**ALGARVE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, INC., AND TRIPLE THREAT PERFORMING ARTS, LLC**

**PRESENT THE NINTH ANNUAL**

**FIERCE PIERCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Amanda Pierce was a dancer for Triple Threat Performing Arts for most of her competition career. During that time, she became a very successful award winning performer, and became known as “Fierce Pierce” in the dance world. Her professional career is a reflection of the direction, training and guidance given to her by the teachers at Triple Threat Performing Arts. As such, the “Fierce Pierce Scholarship” was born. The scholarship is to be awarded to the person **demonstrating by performance and interview** the best potential for a professional career. The 2017 scholarships are:

**1) The Fierce Pierce Scholarship Award winner will be a senior age 12-up.**

**2) The Professional Potential Award winner will go to a Junior ages 11-under. You must be 11 years old as of January 1, 2017 to qualify for the Professional Potential Award.**

You can learn more about Amanda’s professional New York career by **taking a look at her 2017 bio, which is attached**.

**THE SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE SENIOR PROVIDES:**

* $2,300 towards your TTPA tuition/other studio fees.
* A complimentary tap solo provided by Amanda.
* NRG Dance Project year round tuition scholarship that can be used at both 2017 nationals and in all regional cities of their 2018 national tour (up to a $5,000 value).

**As a bonus, effective this year the NRG Scholarship can be used at NRG Australia as well!**

* A commemorative crystal award with the recipient’s name engraved.
* Name will be added to the perennial crystal award displayed at the studio.
* A pair of Capezio K-360 character shoes with the Amanda Pierce signature tap build up.
* NRG Dance Project Australia tour jacket.
* Electro Tap national scholarship shirt.
* Break N Bones flannel shirt.
* Going Pro Sports Entertainment backpack.

**THE PROFESSIONAL POTENTIAL AWARD FOR THE JUNIOR PROVIDES**:

* $600 towards your TTPA tuition/other studio fees.
* A complimentary tap solo provided by Amanda.
* NRG Dance Project weekend tuition scholarship to be used in any one regional city of their 2018 national tour (a $250 value).

**As a bonus, effective this year the NRG Scholarship can be used at NRG Australia as well!**

* NRG Dance Project Australia tour jacket.
* Electro Tap national scholarship shirt.
* Break N Bones T-Shirt.
* Going Pro Sports Entertainment backpack.

**QUALIFICATIONS FOR EITHER SCHOLARSHIP:**

* All dancers have been evaluated at the studio competitions/conventions this year by Algarve Entertainment Group, Inc.
* **There will be five finalists selected for both awards. If selected as a finalist, you will be notified of an interview time/day during the week of June 5th. All interviews will be held at the TTPA studio by representatives of Algarve Entertainment Group, Inc.**

* You must provide a DVD of your two favorite performances in solo, duet/trio, or group in two different styles of dance which is due at the time of your interview. Make sure to provide a copy of your DVD, as it will not be returned.

**AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT:**

* The presentation will be held at the studio recital on June 18, 2017. All finalists will be introduced at the presentation and will receive a gift commemorating their selection as a finalist. Both scholarship recipients will be announced at that time.
* Amanda will present the award if available, and if not she will make the announcements via video in conjunction with a representative of Algarve Entertainment Group, Inc.
* There can be no repeat winner of the Fierce Pierce Scholarship Award. However, the winner of the Professional Potential Award can be a repeat winner and is still eligible for the Fierce Pierce Scholarship.