

## JULIEDANCE WINS 'BEST SCHOOL' AWARD

This past weekend, with 4 dances from its Nutcracker production, JulieDance participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the *Jewels Festival* Competition and Workshop for Classical Ballet, Stage Acting and Character Dance. The Festival was held Feb 7–9 in the Performing Arts Center at Kingsborough Community College in Brooklyn.

With 120 soloists and 48 group ensembles from various schools (regional and some international) displaying their wonderful highly-trained skills and talents, the Festival truly reflected its motto, “Each child is a jewel to their own parents, we would like to gather all the jewels together in one place to see how much they shine.”

Our dancers lived up to this motto. Their ‘shining’ performances in *Snow*, *Marzipan*, *Polichinelles* and *Arabian* won the **GRAND PRIX ‘Best School’** award! Each of our teachers were also cited and presented with **‘Best Teacher’** awards.

In all, our students and parents had a great time and enjoyed the experience. Our students were very impressed with the comradery of the Festival’s participating dancers...showing respect for, and giving compliments to each other. We think this is a product of students in a proper ballet school training/performing environment sharing their hard work and dedication in a positive manner.

We are very proud of our students for their exemplary ‘shining’ representation of themselves and our school! We thank our teachers for their dedication and hard work in striving to make successful classwork and performances transcend into as one Jewels’ administrator described our group as a ‘Well Oiled Machine’

And, without question, our supporting parents have won the **‘Best Parents’** award!

Patti & Darryl  
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