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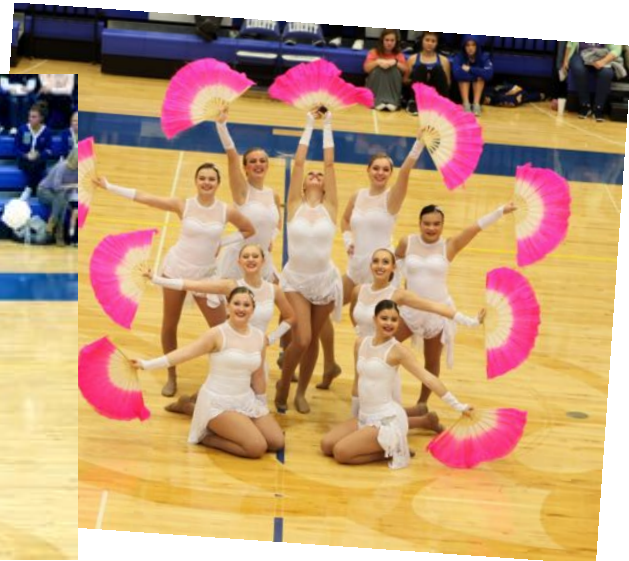
**LHS**   
*Sapphires*

**proudly present**



**Saturday,  
December 8th,  
2018**

Liberty High School  
200 Blue Jay Drive  
Liberty, MO 64068



**THE KANSAS CITY CLASSIC** sponsored by Larkspur Dance & Choreography will be hosted by the Liberty Sapphires on Saturday, December 8th, 2018. In an effort to provide the Kansas City area with an additional quality contest that will provide invaluable feedback to prepare these teams for the state competition, the contest will be open to all high school dance teams, pom squads, and drill teams in Missouri. The Kansas City Classic is sanctioned by MSHSAA and KSHSAA, qualifies as a MDTA approved competition, and participation in The Kansas City Classic would fulfill the requirement of competing in one other competition prior to State. Any dance team, pom squad, or drill team from our neighboring state of Kansas that wishes to join us, receive feedback, and compete for awards will also be welcome.

### **Divisions:**

Teams will be placed in divisions according to school size. Each category will have no less than three divisions.

### **Team Categories:**

Teams may enter up to 3 routines. Each routine a team enters must be from a different category. Routines may be no longer than 2 minutes 15 seconds. Below is a brief description of each category, as taken from the Missouri Dance Team Association's website:

**Kick:** This style of routine showcases your team's ability to perform a variety of high kicks in a creative and entertaining format. Emphasis should be placed on kick control, uniformity of high kicks, kick timing, and team stamina. Kick routines must contain a MINIMUM of 35 team-performed kicks which are at least waist high. A team kick is one in which all members execute the kick on the same count at the same time. It is recommended that you include MORE than 35 kicks to ensure your routine meets the requirement. A kick must be at least waist high to count.

**Pom Pon:** This is a style of routine with a strong visible use of the pompons throughout. Precision, transitions and visuals should be a vital component of your routine. **ONLY** poms may be used in this category. No other props are allowed. Poms must be used at least 80% of the time. Poms may have rubber bands that go around your wrists.

**Traditional Jazz:** This is a style of dance routine with sharp, clean motions and the display of effective formation changes. Concentration should be on precision rather than technical elements. **No PROPS** may be used in this category (ex. chairs, hats, scarves, etc.) No uniform parts can be removed and then used as a prop with which to dance (i.e. gloves taken off and swung around in a lasso fashion and then thrown to the side.)

**Lyrical Jazz:** This is a style that allows your team to perform a dance routine which incorporates the elements of dance technique (for example: leaps, turns, etc.) No uniform parts can be removed and then used as a prop with which to dance (i.e. gloves taken off and swung around in a lasso fashion and then thrown to the side.) Concentration should be on the technical aspects rather than precision.





**Mix:** This style of routine must include the following styles: kick, pom and either jazz or hip hop. No props other than poms may be used, and poms must be used during the pom portion. There MUST be a minimum of 12 team kicks (waist height and above) executed in the routine. A team kick is one in which all members execute the kick at the same time on the same count.

