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TEACHER CONFERENCE

# 2026 SCHEDULE

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**July 31 - August 2, 2026**  
**The Diplomat Hotel, Hollywood, FL**

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# ABOUT THE SCHEDULE

## Dance Teacher Tracks

Our Classroom Tracks are designed to spark new energy in your teaching. You'll walk away with fresh tools, techniques, and ideas that will make a difference for students of all ages and levels.

- **Intermediate & Advanced Classroom:** Your go-to toolbox for higher-level teaching. Discover fresh warm-ups, skill progressions, and technique-building exercises in ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, acro, musical theater, and commercial jazz. We'll also dive into classroom management, choreography workshops, and specialized sessions for stretching and strengthening—so your dancers grow in every way.
- **Early Childhood & Preschool Classroom:** A treasure chest of concepts and methods to keep our youngest dancers excited and engaged. Practical strategies you can bring straight into your classes, ready to use the very next week.
- **Teaching Essentials:** The foundation of it all—learning not just what to teach, but how to teach it in ways that stick. These sessions will give you tools to create memorable lessons and to become the teacher who inspires every child who walks through your door.

## Business Tracks

Whether you're in your first year or your fiftieth, the DanceLife Teacher Conference's Business Tracks are designed to equip both studio owners and administrative staff with transformative strategies for growth and efficiency. Here's what you can look forward to:

- **Innovative Studio Growth Strategies:** Discover fresh approaches to expanding your studio's reach and influence within your community.
- **Time-Saving Systems & Procedures:** Implement streamlined systems that simplify daily operations, helping you reclaim your time and reduce stress.
- **Financial Mastery:** Dive into budgeting techniques, pricing strategies, and income-generating ideas to increase profitability and drive long-term success.
- **Marketing & Retention Techniques:** From powerful social media tactics to proven retention methods, learn how to attract new students and keep them engaged.
- **Delegation & Team Management:** Master the art of delegation and team leadership to build a strong, motivated staff that supports your vision.

**90+ CLASSES, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS!**



# PRE-CON (Day -1): Thursday July, 30

Time	Great Hall 4 (MAINSTAGE)	Great Hall 3	Great Hall 6 TAP FLOOR	Great Hall 5	Great Hall 1
11:00-12:00					
12:00-1:00	 <p><b>STUDIO OWNER ALLIANCE</b></p> <p><b>Studio Owner Alliance Day</b></p> <p><i>SOA Members enjoy an exclusive day of training with leading educators and business experts.</i></p> <p><i>12pm-1pm - Lisa Mitzel</i>  <i>1pm-1:30pm - Rhee Gold</i>  <i>1:30-4:00pm - Cris Rodriguez</i></p> <p><b><u>BECOME A MEMBER</u></b></p>				
1:00-2:00					
2:00-3:00					
3:00-4:00					
4:00-5:30					
5:00- 6:00					
6:00-7:00					
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	<p><b>DLTC Attendee &amp; Exhibitor</b></p> <p><i>Welcome Party</i></p> <p>Meet our incredible Exhibitors and network with fellow DanceLife Teacher Conference attendees.</p>				

