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## **Broadway Bound students win national championship!**

**August 8, 2006:** The Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center competitive dance team recently attended the Dancer's Inc. National Dance Competition and Convention in Portland Maine where they won national recognition and a coveted championship.

This year, for the first time, three boys aged 5 to 7 competed in the junior category with their hip-hop dance, "Whoop There It Is". The Boys Team left as National Champions and they received a High Gold as well as First Place Overall for their Future Star Category and First Place Overall for the entire Junior Division. They also received the special "MTV Award" and cash prizes. At the conclusion of the event they were asked to perform at the convention's farewell reception. The members of the team are Gregory Nguyen, and brothers Michael and Robert DeFelice.

The Junior and Senior Teams also left the competition with Gold Awards. They competed with several numbers including the dance they performed at the Boston Garden for the Celtics Opening Night of the 2005- 2006 Season. Their popular dance "Naughty Nanas" which sports some rockin' senior citizens with walkers, entertained the audience as it took home another gold medal. Attending senior members included Kelly Coelho, Laura Duggan, Torri Haddad and Jane Starke. The members of the junior team that attended the nationally recognized competition include Marissa Beard, Tess Beaulieu, Alyssa Bennett, Alexandra DeFelice, Tess Martinez, Alison Poudrette and Karina Villegas.

Kelly Coelho tapped her way to gold with her solo "This Joint Is Jumpin". Laura Duggan also received a gold medal while dancing to "Bless The Broken Road" accompanied by her father, Dennis Duggan, as he sang and played the guitar.

While at the convention, the dancers took classes from nationally recognized teachers from all across the United States. While in the company of a teacher from New Orleans, who lost her dance studio, the students learned first hand of the impact of Hurricane Katrina upon young dancers in the devastated area. The students from Broadway Bound have decided to hold a "Dance Shoe Drive" for the dancers of New Orleans who are still struggling so badly. If you would like to help you may donate any old but usable dance shoes by calling 429-8844.

The Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center offers programs for ages two to adult in tap, jazz, ballet, lyrical, pointe and hip-hop. There are also classes in acting, musical theater, family production, baton, tumbling, programs for students with Special Needs and classes exclusively for boys. Broadway Bound also has a 40-member performing company with a prepared 45 minute traveling show that may be scheduled at any event free of charge. The Company is available to appear at clubs, fraternal organizations, fundraisers, fairs, parades, and other civic events.

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