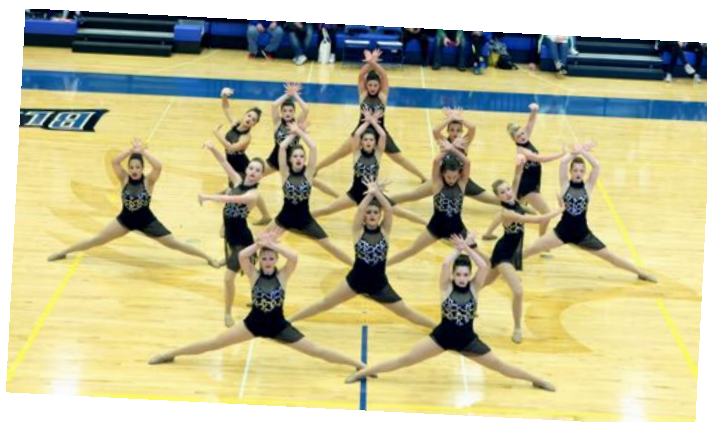
**Prop:** This style of routine must utilize a minimum of 1 prop (no maximum.) Prop utilization would require that the dancers must use the prop to enhance the aesthetics and effectiveness of the dance, not simply dance with a prop in their hands. In a prop routine, no backdrop can be used. (A backdrop is defined as a stationary item used strictly for background, relatively large in size, and not manipulated by the team members during the performance.)

**Hip Hop:** This style of routine must display the latest nontraditional dance styles (i.e. street dance, funk, popping). Emphasis should be placed on rhythm, execution, synchronization and body control. **NO PROPS** other than parts of the costume may be used in this category.

**The Kansas City Classic will adhere to the guidelines set forth by the National Federation of State High School Associations and Missouri State High School Activities Association. There will be no deductions or penalty given for an illegal move. The rules interpreter will simply inform a team of illegal issues with the routine so changes can be made before the Missouri State Competition.**

### **Solos and Ensembles**

Each dancer is limited to two extra performances besides their team performances. **They may only enter one solo routine.** Solo and ensemble routines may be of any style and will be limited to 1 minute and 30 seconds in length. These routines will be scheduled to be performed during the morning of the competition. Solo and Ensemble routines may be of any style and will be given placements. (1st, 2nd, 3rd, etc. ) Awards for solos and ensembles will be distributed after the morning session. **Solos and ensembles at the Kansas City Classic are performed by dancers on high school dance teams, therefore NFHS rules must be followed, including wearing costumes that cover midribs and appropriate footwear.**



## Additional Rules For The Kansas City Classic

1. The performance area is a regulation size basketball court. The lines on the court are the normal basketball court markings. It is recommended that your team look at the court upon arrival to familiarize themselves with the area. However, NO team will be allowed to be on the performing floor for the purpose of practicing or spacing, etc. before the competition begins or during any breaks.
2. All participants on the gym floor during your performance must be regular participating members of your team. All members should have been eligible to perform all routines and must be enrolled as a full time student.
3. Routines will be evaluated using the same judging forms as those that are used for the MDTA's state competition. Those forms can be found on the MDTA website and the Larkspur website. Each team will also receive an audio recording of the judges' verbal critique during the performance of their routine.
4. Music must be on an iPod or iPhone that is labeled with a school name. More information will be forthcoming about the possibility of emailing music before the contest. **All music must comply with copyright laws.**
5. If technical difficulties are experienced, teams will be allowed to redo their performance.
6. Both sides of the gym will be utilized with judging panels seated on both sides of the gym. Teams will be notified which side they will face to perform. Performance sides will be clearly marked.
7. Please see that all props are taped or padded and will not damage the floor. No props may be slammed or thrown down causing damage to the floor's finish. Props that float to the ceiling and damage lights may not be released. Teams will be charged for any damage caused by props. NO fire is allowed.
8. Only soft-soled shoes will be allowed. No boots, no bare feet, no half shoes. MSHSAA now allows Pedini shoes.
9. Profanity or vulgar/suggestive music or moves will not be allowed during the competition. All music and moves must be appropriate for a family audience.
10. Only battery video recording is allowed.
11. Food and beverages will be available for purchase at the competition site. We ask that you kindly patronize the concessions at the site and that teams do not bring in outside food. Thank you in advance.
12. Failure to comply with these rules may result in disqualification or points deducted from scores.

