



PACIFIC BALLROOM DANCE

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Formation Ballroom Dance National Champions perform local concert



Pacific Ballroom Dance (PBD) Junior and Preteen division teams both took first place at the National Formation Ballroom Championships in March. Now, these performers, along with the rest of their company, will present "Live the Journey," a dance concert. Performances occur on Friday, May 31st and Saturday, June 1st at 7pm with an additional matinee performance on Saturday at 2pm at the Auburn Performing Arts Center, 702 4th St. Northeast. One hundred fifty dancers, age three to nineteen, will perform all varieties of Ballroom and Latin dance and each team will perform its winning ballroom dance medley.

The junior champions, age 12-15, won first place in the Junior Ballroom division with their Star Wars medley at the Dancesport Championships held in Provo, Utah. They danced to perfection in bright orange and black Jedi knight ballgowns for the ladies. "Winning at Nationals is so tough," coach Adam Lee. "I was so proud of the team. This is a huge and difficult accomplishment. PBD has only been able to win a first-place trophy on two other occasions."

The preteen champions, age 9-12, won the Preteen Latin Division for formation ballroom. Their winning medley was set to the music of Elvis Presley. "I told them they had to believe they could win and I watched their faces change as I began to believe it. It was amazing," said Coach Beth Dolan.

"In addition to seeing our local champions dance, guests at the concert can expect to be taken on a journey of imagination and emotion. The choreographers at PBD are truly storytellers," said staff member Anne Eugenio. "Be prepared to laugh and cry."

Pacific Ballroom Dance (PBD) began in 1994 as a small, local youth club with a goal to provide young teens with the opportunity to build respectful social skills, self-esteem, fitness and teamwork. In 2003, PBD became a 501©3 non-profit organization with a mission to build character in youth by providing a positive ballroom dance experience. Today, PBD is a thriving youth dance education studio based in Auburn, Washington, serving more than 1000 students annually from age 10-18 from throughout the Puget Sound area.

MISSION Pacific Ballroom Dance builds character in youth by providing a positive ballroom dance experience.

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