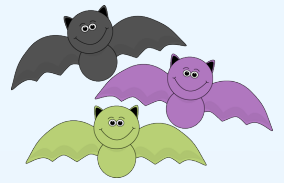




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## 2013 Competition Team Recap

The 2013 competition season started in February and ended in late July. Team ASB did an excellent job competing with young dancers from around the country. We are so proud of our dancers, teachers and choreographers for their huge achievements, and are grateful to have so many dedicated dancers on our team.

Here are the results from the competitions we attended this past year. Once again, congratulations to each of our dancers on an amazing season! (Choreographer name in parentheses)

Listed are results for:

1. YOUTH AMERICA GRAND PRIX
2. AMERICAN DANCE AWARDS
3. INTERNATIONAL DANCE CHALLENGE
4. STARBOUND REGIONALS
5. STARBOUND NATIONALS

All of our newsletters can be viewed on our website [www.ayakoschool.com](http://www.ayakoschool.com).

~ Ayako

### Upcoming Holidays

- Thursday Oct 31: Halloween (no school)
- Thursday Nov 28 - Saturday Nov 30: Thanksgiving Break

**Congratulations**  
**Team**  
**ASB!**



## Youth America Grand Prix

February 22-24 / San Francisco, CA

**Karina Eimon:** Senior 3rd Place

**Karina Eimon:** Top 12 - Women

**Sophia Koutoglou:** Top 10 - Men & Women



## American Dance Awards

February 24-26 / San Jose, CA

### DANCER OF THE YEAR FEMALE

**Alanna Cummiskey:** Dancer of the Year Female Winner / *Giselle* (Ayako Takahashi)

**Ashley Lu:** Dancer of the Year Female 1st Runner Up / *Mama* (Mariko Takahashi)

### TEEN DANCER OF THE YEAR FEMALE

**Kayla Jumig:** Teen Dancer of the Year Female Winner / *Princess Aurora* (Ayako Takahashi)

**Erica Spievack:** Teen Dancer of the Year Female 1st Runner Up / *Come Home* (Mariko Takahashi)

**Charlotte Keefe:** Teen Dancer of the Year Female 2nd Runner Up / *Daughters* (Mariko Takahashi)

**Tabitha Tcheau:** Teen Dancer of the Year Female  
3rd Runner Up / *Shades Variation from La Bayadere* (Ayako Takahashi)