### **Awards:**

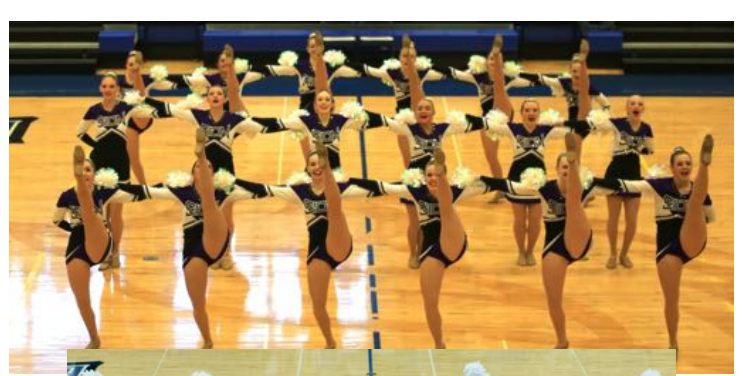
Trophies will be awarded in each category. The number of trophies will be determined by the number of teams entered in the category. First place winners in each Varsity category will also receive a complimentary perfecting session with members of Larkspur Dance & Choreography. Teams that perform two or more routines will be eligible for the Overall High Point Award for their division. Teams' two highest scores will be averaged and the winners will receive a plaque, an aerial session with [Volier-Thieves of Flight](#) and a bid to [Dance Team Union Nationals!](#)

Any current high school senior who is participating in the Kansas City Classic is eligible to apply for the Allyn Schwinn Scholarship. A 2.75 GPA on a 4.0 scale is also required, along with plans to continue education or training beyond high school in any accredited training, licensing or certification program, or institution of higher education. [Scholarship Information and Application](#)

Special awards may also be given to teams by the judges: Innovative Choreography, Technical Excellence, Outstanding Showmanship, Excellent Music Selection, Outstanding Formations and Use of Floor, Creative Costuming, Most Entertaining Routine.







**Registration:**

Registration is \$70.00 per routine that your team enters. Solos and ensembles are \$40.00 for each performance. Please limit your dancers to only two extra performances. When girls perform in more than two of these performances, scheduling becomes difficult. Please register as soon as possible so that divisions may be determined, a master schedule can be made, and arrangements can be made for qualified judges and awards. Click on the links below to access online registration via Google. You can also register at [www.larkspurdance.com](http://www.larkspurdance.com).

**All registration forms and registration fees are due by November 12th, 2018.**

[Team Registration](#)

[Solo Registration](#)

[Ensemble Registration](#)

[Invoice](#)

**If you need to change categories or withdraw your entry, it must be done no later than November 19th, 2018. No refunds will be given after this date.**

If you have any questions or need to change categories or withdraw a routine, please call Larkspur Dance and Choreography at 816-516-0106. Or you may email us at [contact@larkspurdance.com](mailto:contact@larkspurdance.com). Checks need to be made out to Larkspur Dance And Choreography, LLC. Please mail payment to:

Larkspur Dance and Choreography, LLC  
PO Box 901926  
Kansas City, MO 64190-1926

**Schedule:** After the registration due date, a schedule for the Kansas City Classic will be emailed to coaches and posted on the Larkspur Dance and Choreography website [www.larkspurdance.com](http://www.larkspurdance.com). In the past we've been able to make accommodations in the schedule for dancers to take the ACT or for family obligations, but due to the larger size of our contest we will no longer be able to do so. ACT dates also occur in September, October, February, April, June & July. Please encourage your dancers to take it then. If a dancer has a conflict with your scheduled time, we will inform judges that you will be performing with a "hole."

**Admission:** Team members, directors, and bus drivers will be granted free admission to the event, as well as spectators under the age of 5. All others will be charged \$7.00. Please inform your parents and other spectators.

