



The Berkeley Arts Council

We Amplify the Arts

**Martinsburg-
Berkeley County
Parks & Recreation**



SHOW US **YOU** Can
Dance!

Auditions: Sat., Mar. 31, 2012 Finals: Saturday, April 28, 2012

REGISTRATION opens Feb. 1 2012. Deadline: Postmark by Mar. 15, 2012.

Register on-line or Mail COMPLETED APPLICATION AND CHECK for fees to:
BERKELEY ARTS COUNCIL, PO BOX 984, Martinsburg, WV 25402

Completed Roster/waiver page may be presented at auditions on MARCH 31.

Details and competition rules will be found in the attached packet. Complete one form and one roster page for each performer or group. All fees may be paid by one check. Please Print!

Type of Entry: Solo Duet Sm Grp (3-9) Lg Grp (10-20)

Age Division (Solo or Duet Only) 9-12 33-18

Contact Name _____

Studio Name _____

Street address _____

Phone H _____ Cell _____

City/state /zip _____

E-mail (required) _____

Alternate contact _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Title of Entry (Music) _____ Dance Category _____
(Tap, Ballet, Jazz-etc)

REGISTRATION FEES:

Solo: Fee \$20

Duet: Fee \$25

Group of 3 to 9 dancers: Fee \$30

Group of 10 to 20 dancers: Fee \$50

ROSTER PAGE: List all performing dancers on one roster page. See first page for fees.

Show Us You Can Dance! Performers Roster

Please fill out one sheet per entry even if it is a solo performance.

Category I Solo	Category II Duet	Category III Groups
Check Age Group (Solo & Duet Only)	9-12	13-18

Title of Performance/Music _____

Signature indicates you have read and accept the WAIVER and RELEASE included in the event information packet. (Completed roster may be turned in on Mar. 31 at auditions or mailed ahead.)

Performers name (Print)	Age	Parents' signature if under 18 Performer's signature if 18 or over
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Groups limited to 20 performers. Not responsible for name misspellings in program if names are illegible.

“Show us You Can Dance!”

The Berkeley Arts Council wants to provide an event where the talented and dedicated dance community in the Tri-State area can perform and have the experience of auditions and stage performance. We need great performers to put on a creative and thrilling show!

We are a nonprofit, volunteer arts service organization, and proceeds from the event will be returned to the community through matching for State Art grants, or cultural Arts Programs in our schools.

We hope to have the best and brightest dancers to make our event a success!

Auditions are Saturday, Mar. 31, 2012 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Finals are Saturday, April 28, 7:00 pm-9:30 pm

Location: Musselman High School Auditorium, Inwood ,WV Directions to the school are available online.

Those selected to appear on April 28, will receive an additional packet of information by email when the selection is announced.

Number of entries that can be accepted is limited due to available audition time. ENTRIES ARE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME/FIRST SERVED BASIS. Before submitting your application, please check the Berkeley Arts Council web site for any updates - as solo auditions fill first. www.berkeleyartswv.org/youcandance . Directions to the school are available online.

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED by MARCH 15, 2012. Mail to:
Berkeley Arts Council, Inc. P.O. Box 984, Martinsburg, WV 25402**

CALENDAR:

February 1: Registrations accepted by mail.

March 15: Last day to postmark registrations

March 31: Auditions (Audience Welcome) at Musselman High School, 11:00am to 3:00pm.

April 4: Judges' selections announced. Tickets for finals go on sale online.

April 28: ‘Show Us You Can Dance’ at Musselman High School, 7:00 – 9:30 pm. Winners announced following the performances.

AWARDS:

All registration fees will be allocated to awards. Additional money may come from sponsorships. Prizes for winning groups will be First Place \$300; Second Place \$200 and Third Place \$100. Prizes for solos and duets depend on number of dancers in each category, but at least a first and a second prize will be awarded. If audition judges select more than five in a category to compete in the finals, a third prize will also be awarded.

COMMUNICATIONS: All information will be posted on the Berkeley Arts Council web site: www.berkeleyartswv.org/youcandance . Documents and information packets will be available to download in PDF format. Copies may be printed as needed.

Announcements of finalists and acknowledgment of registration will be by email, so a valid email address is required.

AGE DIVISIONS: Age is as of January 1, 2012. Bring age verification to the auditions so it can be checked if needed. Dancers 9 through 12 compete in one division. Ages 13 to 18 compete in a second division. Groups include mixed ages and are one category fits all.

CATEGORIES: SOLO, DUET, and GROUPS (from 3 up to 20 dancers). See registration form for fees.

Dancers will be performing for the best overall dance performance. Entries will be judged against all the performers in their respective age group and category (solo, duet, etc.) For example, ballet may compete against hip hop or jazz. An individual dancers may compete in any two categories, (i.e-solo and group OR duet and solo) but **not** in all three categories.

SCORING CRITERIA: Judges will score performances on technique, showmanship, level of difficulty, entertainment value, and overall performance quality. Scoring sheets with judge's comments will be e-mailed following the auditions. Judges will be announced and their bio's posted on the website prior to auditions and finals. Non monetary recognition awards (Costume, showmanship, etc.) will also be presented.

ACCEPTABLE PERFORMANCE STYLES include: clogging, character, ethnic or folkloric, contemporary, hip hop, musical theater, jazz, tap, ballet/pointe, lyrical jazz, acrobatic and ballroom.

These styles are not eligible: Pompom, cheer/dance, baton, song and dance, production numbers (over 20 dancers), liturgical, vocals, modeling, gymnastics or aerobic dance.

PERFORMANCE TIME: Maximum length of an audition is 2 minutes and subject to judges' discretion. Performance in finals shall be no longer than 2 minutes for solo/duo, or 3 minutes for groups.

MUSIC: For auditions, each solo/duo or group must bring a CD with only one music selection on the disk. Music should not exceed performance time limit.

COSTUMES are optional for auditions but are encouraged since photos will be taken for publicity. Minimal dressing room facilities are available for auditions.

APPROPRIATENESS OF THEME: This dance show is family oriented, and we ask that all performers avoid dark, controversial or otherwise inappropriate themes.

WAIVERS AND RELEASES

All participants under the age of 18 must have the signature of a parent or guardian in order to enter, either as an individual or as part of a group. The signature must appear on a Roster form. By submitting your entry, you agree to the following WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

Waiver and Release

I hereby waive all claims for injury, damage, or loss to my child, myself and property during my participation in the "Show Us You Can Dance" and release the Berkeley Arts Council, the M-BC Parks and Recreation Board, Musselman High School, the BC Board of Education and participating volunteers from any liability for injury, damage, or loss which may be caused by any act or omission by any of the sponsoring groups.

You also agree that the Berkeley Arts Council may use photographs or video recording of your performance in order to publicize "Show Us You Can Dance" or a similar event at a subsequent time, in any medium.

**Questions: Show Us You Can Dance Event Coordinator, Jane Horst:
youcandance@berkeleyartswv.org.**