**Mari Kojima:** Teen Dancer of the Year Female 4th  
Runner Up / *Variation from Faust*  
(Ayako Takahashi)

### **JUNIOR DANCER OF THE YEAR FEMALE**

**Sophia Kourtoglou:** Junior Dancer of the Year  
Female 2nd Runner Up / *Variation from Coppelia*  
(Ayako Takahashi)

### **YOUNG DANCER OF THE YEAR FEMALE**

**Momo Asakura:** Young Dancer of the Year  
Female Winner / *Cupid* (Amy Briones)

### **OVERALL HIGHEST ADJUDICATION 12 & UNDER**

**Swan Lake** (LARGE GROUP): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

**Doll Shop** (PRODUCTION): 3rd Place  
(Ayako Takahashi)

### **OVERALL HIGHEST ADJUDICATION 13 & OVER**

**I Tremble** (DUO/TRIO): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

**Safe and Sound** (LARGE GROUP): 3rd Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

### **DIAMOND CHOREOGRAPHY 12 & UNDER**

**Swan Lake** (LARGE GROUP): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

### **DIAMOND CHOREOGRAPHY 13 & OVER**

**I Tremble** (DUO/TRIO): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

**Safe and Sound** (LARGE GROUP): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

### **HIGH SCORE 12 & UNDER SOLO CHOREOGRAPHY**

**I Have A Dream** (SOLO - Sophia  
Kourtoglou): 1st Place (Mariko Takahashi)

### **HIGH SCORE 13 & OVER SOLO CHOREOGRAPHY**

**Come Home** (SOLO - Erica Spievack): 1st  
Place (Mariko Takahashi)

**Mama** (SOLO - Ashley Lu): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

**Daughters** (SOLO - Charlotte Keefe): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

### **HIGH SCORE 13 & OVER SOLO COSTUME**

**Dulcinea Variation** (SOLO - Erica Spievack):  
1st Place (Ayako Takahashi)

### **OVERALL HIGH SCORE SOLO 12 & UNDER**

**Variation from Coppelia** (SOLO - Sophia  
Kourtoglou): 3rd Place (Ayako Takahashi)

### **OVERALL HIGH SCORE SOLO 13 & OVER**

**Princess Aurora** (SOLO - Kayla Jumig):  
1st Place (Ayako Takahashi)

**Giselle** (SOLO - Alanna Cumiskey):  
2nd Place (Ayako Takahashi)

**Come Home** (SOLO - Erica Spievack):  
3rd Place (Mariko Takahashi)

**Daughters** (SOLO - Charlotte Keefe):  
4th Place (Mariko Takahashi)

**Shades Variation from La Bayadere** (SOLO -  
Tabitha Tcheau): 5th Place (Ayako Takahashi)

## HIGH SCORE YOUNG DUO/TRIO

**First Spring** (DUO/TRIO): 1st Place  
(Maria Lamance)

## HIGH SCORE TEEN DUO/TRIO

**I Tremble** (DUO/TRIO): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

## HIGH SCORE JUNIOR LARGE GROUP

**Swan Lake** (LARGE GROUP): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

## HIGH SCORE TEEN LARGE GROUP

**Safe and Sound** (LARGE GROUP): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)

## HIGH SCORE 12 & UNDER EXTENDED / PRODUCTION

**Doll Shop** (PRODUCTION): 1st Place  
(Ayako Takahashi)

## HIGH SCORE 12 & UNDER COSTUME

**Swan Lake** (LARGE GROUP): 1st Place  
(Mariko Takahashi)



# International Dance Challenge

May 19-20 / San Jose, CA

## FUTURE JUNIOR/JUNIOR ENTERTAINMENT SHOWDOWN PARTICIPANTS

**First Spring:** Ayako School of Ballet  
(Maria Lamance)

## JUNIOR DUO-TRIO CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**First Spring:** Junior Duo-Trio 2nd Runner Up  
Ayako School of Ballet (Maria Lamance)

## JUNIOR LINE CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**Swan Lake:** Junior Line 1st Runner Up  
Ayako School of Ballet (Mariko Takahashi)

## JUNIOR SOLO FEMALE CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**Sophia Kourtoglou:** Junior Solo Female  
Challenge Champion / *Swanilda*  
(Ayako Takahashi)

**Holly Koda:** Junior Solo Female 2nd Runner Up /  
*Fairy Doll* (Ayako Takahashi)

## JUNIOR ULTIMATE CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**Swan Lake:** Junior Ultimate 1st Runner Up  
(Mariko Takahashi)

## SOLO CLASSICAL BALLET AGE 11-12

**Julia Evans:** 3rd Place *Pas De Trois Swan Lake*  
(Ayako Takahashi)

**Elisa Eimon:** 4th Place *Kitri's Variation*  
(Ayako Takahashi)

## TEEN / SENIOR ENTERTAINMENT SHOWDOWN PARTICIPANTS

**Safe & Sound:** (Mariko Takahashi)

## TEEN DUO-TRIO CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**It's Too Late:** Teen Duo-Trio Winner  
(Mariko Takahashi)

### TEEN LARGE GROUP CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**Safe & Sound:** Teen Large Group Winner  
(Mariko Takahashi)

### TEEN LINE CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**Danse Macabre:** Teen Line Winner  
(Michael Lowe)

**Dark Opus:** Teen Line 2nd Runner Up  
(Mariko Takahashi)

### TEEN PRODUCTION CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**Doll Shop:** Teen Production Winner  
(Ayako Takahashi)

