) FLY-*High Gold*, AXIS-*High Gold* 3rd overall

Dancers: Adallyn Bertagnole, Nora Lewis, Audrey Neihart, Amelia Paul, Henslee Skates, Avery Stephens

“What Else Can I Do?” (Mini Group - Musical Theatre) FLY-*High Gold*, AXIS - *High Gold* 1st place category

Dancers: Adallyn Bertagnole, Nora Lewis, Audrey Neihart, Amelia Paul, Henslee Skates, Avery Stephens

Duets:

Kristen Boysen - Isabella Bertagnole “Way Down We Go” (Teen/Senior Duet - Lyrical). FLY - *High Gold* 2nd Overall category, AXIS - *High Gold*, THUNDERSTRUCK - *Elite High Gold* 7th overall age group

Soloists:

Adallyn Bertagnole - “When Will My Life Begin” (Mini - Musical Theatre) FLY- *High Gold* 2nd overall age group, AXIS - *High Gold* 1st place category, THUNDERSTRUCK - *Lightning Gold* - 7th overall age group

Abigail Fullmer - “Chaos” (Senior - Lyrical) FLY-*High Gold*, AXIS - *High Gold*, THUNDERSTRUCK - *Elite High Gold*

Abrielle Hartwig - “More Love” (Junior - Lyrical) FLY- *High Gold* 4th overall, AXIS - *High Gold* 1st place category and 3rd overall age group, THUNDERSTRUCK - *Elite High Gold* 5th overall age group.

Kacyn Rooney - “Running with the Wolves” (Junior - Acro/Open) FLY - *Gold*, AXIS - *High Gold* 1st place category, THUNDERSTRUCK - *Elite High Gold* 9th overall age group.

Beatrice Sandvik - “9 to 5” (Teen - Tap) FLY - *High Gold* 8th overall category, AXIS - *High Gold* 1st place category, THUNDERSTRUCK - *Elite High Gold*

Jailee Stenulson - “Like my Father” (Teen - Lyrical) FLY - *Gold*, AXIS - *High Gold* THUNDERSTRUCK - *Elite High Gold* 7th overall division

Britain Thompson - “Separate Ways” (Teen - Lyrical) FLY - *Gold*, AXIS - *High Gold*