

50 DANCE STUDIOS

ON THE MOVE

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SISTER ORGANIZATION:
OCONEE YOUTH PLAYHOUSE

Year Founded: 1999

Founders: Terra and Shane Hannon

Founders' Backgrounds: Terra and Shane Hannon both grew up performing in local community theater productions and have each performed professionally with the Highlands Playhouse in North Carolina and The Jekyll Island Musical Theater Festival in Georgia. Terra was a tour actor/director with the Missoula Children's Theater, which is based out of Missoula, MT and is the largest children's theater in the world.

Current Enrollment: 360

Current Number of Teachers: 7

Years Competing: 5

Nationals per Year: 1

Regionals per Year: 1-2

Nationals 2004 Highlights: Access Broadway: Winner of the Broadway Cup and Title of Best Studio, Best Solo Dance, Best Solo Vocal, Best Duet/Trio Variety, Best Small Group Variety, Best Large Group Variety, Best Large Group Dance, Best Broadway Production, Triple Threat Winner

Regionals 2003-2004 Highlights: Access Broadway: Best Studio, Best Choreography; Starpower: Best Large Group Dance 9-12, 2nd Place Battle of the Stars; Showbiz: 3rd Place Jr. Large Group, 6th Place Overall Jr. Large Group

Noteworthy Alumni: India Bolds (Alvin Ailey program, NYC); graduates of OYSP have received musical theater and voice scholarships and several students have been members of final callbacks for Broadway productions and national tours

Secret of Their

Success: Students come to OYSP for the total performing arts experience. They offer high quality training in voice, acting and dance. Many members train in all three areas and participate in their main stage productions with their sister organization, Oconee Youth Playhouse. These shows let them experience Broadway-caliber musical theater first-hand and motivate them to continue with their training.



Favorite Saying: "Train like you're going to Broadway. Perform like you're already there!"