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**VITACCA VOCATIONAL SCHOOL FOR DANCE WINS BIG AT
THE AMERICAN DANCE COMPETITION | YOUTH INTERNATIONAL BALLET
COMPETITION HOUSTON SEMI-FINAL**

January 18, 2023: HOUSTON and THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS – Vitacca Vocational School for Dance, Houston and The Woodlands, and Artistic Director + Founder Kelly Ann Vitacca are proud to share their prestigious awards from The American Dance Competition | Youth International Ballet Competition Houston Semi-Final held January 13-15, 2023 at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts.

PRIMARY CLASSICAL BALLET DIVISION

Placement	Performers	Age	Entry Title
2	MELODY ZHANG	10	GRADUATION BALL

JUNIOR CLASSICAL BALLET DIVISION

Student awarded first place overall and seven students placed in the Top 25.

Placement	Performers	Age	Entry Title
1	KINLEY BREWER	13	LA ESMERALDA
4	AUBREY DANIELS	13	AWAKENING OF FLORA
8	SARAH PREWITT	13	THE TALISMAN
11	RACHAEL BEAL	13	PAQUITA MAZURKA VARIATION
14	ABBY LENKER	14	HARLEQUINADE
21	GIANNA WAHL	12	KITRI ACT 3 VARIATION
22	LYLA ROGERS	13	LA FILLE MAL GARDÉE

JUNIOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE DIVISION

Ten students placed in the Top 25.

Placement	Performers	Age	Entry Title
3	KINLEY BREWER	13	UNBOUND
5	AUBREY DANIELS	13	BROKEN SPARROW
6	ABBY LENKER	14	SPELL ON YOU
10	SARAH PREWITT	13	IN THE 2ND CHAIR
11	LYLA ROGERS	13	CHERRY BLOSSOM
16	JULIAN GOMEZ (M)	14	SERENADE
17	IRENE PAREDES	13	FROST
18	GIANNA WAHL	12	HABANERA
19	RACHAEL BEAL	13	MOVING ALONG
21	AMARIS PONDER	13	LINEINDICKE

SENIOR CLASSICAL BALLET DIVISION (FEMALE)

Student awarded first place overall and ten students placed in the Top 25.

Placement	Performers	Age	Entry Title
1	ISABELLA SHOOK	15	GRAND PAS CLASSIQUE
4	AMIRA HOGAN	16	GAMZATTI VARIATION FROM LA BAYADERE
8	ASHLEIGH ABEL	16	PAQUITA PRINCIPLE VARIATION
9	KYRA WENTZLAFF	16	PAQUITA ACT 3 VARIATION
10	KATYA CASSIDY	16	WALPURGIS NACHT
13	ALANA BENTON	17	VARIATION FROM RAYMONDA
20	SOPHIA SPARROW	17	LE CORSAIRE MEDORA VARIATION
23	AVA MARCINKOVICH	15	PAS D'SCLAVE VARIATION FROM LE CORSAIRE
24	CORINA WILSON	15	SWANHILDA FROM COPPELIA ACT 1
25	IVY WATTS	16	VARIATION FROM PAQUITA

SENIOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE DIVISION (FEMALE)

Student awarded first place overall and six students placed in the Top 25.

Placement	Performers	Age	Entry Title
1	AMIRA HOGAN	16	DANCING EDITH PIAF
2	ALANA BENTON	17	DISTANT WATERS
3	ISABELLA SHOOK	15	ENTWINED SONNET
13	KYRA WENTZLAFF	16	AMPERSAND
14	LARISSA YAKUNOVICH	18	LONGITUDINAL VIBRATION
15	KATYA CASSIDY	16	NEARING

SENIOR CLASSICAL BALLET DIVISION (MALE)

Student awarded first place overall.

Placement	Performers	Age	Entry Title
1	CRISTIAN PONDER	16	ALBRECHT VARIATION FROM GISELLE

SENIOR CONTEMPORARY DANCE DIVISION (MALE)

Vitacca Men's Program Dancers awarded Top 3 overall.

Placement	Performers	Age	Entry Title
1	CRISTIAN PONDER	16	PENANCE
2	SHAWN PEARSON	16	PASSING
3	CONNOR BLANK	15	MY OLD WEST

PAS DE DEUX

Students awarded first place overall.

Placement	Performers	Age	Entry Title
1	ISABELLA SHOOK, CRISTIAN PONDER	15	GRAND PAS CLASSIQUE



GROUPS

Vitacca Studio Company awarded first place overall and five student groups placed in the Top 7. Rehearsal Director Sean Aaron Carmon.

Placement	Entry Title
1	PASSING ECHOES
2	THOUGHTPROCESS
3	LAST ONE STANDING
5	COMPOSED DUALITY
7	LONG STORY SHORT

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