

# Born 2 Dance Newsletter

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Dear Members of Born 2 Dance,

Dear Born 2 Dance Family,

As we approach the final stretch of 2024, we want to start by celebrating some incredible achievements from the past quarter! First and foremost, a huge congratulations to all our dancers who participated in the German Championships of the Dance Street Factory Federation on September 21, 2024.

You all worked so hard and made us incredibly proud!

*Karabo Morake*

## September 2024

### German Championships of the Dance Street Factory Federation on September 21, 2024

A special round of applause goes to:

- Emma 1st place and 4th place
- Eliana 4th place and 5th place
- Veronika 1st place and 3rd place
- Constanze 3rd place and 3rd place
- Lina Kaisen 2nd Place and 4th place
- Lina Kreer 7th Place
- Marija 4th Place and 5th Place
- Elaine 6th Place
- Emily 1st Place

Emma was the Deutscher Meister in the highest level.

Veronika was the Deutsche Meister in the A-Category

A special congratulations to our three German Champions, Emma, Emily, and Veronika, for winning their Fusion Show Dance Categories. Your dedication and skill shone through, and we couldn't be prouder of your gold-medal victories, as well as the hardwork that you all invested!

We also want to acknowledge the amazing results of our other talented dancers:

- Lina, who earned silver and became vice-champion to Veronika in her Fusion Show.
- Constanze, who walked away with not one, but two bronze medals, including her duo performance with Veronika, who shared that bronze medal with her.

With three gold medals, one silver, and two bronze medals, Born 2 Dance walked away from this competition with so much to celebrate! You all performed phenomenally, and we are excited to see what the future holds for each of you. As we celebrate our dancers' incredible achievements at the German Championships of the Dance Street Factory Federation on September 21st, we also want to take a moment to reflect on the overall experience at the event, particularly in relation to the judging and organization.

First, we want to reiterate how incredibly proud we are of all our participants. Once again, congratulations to our champions your hard work, passion, and talent were nothing short of inspiring, and you set a high standard for all of us to admire.

### Reflections on Our Experience with Dance Street Factory

However, while we celebrate these accomplishments, it is also important to share with you some challenges we faced at the competition. While the girls gave their absolute best and demonstrated true dedication, we encountered some unsatisfactory scoring and judgment that left us with significant concerns.

As your children's coach and dance trainer, it was heartbreaking to witness how some of our dancers were affected by the competition's outcome. Many of them were devastated and confused by their scores, particularly after the countless hours of hard work they had put in. Seeing these young girls heartbroken after giving their all was a reminder of how important it is for competitions to maintain a healthy, positive, and nurturing environment.

After the event, I reached out to the Dance Street Factory Federation to calmly and constructively express our concerns regarding the judging and how it affected the morale of our dancers. We were pleased with how the organization's management initially handled our feedback. They took our concerns seriously, discussed the matter with the judges, and showed a willingness to address the issues raised. It was a productive conversation that left us hopeful for improvements.

Unfortunately, things took a disappointing turn. Sergio, one of the judges from the event, took it upon himself to personally attack me (Karabo) on Instagram after the competition. This was not only unexpected but also deeply unprofessional, especially coming from someone who is responsible for judging young children. His behavior was not only disrespectful but also directly contradicted the values of fairness, support, and encouragement that we strive to uphold at Born 2 Dance. This situation left me incredibly concerned, as the safety and well-being of our children must always come first.

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## Prioritizing the Safety and Well-being of Our Students

At Born 2 Dance, our mission is to create a safe, fun, and nurturing environment for every child who walks through our doors. Dance is about more than just winning medals – it's about self-expression, teamwork, building confidence, and fostering a love for movement. It was disheartening to see our dancers return from a competition feeling broken rather than uplifted. No child should leave an event feeling like their hard work wasn't valued.

After careful consideration, and in light of these events, we have made the difficult decision to no longer participate in any events organized by Dance Street Factory (As Born 2 Dance ). We believe that by stepping away from this organization, we are prioritizing the best interests of our dancers and ensuring that we do not expose them to environments where they may be subjected to unfair treatment or bullying.

We want to make it very clear that this decision is based solely on our commitment to protecting our students and creating the best possible environment for them to grow and thrive as dancers and individuals. We do not tolerate bullying, and we will always stand up for our students to ensure they are treated with the respect and fairness they deserve.