**Egyptian Oasis:** Teen Production Winner  
(Ayako Takahashi)

### TEEN SOLO FEMALE CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**Charlotte Keefe:** Teen Solo Winner/*Giselle Act I Variation* (Ayako Takahashi)

**Erica Spievack:** Teen Solo 1st Runner Up / *Come Home* (Mariko Takahashi)

**Elexi Kourtoglou:** Teen Solo Female 3rd Runner Up / *Grace* (Mariko Takahashi)

**Mari Kojima:** Teen Solo Female 4th Runner Up / *The Path* (Mariko Takahashi)

### TEEN ULTIMATE CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**Danse Macabre:** Teen Ultimate Challenge Champion Winner (Michael Lowe)

**It's Too Late:** Teen Ultimate Challenge Champion 1st Runner Up (Mariko Takahashi)

**Safe & Sound:** Teen Ultimate Challenge Champion 2nd Runner Up (Mariko Takahashi)

### SENIOR SOLO FEMALE CHALLENGE CHAMPION

**Karina Eimon:** Senior Solo Female Winner / *Harlequinade* (Ayako Takahashi)

**Tracy Wheelwright:** Senior Solo Female 1st Runner Up / *The Geisha* (Mariko Takahashi)

**Alanna Cummiskey:** Senior Solo Female 2nd Runner Up / *Angel* (Mariko Takahashi)



## Starbound Regionals

June 1-2 / San Mateo, CA

### TOP 10 TEEN SOLOISTS

**Julia Evans:** 7th Place / *Pas De Trois Swan Lake*

**Sophia Kourtoglou:** 9th Place / *Swanilda*

### TOP 10 SENIOR SOLOISTS

**Tracy Wheelwright:** 3rd Place / *The Geisha*

**Hanna Okai:** 6th Place / *If I Knew*

**Charlotte Keefe:** 9th Place / *Medora*

### TOP 5 SENIOR DUET/TRIOS

**Elexi Kourtoglou & Erica Spievack:**  
*It's Too Late*

### TOP 10 SUPER SENIOR SOLOISTS

**Ashley Lu:** 2nd Place / *Mama*

**Ashley Lu:** 3rd Place / *Say It To Me Now*

**Alanna Cummiskey:** 5th Place / *Angel*

**Alanna Cummiskey:** 6th Place / *Giselle Act I Variation*

**TOP 10 JUNIOR GROUPS**

**Swan Lake:** 3rd Place

**TOP 10 SENIOR GROUPS**

**I'm In Here:** 1st Place

**TOP PRODUCTION/LINES OF THE DAY**

**Egyptian Oasis - Seniors**

**TOP PRODUCTION/LINES OF THE DAY**

**Egyptian Oasis**

**"CAPEZIO" SPECIAL DANCER AWARD**

**Ashley Lu**



**Starbound Nationals**

July 29-July 31 / Lake Tahoe, CA

**MISS STARBOUND 2013**

**Ashley Lu**

**Ayako School of Ballet**

**Director:** Ayako Takahashi

**TEEN MISS STAR OF HOPE 2013**

**Elexi Kourtoglou**

**HIGH SCORE JUNIOR GROUP 2013**

**Swan Lake**

(Mariko Takahashi)

**Ayako School of Ballet**

**Director:** Ayako Takahashi

**HIGH SCORE SENIOR GROUP 2013**

**Young & Beautiful**

(Mariko Takahashi)

**Ayako School of Ballet**

**Director:** Ayako Takahashi

**I'm In Here**

(Mariko Takahashi)

**Ayako School of Ballet**

**Director:** Ayako Takahashi

**TOP OVERALL PRODUCTION 2013**

**Egyptian Oasis**

(Ayako Takahashi)

**Ayako School of Ballet**

**Director:** Ayako Takahashi

**PRODUCTION SHOWCASE  
WINNER 2013**

**Egyptian Oasis**

(Ayako Takahashi)

**Ayako School of Ballet**

**Director:** Ayako Takahashi