

# Dancing their way to Blackpool

**A group of young Scottish dancers will travel to Blackpool next weekend to take part in a major UK and Ireland competition.**

Pupils and instructors from Edinburgh Dance Academy (EDA) will take part in the three-day Dance Inspirations event when they will defend titles won at last year's competition.

In 2023, EDA was named as the Highest Ranked Dance Studio in the UK and Ireland for the second year running at the event with several of the school's dancers also picking up accolades for their performances. This included being awarded as Overall Winner for their contemporary piece "Shout" by Empara Mi with the EDA team taking home £1,000 in prize money for their table-topping routine.

EDA instructor Jenni Inglis also won the Most Inspirational Choreography award in 2023 for the second year in a row while dancer Kiera Anderson was handed top prize for the Most Dedication, Passion and Talent award category.

The Dance Inspirations competition will feature more than 300 top level dance routines. These were selected from a total of 3,000 acts from more than 100 dance schools which competed in regional heats ahead of this weekend's final.

Julie Mitchell, Principal and Founder at EDA, said: "We are so proud of what Jenni and our fantastic dancers achieved in Blackpool last year and we look forward to once again taking part in this extremely competitive event. While we are

expecting an even higher level of competition from this year's participants, we will do our best to bring further dance honours back to Scotland."



Jenni and the SHOUT team