## Moving Forward: Supporting External Events

That being said, we still strongly encourage participation in external events and competitions, as they provide valuable experiences for personal growth. For those parents who wish to continue with the Dance Street Factory competitions, you are welcome to do so, but we kindly ask that you register your children privately, without any formal association to Born 2 Dance Studio. We will not be involved in the registration process with this particular organization.

Rest assured, we are here to fully support any child interested in competing, regardless of the competition they choose. We will continue to provide the training, preparation, choreography, and guidance necessary to help our dancers succeed. There are many reputable dance federations and competitions throughout Germany, and we encourage parents to explore these options.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need help navigating these opportunities or preparing your child for future competitions. For any other federations, parents are welcome to register through Born 2 Dance or use our dance studio for registration purposes but for Street Dance Factory registrations must not be made with our Dance Studio Name or affiliation.

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# October

## Preparing for the Extravaganza !

Now, let's talk about the busy but exciting weeks ahead!

October is going to be packed with rehearsals, training, and hard work as we gear up for the grand event of the year – our Extravaganza Dance Show! Mark your calendars for: This is our biggest show of the year, and with just two months to go, we're entering crunch time! We need all our dancers to stay focused and committed, as we finalize routines and prepare to showcase all the amazing talent within our studio. Let's bring the energy and passion that makes Born 2 Dance special, and make this Extravaganza a truly unforgettable event!

## Important Update on Dance Performances for the Extravaganza Show

Each student is encouraged to know their assigned routines, as this will enhance their performance experience and confidence. Here's a breakdown of the choreographies for each group:

- **Tiny Dancers:** Chiki Dance on Stage with Karabo
- **Kids 1:** Freestyle, Level Up, and Chiki Dance
- **Kids 2:** Freestyle, Level Up, Vogue Violin, and Chiki Dance
- **Kids 3:** Freestyle, Level Up, Kim Possible, and Chiki Dance
- **Kids 4 + 5:** Freestyle, Level Up, Violin or Kim Possible, Djaba Vogue, Barbie, Rude Boy, African Dance Show, and Chiki Dance
- **Kids Latin:** Cha Cha (Chiki Dance not required)

We look forward to seeing all the hard work and dedication each child has put into learning the choreographies in the year 2024. Remember, knowing these dances is key to participating on stage and making the performance a memorable one!

Regardless of who performs on stage it is importantly for all kids to be there to receive their awards as we will have the various award categories.

## Born 2 Dance Studio Presents: The Extravaganza Dance Show & Awards Ceremony

Dear Born 2 Dance Family,

As we approach the end of another amazing year, we are thrilled to invite you to our 3rd Official Extravaganza Dance Show & Awards Ceremony, taking place on Friday, November 29th, 2024 at Druckwerk Trier Euren from 14:00 to 20:00.

This event is the grand finale of our year—a celebration of all the hard work, energy, and passion that our incredible dancers have put in throughout the year. The Extravaganza Dance Show is not just a performance but an awards ceremony where we take time to acknowledge the growth, dedication, and achievements of each and every one of our dancers.

Unlike competitions, this event is about recognition and celebration, honoring the journey each student has taken over the year. From our youngest dancers to our more experienced students, everyone's efforts will be recognized. It's our way of saying "thank you" for your commitment and passion for dance.

We kindly invite all of you to join us for this special event, which will be black and white-themed to give it a touch of elegance and fun. Let's come together as a community to celebrate the talent and progress of our dancers and enjoy a festive end to the year. This will be a night of spectacular performances, well-deserved awards, and joyous celebration! We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the Born 2 Dance spirit!

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# October

## **Tickets available soon for the Extravaganza Dance Show & Awards Ceremony!**

Please visit our website for all the details regarding ticket availability and pricing. This is a night you won't want to miss—filled with spectacular performances, well-deserved awards, and a celebration of all the hard work our dancers have put in this year. [www.born2dance4ever.de](http://www.born2dance4ever.de).

## **Trio Show Dance: Preparing for the Extravaganza Show Dance Category**

Dear Born 2 Dance Family, As we gear up for the Extravaganza Dance Show & Awards Ceremony, we're excited to announce some important updates for our Level 3, 4, and 5 dancers. Starting in November, every Friday from 15:00 to 18:00, these levels will be training together to prepare for the highly anticipated Show Dance Category that will be showcased at the Extravaganza.

