

# TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY MUSIC CITY SWING DANCE

## MARCH 21-23, 2014

Colleagues:

It is our pleasure to invite you to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Music City Swing Dance tournament, hosted by Tennessee State University in Nashville, TN on March, 21-23, 2014. The tournament will consist of two unflighted 8 round IPDA tournaments, offering Novice, Varsity, and Professional divisions. As this tournament occurs on the last scheduled weekend of the 2013-2014 IPDA season, we hope you will join us for a “last dance” and a chance to earn some much needed points before the National Tournament.

Nashville is a city rich in history, especially in terms of music. Often referred to as “Music City, USA,” we are home to major record labels, the Grand Ole Opry, and many more sites of historical significance to American music. It is in that theme that we offer the two halves of our swing: “A Little Bit Country” and “A Little Bit Rock & Roll.” So please come out for some fun, camaraderie, and as many rounds as we could fit in a weekend. And who knows, you might just catch a glimpse of Elvis while you’re here.

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**Tournament Schedule (As soon as possible, outrounds will be compressed to allow both tournaments’ outrounds to run simultaneously)**

<b>Friday, March 21, 2013</b>	<b>Saturday, March 22, 2013</b>	<b>Sunday, March 23, 2013</b>
<b>1pm Registration</b> <b>1:30pm Country Round 1</b> <b>2:45pm Country Round 2</b> <b>4:00pm Country Round 3</b> <b>5:15pm Country Round 4</b> <b>6:30pm Country Round 5</b> <b>7:45pm Country Round 6</b> <b>9:00pm Country Round 7</b>	<b>8am Country Round 8</b> <b>9:15am Rock &amp; Roll Round 1</b> <b>10:30am Rock &amp; Roll Round 2</b> <b>11:45am Rock &amp; Roll Round 3</b> <b>1:00pm Rock &amp; Roll Round 4</b> <b>2:15pm Rock &amp; Roll Round 5</b> <b>3:30pm Rock &amp; Roll Round 6</b> <b>4:45pm Rock &amp; Roll Round 7</b> <b>6:00pm Rock &amp; Roll Round 8</b> <b>7:15pm Coaches Review</b> <b>8:00pm Country Octs</b> <b>9:15pm Rock &amp; Roll Octs</b>	<b>8am Awards Ceremony</b> <b>9:30am Country Quarters</b> <b>10:45am Rock &amp; Roll Quarters</b> <b>12:00pm Country Semis</b> <b>1:15pm Rock &amp; Roll Semis</b> <b>2:30pm Country Finals</b> <b>3:45pm Rock &amp; Roll Finals</b>

## **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:**

Entries will not be limited except by judging and room constraints. All contestants and judges must take responsibility in getting to draw and rounds on time. The last time we ran a tournament with this schedule, it ran on time through the cooperation of all participants and we are confident it can again.

Registration will occur in the lobby of Crouch Hall. We will email you a parking pass when we send out tournament entries. Please fill out the necessary information and place it on the dashboard of your vehicle. Parking may be a bit crowded on Friday, but there will be plenty of spots available on Saturday and Sunday.

## **ENTRIES/JUDGES**

The entry fee is \$25 per competitor per half of the swing.

**PLEASE BRING JUDGES!** Each judge covers 4 competitors and all uncovered competitors will be assessed a \$15 judging fee per each half of the swing they compete in. Given the need for as many judges as possible to run an unflighted tournament of this size, we will offer an additional “supercovered” discount. If you bring 1 judge for every 2 competitors, the entry fee for each “supercovered” competitor drops from \$25 to \$15.

## **ENTRY DEADLINE**

Please email your entries to Adam Key ([akey1@tnstate.edu](mailto:akey1@tnstate.edu)) by 5pm on **Tuesday March 18, 2014**. Fees will be assessed at 5pm on **Wednesday, March 19, 2014**. All changes after the deadline will be \$15 (each time). **Drops only at registration.** We will confirm your entries by email. If you do not receive email confirmation within a reasonable time, please contact Adam to make sure we received your entry.

## **AWARDS**

THE BELT BUCKLES ARE BACK! In keeping with the Music City theme, all awards will be music themed. This includes our trademark belt buckle speaker awards.

Awards include:

Trophies for all competitors reaching elimination rounds

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place belt buckle speaker awards for all divisions

1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> place combined speaker awards (competitors from any division with highest combined speaker points for both halves of the swing)

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place tournament sweepstakes for each half of the swing

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place overall sweepstakes

1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place Battle of the Bands (squad, with at least 4 competitors in each half, with the highest prelim win percentage over both halves of the swing)

One Man Band (individual competitor of any division with highest win percentage over both halves of the tournament)

Sweepstakes formula

Each prelim win/bye: 5 points (top 4 competitors in each division)

Speaker awards: 1<sup>st</sup> = 10 points, 2<sup>nd</sup> = 8 points, 3<sup>rd</sup> = 6 points, 4<sup>th</sup> = 4 points, 5<sup>th</sup> = 2 points

Overall: Country sweeps + Rock & Roll Sweeps + Overall speaker awards

## **HOTELS**

We do not have a tournament hotel, but Nashville offers numerous options at a reasonable rate. Hotels near the university include:

**Comfort Inn**  
**412 White Bridge Pl**  
**Nashville, TN**  
**(615) 356-0888**

**Best Western Plus**  
**5600 O'Brien Ave**  
**Nashville, TN**  
**(615) 354-1711**

**Holiday Inn Express**  
**5612 Lenox Ave**  
**Nashville, TN**  
**(615) 353-0700**

**Days Inn**  
**269 White Bridge Pike**  
**Nashville, TN**  
**(615) 356-9100**