

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE

**TOP 20 FINALISTS
– 10 STAGE AND 10 STREET DANCERS –
REVEALED ON “SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE;
BUT ONE MUST LEAVE THE COMPETITION**

**FIND OUT WHO IS THE REPLACEMENT WHEN
THE FINALISTS COMPETE ON FIRST LIVE PERFORMANCE SHOW
MONDAY, JULY 13, ON FOX**

**JASON DERULO ALSO TO PERFORM AND CAT DEELEY TO
INTERVIEW FIRST LADY MICHELLE OBAMA**

Tonight, after thousands of auditions by the best dancers around the nation, and the grueling, week-long callbacks round, the judges – Paula Abdul, Jason Derulo and Nigel Lythgoe – announced the Top 10 stage finalists and Top 10 street finalists on Season 12 of SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE.

This season’s Top 20 finalists are: **Stage:** Gaby Diaz, Darion Flores, Kate Harpootlian, Edson Juarez, Alexia Meyer, Marissa Milele, Jim Nowakowski, Moises Parra, Hailee Payne and Derek Piquette. **Street:** Megan “Megz” Alfonso, Yorelis Apolinario, Ariana Crowder, Eddie “Neptune” Eskridge, Lily Frias, Virgil Gadson, Burim “B1” Jusufi, Alain “Hurrikane” Lauture, Jessica Rabone and Jana “Jaja” Vankova. However, at the end of the show, it was revealed that one of the finalists will not be able to accept his/her spot due to an injury, and a new dancer will be named during next week’s LIVE show.

The LIVE competition kicks off Monday, July 13 (8:00-10:00 PM ET live/PT tape-delayed), when the replacement dancer is revealed and the Top 20 perform for the first time for America’s vote. Also, Jason Derulo will perform a world premiere medley of new singles “Cheyenne” and “Get Ugly” and Cat Deeley interviews First Lady Michelle Obama. Beginning the following week one dancer from team stage and one dancer from team street will be eliminated each week leading up to the season finale. Who will win...a dancer from the stage or the street?

Below are the SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE Top 10 STAGE finalists:



Gaby Diaz **Age: 19**
Hometown: Miami, FL
Dance Specialty: Tap
Twitter: twitter.com/itsgabydiaz
Instagram: instagram.com/itsgabydiaz



Darion Flores **Age: 19**
Hometown: Harford, CT
Dance Specialty: Ballet
Twitter: twitter.com/Darion_Flores
Instagram: instagram.com/Darion_Flores



Kate Harpootlian **Age: 27**
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
Dance Specialty: Contemporary
Twitter: twitter.com/KateHarpootlian
Instagram: instagram.com/KateHarpootlian



Edson Juarez **Age: 24**
Hometown: Mission, TX
Dance Specialty: Contemporary
Twitter: twitter.com/edsonjuarez19
Instagram: instagram.com/edsonjuarez19



Alexia Meyer **Age: 20**
Hometown: Orem, UT
Dance Specialty: Jazz
Twitter: twitter.com/Alexia_Meyer
Instagram: instagram.com/alexiameyer



Marissa Milele **Age: 20**
Hometown: Nashville, TN
Dance Specialty: Jazz
Twitter: twitter.com/marissa_milele
Instagram: instagram.com/marissa_milele



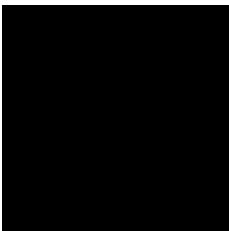
Jim Nowakowski **Age: 26**
Hometown: Rochester, NY
Dance Specialty: Ballet
Twitter: twitter.com/jimnowakowski
Instagram: instagram.com/jimnowakowski



Moises Parra **Age: 18**
Hometown: Garden Grove, CA
Dance Specialty: Contemporary
Twitter: twitter.com/moises_parra
Instagram: instagram.com/moisesparra/



Hailee Payne **Age: 20**
Hometown: Roy, UT
Dance Specialty: Jazz
Twitter: twitter.com/Hailee_Payne
Instagram: instagram.com/hailee_payne



Derek Piquette **Age: 18**
Hometown: Chicopee, MA
Dance Specialty: Contemporary
Twitter: twitter.com/derekpiquette
Instagram: instagram.com/derekpiquette

Below are the SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE Top 10 STREET finalists:



Megan "Megz" Alfonso **Age: 29**
Hometown: Long Island, NY
Dance Specialty: Hip Hop
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Yorelis Apolinario **Age: 19**
Hometown: Tampa, FL
Dance Specialty: Freestyle
Twitter: twitter.com/ScreamYorelis
Instagram: [instagram.com/ScreamYorelis](https://www.instagram.com/ScreamYorelis)



Ariana Crowder **Age: 22**
Hometown: Somerset, NJ
Dance Specialty: Hip Hop
Twitter: twitter.com/arianacrowder
Instagram: [instagram.com/arianacrowderbc](https://www.instagram.com/arianacrowderbc)



Eddie "Neptune" Eskridge **Age: 25**
Hometown: Dallas, TX
Dance Specialty: Freestyle
Twitter: twitter.com/Dance12Neptune
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Lily Frias **Age: 23**
Hometown: Durango, Mexico
Dance Specialty: Waacking
Twitter: twitter.com/lily_frias
Instagram: [instagram.com/lilyfdc](https://www.instagram.com/lilyfdc)



Virgil Gadson **Age: 28**
Hometown: New York, NY
Dance Specialty: Hip Hop
Twitter: twitter.com/vgadson3
Instagram: [instagram.com/vgadson3](https://www.instagram.com/vgadson3)



Burim "B1" Jusufi **Age: 29**
Hometown: Baden, Switzerland
Dance Specialty: Breaking
Twitter: twitter.com/b1world
Instagram: [instagram.com/b1world](https://www.instagram.com/b1world)



Alain "Hurrikane" Lauture Age: 29
Hometown: Port Au Prince, Haiti
Dance Specialty: Locking
Twitter: twitter.com/Hurrikane_Alain
Instagram: [instagram.com/Hurrikane_Alain](https://www.instagram.com/Hurrikane_Alain)



Jessica Rabone Age: 30
Hometown: Miami, FL
Dance Specialty: Contemporary
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Instagram: [instagram.com/jessicajrabone](https://www.instagram.com/jessicajrabone)



Jana "Jaja" Vankova Age: 23
Hometown: Los Angeles, CA
Dance Specialty: Krump
Twitter: twitter.com/JajaVankova
Instagram: [instagram.com/jajavankova](https://www.instagram.com/jajavankova)

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