This year, the Show Dance Category is even more exciting as our dancers will be performing in trios—a new and dynamic challenge! The Trio Show Dance is a highlight of our event, and we can't wait to see the incredible creativity, synchronization, and energy that these small groups will bring to the stage. As always, the competition is intense, with the goal of crowning this year's Extravaganza Show Dance Champion!

This category is a prestigious part of our year-end event, and we look forward to seeing the dancers push their limits, work together, and showcase their best work in this high-level performance. We are confident that these rehearsals will not only strengthen their skills but also create unforgettable moments for all involved.

Let's get ready for some truly spectacular trio performances—our countdown to the Extravaganza Show Dance Champion has officially begun!

## **Special Awards**

The Special Awards are our way of honoring the dancers who have gone the extra mile, whether through their commitment to improvement, positive attitude, teamwork, or resilience. They reflect the heart of what Born 2 Dance stands for: not just creating great dancers, but nurturing confident, hardworking, and passionate individuals.

Whether it's for Most Improved Dancer, Best Team Spirit, or Outstanding Commitment, these awards highlight the qualities that make our students truly shine, both on and off the dance floor.

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# Extravaganza Dance Show

## 2024 Awards Show

**We are thrilled to announce the special awards to be presented during this year's Extravaganza Dance Show!**

These awards recognize the outstanding achievements and talents of our dedicated dancers. Here are the categories:

### Awards Categories:

- **Most Improved Dancer**
  - Recognizes a dancer who has shown significant progress in their skills throughout the year.
- **Outstanding Performer**
  - Awarded to a dancer who consistently delivers exceptional performances
- **Best Choreography**
  - Acknowledges the most creative and innovative choreography presented during the year
- **Team Spirit Award**
  - For a dancer who exemplifies positivity, encouragement and teamwork within the community
- **Technical Excellence**
  - Celebrates a dancer with exceptional technique and mastery of their chosen style
- **Versatile Dancer**
  - Recognizes a dancer who excels in multiple dance styles or genres
- **Best Solo Performance**
  - Awarded to the dancer who delivered the most impressive solo during the performance
- **Most Inspirational Dancer**
  - For the dancer who motivates and inspires their peers through their passion for dance
- **Future Star Award**
  - Recognizes a young dancer showing exceptional potential and promise in their craft
- **Most Creative Expressive Dance**
  - Honors a dancer who uses unique expressions and creativity in their movements
- **Best Beginner Award**
  - For a newcomer who has excelled in their first year of dance
- **Leadership Award**
  - Given to a dancer who demonstrates strong leadership qualities and inspires others
- **Dedication Award**
  - For a dancer who shows exceptional commitment, rarely missing classes and rehearsals
- **Courageous Performer**
  - Recognizes a dancer who takes risks on stage, whether through challenging choreography or unique expression

**Join us in celebration the incredible talent and hard work of our dancers during this special awards presentation!**

The **Extravaganza Awards** are the pinnacle of our **Dance Show & Awards Ceremony**, where we celebrate the **Top 3 Dancers** from every group division in our dance school. These awards represent the highest level of achievement, recognizing those who have demonstrated exceptional dedication, growth, and talent throughout the year.

The significance of these awards goes beyond the trophies and recognition—they serve as an important source of **motivation** for all our students. By highlighting the accomplishments of the Top 3 Dancers in each group, we aim to inspire everyone to continue striving towards their goals, setting higher standards for themselves in the year ahead.

For children, having **clear goals** fosters a sense of purpose and direction. It teaches them valuable life lessons, such as the importance of hard work, perseverance, and resilience. The Extravaganza Awards provide an opportunity for each dancer to see that their dedication can lead to great success, encouraging them to push harder, challenge themselves, and grow not only as dancers but as individuals.

We believe that recognizing excellence motivates all our dancers to dream bigger and put in the effort needed to achieve their own personal best in the coming year. At Born 2 Dance, it's not just about dancing—it's about learning the value of commitment, setting goals, and celebrating every step of progress along the way.

