

# Judges

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Abby Griffin has been dancing since the age of 4 and since then has trained in ballet, pointe, jazz, lyrical, contemporary and hiphop. She grew up training with Elizabeth Williams School of Dance, the Nashville ballet, and at Debbie Reynolds during the summers.

From 2014-2019 she was a part of the Tremaine performance company and traveled to multiple cities assisting classes with Tremaines faculty teachers. In 2018, Abby was on So You Think You Can Dance Season 14 and was top 3 on Allison Holkers team. She currently lives in Nashville working full time as a studio director/choreographer and working with multiple country artists.

Lynn Gillinger began her dance training at the age of 3 in Fort Worth, TX. Through the years she trained in tap, ballet, jazz, lyrical/contemporary, modern, clogging, hip hop, and acro. She has performed in Las Vegas at the MGM Grand, Disney World, Nashville, TN, Dallas Cowboys Halftime Shows, Carnival Cruise Lines, and New York City to name a few. She was a member of Mosaic Dance Project, Collective Force Dance Company, and Slightly Off Tap Company for several years performing locally and nationally. She has been a dance educator for over 20 years and that is where her true passion is. Her dances have received many choreography awards, special judges awards, and high point awards at regional and national competitions. She has continued learning and training throughout the years and studied with many master educators across the U.S. and is constantly staying up to date with the current dance styles. She recently received her acro certification through Acrobatic Arts and has recently found a new love and understanding for Acro. This past season Lynn was named Choreographer of the year at her studio home, Frances Lea Dance Center. Lynn enjoys passing on her passion for dance to the next generation

of dancers.

Sara hails from the outskirts of Atlanta, Georgia, where she was born and raised. From the tender age of two, she immersed herself in the world of dance, stepping onto the competition stage at just four years old. Blessed with the opportunity to train at esteemed institutions across the industry, Sara honed her skills at renowned centers such as Broadway Dance Center, EDGE Performing Arts Center, Giordano Dance Chicago, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, River North Dance Company and Dance 101. Her journey in dance has taken her both nationally and internationally, gracing stages for prestigious brands and events including Bloomingdales, The Coca-Cola Company, Delta Airlines, JLL, Music Midtown, National Auto Sales, Peloton, SEC Championship Game, Siemens, and Walt Disney World. Beyond the spotlight, Sara has shared her passion for dance as a teacher and choreographer in numerous studios, while also captivating audiences as a performer with various entertainment companies. Seasonally, she imparts her knowledge and expertise as she guides and mentors aspiring contestants for upcoming pageants. Currently calling Stamford, CT home, Sara proudly celebrates her sixteenth season as an adjudicator.