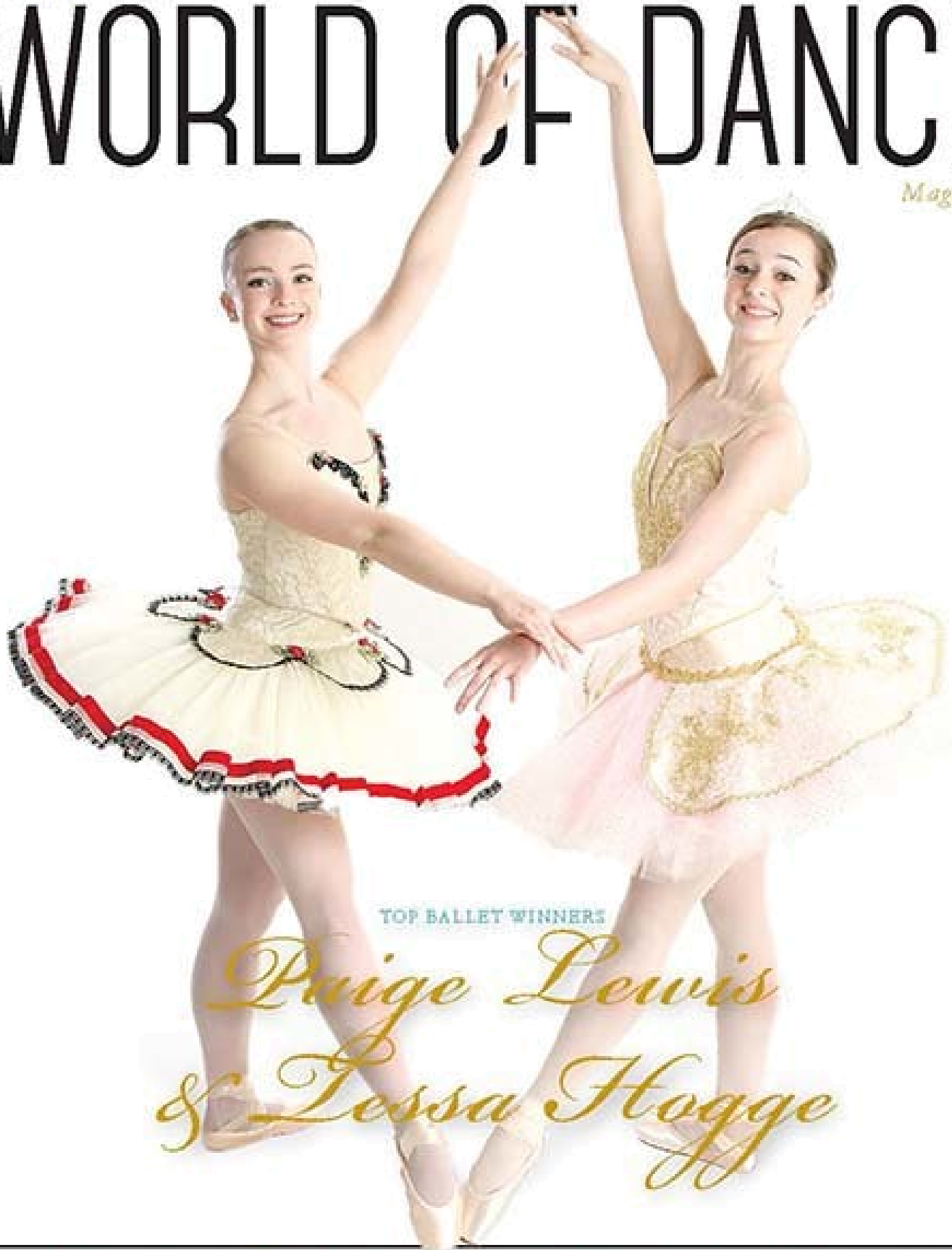


Florida

GATEWAY TO FLORIDA'S DANCE COMMUNITY

WORLD OF DANCE

Magazine



TOP BALLET WINNERS

*Paige Lewis
& Lessa Hogge*

FREE PUBLICATION | SERVING, SUPPORTING, & PROMOTING THE ART OF DANCE

TOP 5 THINGS FOR DANCERS
TO TRY THIS SUMMER

page 16

BURNING
BALLERINAS

page 18

PERFECT PRACTICE
MAKES PERFECT

page 20

FEATURES



17



26



28

IN MAY/JUNE ISSUE 2016

06
MESSAGE FROM
THE PUBLISHER

08
EDITOR'S NOTE

09
HIGHLIGHTS
Inspiration

10
DANCE
HIGHLIGHTS
What's going on in
South Florida

13
TEACHER IN THE
SPOTLIGHT
Kim Marsh

14
NOTICES

15
FEATURED
STUDENTS
Melissa Danielle
Gonzalez
& Carly Weinsier

16
NAVIGATING
YOUR FINANCES
Securing your Financial
Future

17
COVER
SPOTLIGHT
Top Ballet Winners

21
FLORIDA'S DANCE
ICON
Anne Polajenko

22
JUST FOR
DANCERS
Top 5 Things

24
STUDENTS
INSIGHT
Ballerinas

26
HEALTHY EATING
& LIFESTYLE
Cauliflower

28
TEACHERS IN
THE KNOW
Practice

30
PARENT'S PLACE
A Mom's Point of
View

32
EDITORIAL
Dance Teacher Web

33
EDITORIAL
World Ballet
Competition &
DanceNow! Miami

34
GALA EVENTS

36
CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

38
PERSONAL
GROWTH &
DEVELOPMENT
No Regrets

Cover Spotlight | Top Ballet Winners

There are several dance competitions taking place all over the USA, but there are a limited amount that caters exclusively to Ballet and Contemporary dance.

Even though the competition season is not over, World of Dance Magazine, reached out to two top winners of Universal Ballet Competition, which took place in February 2016.



We were able to pry them away from their hectic end-of-year performance rehearsal schedules to ask a few questions about their competition experiences.

Tessa Hogge

Junior Division - 1st Place Classical

Age? 15

What school do you attend? Home-schooled

Which is your home studio? St Lucie Ballet, Port St. Lucie



What's your favorite part about participating in competitions?

I love meeting new people and seeing old friends, but my favorite part about competitions is being able to perform on the stage doing whatever variation I select, to prepare me for similar opportunities in a company. I also appreciate reviewing feedback from the judges that I can apply.

Advice for other dancers

Don't compare yourself to other people because they all have different things to work on, so stay focused on yourself and work hard because it pays off.

What will you be doing this summer?

I'm still undecided. It could be my first away from home trip. We'll see.

Paige Lewis

Senior Division - 1st Place Classical

Age? 16

What school do you attend? Dreyfoos school of the Arts

Which is your home studio? Ballet East, West Palm Beach



What's your favorite part about participating in competitions?

My favorite part of participating in competitions would be to perform on stage in front of the audience. Becoming the character of whatever variation I am doing is something I love. Also being able to take master classes from some of the best teachers, school directors, and choreographers in the world is amazing.

What advice do you have for other dancers?

Advice I have for other dancers would be to find a quality in your dancing that sets you apart from the rest. Something that makes you shine and your true passion for dance will show. Also when competing do not think of it as a competition in trying to win, but just doing your personal best.

What will you be doing this summer?

This summer I will be attending Texas Ballet Theater's summer intensive on scholarship.