# Official Awards Overview

The Extravaganza Dance Awards recognize the hard work and progress of every child throughout the year. With a large number of participants this year, we will be presenting awards to the top three dancers in each category:

## Top 3 Awards by Class

- Tiny Dancers 2024
- Kids 1 Dancers 2024
- Kids 2 Dancers 2024
- Kids 3 Dancers 2024
- Kids 4 Dancers 2024
- Kids 5 Dancers 2024
- Kids Latin Dancers 2024

## Extra Awards

- Teen Dancer 2024
- Zumba Dancer 2024
- Latin Dancer 2024
- Salsa Bachata Dancer 2024
- Parent of the Year 2024

## Extravaganza Queen 2024 Dancer

This is the biggest award of the night, celebrating the standout performer of the whole year.

Let's celebrate the incredible achievements of young dancers!

## Special Offer:

### Private Trio Show Dance Lessons for the Extravaganza

Dear Born 2 Dance Family,

We are excited to announce a **special offer** for our **Level 3, 4, and 5 dancers** preparing for the **Trio Show Dance** at the upcoming **Extravaganza Dance Show!**

Private lessons at Born 2 Dance are normally priced at **€70 for two students**, but for this **limited time** leading up to the Extravaganza, we are extending that same price to trios!

That means your trio can benefit from a private session for **€70 instead of the regular price for three**—giving you an excellent opportunity to refine your routine without the extra cost.

This is a great chance to get personalized coaching and ensure your trio's performance is absolutely spectacular on the big day.

Only Level 3, 4, and 5 dancers can participate in these trio performances, so if you're part of a trio, don't miss out on this incredible deal! Book your private lessons now and make sure your group is prepared to shine at the Extravaganza.

For more details or to schedule your lesson, please contact us.

Let's make these trio performances the best yet!

## Important:

We ask that all members come to this year-end event! We have prepared a lot and would like to share it with all members! This is very important. Thank you very much!

On the **15th November 2024** all Kids must come to the Dance School. This will be the last time for the Children to take their last exam with Karabo for the results of the Extravaganza Show

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## December

**What? B2D Adults Party****When? 06.12.2024****Time? 16:00-22:00**

On the 6th of December 2024 we invite all adults to come and celebrate a night of joy and laughter at Born 2 Dance!

Enjoy a relaxing atmosphere with a welcome drink as we come together to make precious memories, just like the Happy Girls who have navigated through life, cherishing their childhood moments and fostering a community built on positive energy, discipline and good vibes!

Entry Fee: 8 €

Don't miss out on the fun and connection! We can't wait to see you there and create unforgettable memories together!

Let's dance and celebrate!

## Next Born 2 Dance Shows in 2025:

- **Royal Bonanza on 29.03.2025**
  - Born 2 Dance Studio Trier-Euren
- **Eleganza Show on 04.07.2025**
  - Druckwerk Trier-Euren
- **Extravaganza Show on 06.12.2025**
  - Druckwerk Trier-Euren

## Closing Thoughts

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of our dancers and grateful for the unwavering support of our parents. This quarter has had its challenges, but it has also reaffirmed our belief in creating a dance studio that puts the well-being of our students above all else. As we look forward to the rest of 2024, especially the exciting Extravaganza Dance Show in November, let's continue to work together, uplift one another, and celebrate the achievements of all our amazing dancers.

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## Private Lessons

Please note that private lessons are available for all children from the first beginner level up to the highest level 5.

Some parents prefer their children to come to private lessons on a weekly basis. This decision is made by the parents themselves. This is not obligatory, you can take a private lesson once a month, twice or every week and you can choose not to take a private lesson at all.

It all depends on your wishes. I always recommend working privately with a child, as this allows them to improve their dance skills much faster. I can give more attention to their personal growth and development.

We have an online system for booking private lessons with a first come, first served service.

Fixed and regular appointments will of course be faded out. This will help me with the private lesson system. You will then book the appointments online and I will accept or decline them if there is not enough capacity. Many thanks in advance for your support!

Book your private lessons here:

**<https://www.born2dance4ever.de/online-bookings>**

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## Next Newsletter

**Date: January 2025**

We will do our best to publish a regular newsletter every quarter. This means that we will issue four newsletters per year. As we have a quarterly system for payments and registrations. A letter will be published every three months.



## Coming Up

Planned for the 1st Quarter 2025:

- New Classes
- B2D Adults Party
- More Shows
- Special Events
- Many more..!



## Questions ?

If you have any questions, please contact Karabo directly.

For questions about membership fees, registration, monthly payments and private lessons, please visit our website or contact Karabo directly.