# Day 1: Friday July, 31

Time	Great Hall 4 (MAINSTAGE)	Great Hall 3	Great Hall 6 TAP FLOOR	Great Hall 5	Great Hall 1
7:30	<b>BREAKFAST &amp; EXHIBITOR BREAK</b> Meet and Greet with Gold Alliance Leaders				
8:30	Welcome to DLTC - <b>Rhee Gold</b> Great Hall 4 (Mainstage)				
9:00	<b>KEYNOTE - Lisa Mitzel</b> Great Hall 4 (Mainstage)				
10:00	The Great Boss Blueprint: The 5 Practices of Leadership & Management <b>Cris Rodriguez</b>	Hip Hop <b>Geo Hubela</b>	Tap 101: How to Identify & Repair Basic Technical Flaws <b>Diane Gudat</b>	Lyrical <b>Trish Creamer</b>	
11:00	Hiring for Culture Fit: Stop 'Hope Hiring <b>GA Panel</b>	Contemporary <b>Angela Cole</b>	Age 7-9 Children's Tap Technique <b>Amy Feril</b>	Ashley's Turn Toolkit <b>Ashley Canterna-Hardy</b>	ADMIN: Time Management for the Studio Office <b>Stacey Morgan</b>
12:00	<b>LUNCH &amp; EXHIBITOR BREAK</b>				
1:00	S/O Only Pricing, Compensation, Incentives & More <b>Sean Dever</b>	Jazz Progressions & Combo <b>Amy Feril</b>	Combinations for Intermediate Tappers <b>Diane Gudat</b>	Children's Ballroom <b>Mandy Germain</b>	ADMIN. Communication that Connects <b>Cris Rodriguez</b>
2:00	<b>EXHIBITOR BREAK</b>				
2:30	ADMIN & OWNER SOP Starter Pack Workshop <b>Jessica Canino &amp; Rhee Gold</b>	Teaching & Choreographing for Male Students <b>Geo Hubela</b>	Improving Your Choreography w/ Music Theory <b>Diane Gudat</b>	Age 10-12 Ballet <b>Ashley Canterna-Hardy</b>	
3:30	Studio Owners Special Presentation	Canadian Town Hall <b>Rebecca Brettingham-Filice</b>	Classroom Teacher Talk - <b>Rhee Gold &amp; Guest</b> Great Hall 6		
4:00	Smart Investing for Studio Owners <b>Sean Dever</b>	Ballroom Teacher Training <b>Mandy German</b>	Flexibility & Strength Training <b>Trish Creamer</b>	Tiny Tutus (10-18 months) <b>Lisa Schmiedeke</b>	ADMIN. Marketing Calendar <b>Ann Bettonvill</b>
5:00	One Room. One Rhythm: A Motivational Rally with <b>Heather Wanner</b>				
6:00	<b>DINNER &amp; EXHIBITOR BREAK</b>				
6:30	2 Hr. Biz Gold Alliance Masters	Contemporary <b>Harry Feril</b>	2 Hr. Acro Teacher Training <b>Trish Thompson Creamer</b>		

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# Day 2: Saturday August, 1

Time	Great Hall 4	Great Hall 3	Great Hall 6	Great Hall 5	Great Hall 1
7:30	<b>BREAKFAST &amp; EXHIBITOR BREAK</b> Hangout & Brainstorm with Gold Alliance Leaders				
8:30-9:30	From Owner to CEO Pt 1: Building Your Leadership Team Lead, Communicate, Delegate <b>Pam Simpson</b>	 OCU Class	Contemporary Ballet <b>Ashley Canterna-Hardy</b>	Combo Class Magic: Blending Fun, Focus & Flow <b>Andrea Trench</b>	Exclusive Gold Alliance Gathering
9:30-10	Studio Owners Special Presentation	Classroom Teacher Talk - <b>Rhee Gold &amp; Guest</b> Great Hall 6			
10:00	From Owner to CEO Pt 2: Director Roles, Right People, Job Descriptions <b>Pam Simpson</b>	Pointe Workshop <b>Ashley Canterna Hardy</b>	Commercial Jazz <b>Derrick Schrader</b>	Children's Hip Hop <b>Geo Hubela</b>	ADMIN What Great Owners Want from Great Admins <b>Gold Alliance Panel</b>
11:00	Take Off the Blinders <b>Stacey Morgan</b>	Choreography Workshop <b>Derrick Schrader</b>	Tap Technique <b>Debbi Dee</b>	Balancing Fun & Fundamentals <b>Andrea Trench</b>	ADMIN. The 5 Principles of Management <b>Cris Rodriguez</b>
12:00	The Midyear Save! <b>GA Panel: Laura Carroll, Judy Sullivan, Ann Bettonvil, Dee Reusch</b>	Int./Adv. Ballet Technique <b>Ashley Canterna-Hardy</b>	Musical Theater <b>Billy Griffin</b>	Age 7-9 Children's Tumbling <b>Trish Creamer</b>	Studio Video & Editing Made Simple <b>Troy Costa</b>
1:00	<b>LUNCH &amp; EXHIBITOR BREAK</b>				
2:00	How Gold Dancelife is Supporting Dance Studio Owners	Hip Hop Progressions <b>Geo Hubela</b>	Broadway Tap <b>Debbi Dee</b>	Classroom Teambuilding Workshop <b>Heather Wanner</b>	ADMIN. Leveraging Google Drive <b>TBD</b>
3:00	<b>EXHIBITOR BREAK</b>				
3:30	Cracking the Productivity Code: How to get more done with less time <b>Cris Rodriguez</b>	Acro Choreography Workshop <b>Trish Thompson-Creamer</b>	Dance for Film <b>Carlos &amp; Marisa Garland</b>	Children's Tap <b>Debbi Dee</b>	Motherhood Without the Apology <b>Ashley Canterna &amp; Connie O'Reel</b>
4:30	Valuation Drivers: What Makes a Studio Worth More <b>TBD</b>	Ballet Barre & Center <b>Harry Feril</b>	Fusion Jazz <b>Derrick Schrader</b>	Children's Pom & Cheer <b>Amy Feril</b>	ADMIN. AI for administration <b>Jessica Canino</b>
5:30	<b>BREAK</b>				
7:00	<b>DAC Silent Auction &amp; Raffle Winners</b>				
8:00	<i>Dancelife Gala</i>				