**LIABILITY RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM**  
**(GIVE A COPY OF THIS FORM TO EVERY PARTICIPANT)**  
*Every participant must have a completed and signed Liability Release and Waiver Form on file with Larkspur Dance and Choreography, LLC in order to participate*

Minor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School/Team Name \_\_\_\_\_

Event Location: Liberty High School

Daytime Phone Number(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Cell Phone Number(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Cell Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Event: The Kansas City Classic, Saturday, December 8th, 2018

**Acknowledgement of Risk and Release From Liability.** For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, I \_\_\_\_\_, as parent or legal guardian of

\_\_\_\_\_, a minor (hereinafter "Minor"), hereby grant the permission necessary to allow Minor to participate in the Event to be conducted by Larkspur Dance and Choreography, LLC. I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, further agree to release and to hold harmless Larkspur Dance and Choreography, LLC, and the **Liberty School District d/b/a Liberty High School** on whose premises the Event will be held (hereinafter the "Location"), and their respective officers, representatives, members, agents and employees and affiliates (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Releasees") from any and all liability, even in the event of negligence of the Releasees or otherwise, any claim, judgment, loss, liability, cost, and expenses (including, without limitation, attorney's fees and costs) arising out of or connected with the Event, including any claim arising out of or connected with any illness or injury (minimal, serious, catastrophic and/or death) that Minor may incur or sustain during the Event, all activities associated with the Event and while traveling to and from the Location for the Event. This Liability Release does not, however, apply to gross negligence or intentional torts by Releasees.

Parent or Legal Guardian Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

I further expressly agree to indemnify and hold harmless Releasees and Releasees' heirs, successors, assigns, executors, and administrators against loss from any further claims, demands or actions that may subsequently be from the foregoing activities. I further agree to reimburse and to make good to Releasees any losses Releasees may have to pay as a result of any such action, claim or demand.

I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, acknowledge and agree that participation in the Event subjects Minor to inherent dangers resulting from the vigorous, physical nature of the Event, including but not limited to the possibility of physical illness or injury (including but not limited to death, serious neck and spinal injuries resulting in partial or complete paralysis, brain damage and serious injuries to virtually all bones, joints, muscles and internal organs) and that these risks may be increased by the actions of other participants over whom Releasees have no control and that I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, acknowledge that Minor is assuming the risk of such illness or injury by participating in the Event. I hereby declare that I, in my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, willingly assume these risks, and other risks that may be contained therein; and we proceed voluntarily and of our own free will. And I, on my own behalf and on behalf of Minor, hereby WAIVE any right to SUE FOR PERSONAL INJURY or otherwise hold liable the Releasees for these risks. The Releasees shall not be liable for any damages arising from illness or injuries sustained by the Minor at The Location.

I understand that this waiver is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the law of the State of Missouri and agree that if any portion is held invalid, the remainder of the waiver will continue in full legal force and effect.

I understand that by signing this form I am giving up legal rights or remedies which may be available to me for the ordinary negligence of the Releasees.

**Parent/Guardian Consent for Photos and Recordings.** I understand that video, photographic or audio recording may occur during the competition and hereby agree and consent to the use of my recorded image and my name and those of Minor by Larkspur Dance and Choreography, LLC and The Kansas City Classic. Such images will be the exclusive property of Larkspur and I waive all claims for any compensation or damages for such use now or in the future. I have read, understand and agree to the above statement.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian X \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# 2018 Kansas City Classic T-shirt Pre-Order



The front of the contest t-shirt bears the official logo for the 2018 Kansas City Classic. The back of the t-shirt lists names of participating schools and sponsors. T-shirt is black, 50/50, traditional style. A very limited supply will be available to purchase the day of the contest, so pre-ordering is highly recommended. If you pre-order and prepay, you will find your t-shirts waiting for you in your assigned classroom the day of the competition. If you order a t-shirt and we don't receive payment prior to the competition, your t-shirt will be held at the t-shirt table.

**Click on the link below to place a T-shirt Pre-Order via Google. You can also preorder t-shirts at our website [larkspurdance.com](http://larkspurdance.com) and prepay with a credit card via PayPal.**

## T-shirt Pre-Order

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