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# Day 3: Saturday August, 2

Time	Great Hall 4	Great Hall 3	Great Hall 6	Great Hall 5	Great Hall 1
7:00	<b>BREAKFAST &amp; EXHIBITOR BREAK</b> Hangout & Brainstorm with Gold Alliance Leaders				
8:00	Changing Your Narrative with <b>Michelle Soutier</b> Located in Great Hall 4 (Mainstage)		Jazz Fusion <b>Derrick Schrader</b>	Broadway Babies (Age 2.5-3) <b>Lisa Schmiedeke</b>	Curtain Up: Building a Drama Program <b>Muffy &amp; Wayne Hoover</b>
9:00-9:30	Studio Owners Special Presentation	Classroom Teacher Talk - <b>Rhee Gold &amp; Guest</b> Great Hall 6			
9:30	<b>Exhibitor Time</b>				
10:00	The Business of Competition <b>Connie O'Reel &amp; Kelly Komorowski</b>	Leaps and Turns <b>Amy Feril</b>	Time Step Bonanza <b>Debbi Dee</b>	Children's Musical Theater <b>Billy Griffin</b>	
11:00	Owners' Huddle: By Studio Size <b>Gold Alliance</b>	Improvisation <b>Harry Feril</b>	Heels Class <b>Billy Griffin</b>	Preschool Prop Magic <b>Lisa Schmiedeke</b>	
12:00	<b>LUNCH &amp; EXHIBITOR BREAK</b>				
1:00	Community Capital <b>Stacey Morgan</b>	Choreography /Improv for the Int./Adv. Dancer <b>Harry Feril</b>		Lesson Plan Lab: Teaching with Purpose <b>Andrea Trench</b>	Invitation Only Gold Alliance Discovery
2:00	TBD <b>Rhee Gold</b>	African Dance <b>Zakiya Harris</b>	Lyrical <b>Michelle Soutier</b>	Children's Dance Games <b>Heather Wanner</b>	
3:00	Lead Conversion Mastery <b>Cris Rodriguez</b>	Musical Theater <b>Billy Griffin</b>	Modern <b>Harry Feril</b>	Preschool Hip Hop <b>Andrea Trench</b>	
4:00	And One More Thing... with <b>Rhee Gold</b> Located in Great Hall 4 (Mainstage)				
<b>DRAW FOR ONE (1) FULL SCHOLARSHIP &amp; FOUR (4) 75% SCHOLARSHIPS TO DLTC 2027</b> (ATTENDEES MUST BE PRESENT TO CLAIM THEIR PRIZE)					

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