

WORKSHOPS

Both paid and free workshops will be held throughout the weekend. There are **28 free workshops included in your 3-day (spectator) pass**. They are designated (**fr**) on your workshop schedule. Tickets for **paid (pd)** workshops can be purchased at the workshop table for \$5.00 each. Books of **10 are \$40.00 if purchased by February 28th**. Workshops start at **10:00 a.m. Friday**. We are offering beginning, intermediate & advanced lessons in Couples Dances and Line Dances. **Saturday and Sunday** workshops start at **9:00 a.m.** each morning. Saturday and Sunday workshop schedules will not be complete until about 3 weeks before the Event and will be posted at www.peachstatedance.com.

We are proud of our workshop schedule. We bring some of the top instructors in Country, Line and Swing to ensure a first-class weekend of workshops. Our instructors include: **Mario Robau, Jo Thompson, Ronnie DeBenedetta, Amy Glass, Sue Boyd, John Robinson, P. J. Turner & Tashina Beckmann, Will Craig, Marc Davidson & Sylvie Raymond, Mike Spencer, Dean Garrish, Rose Haven, Donna Caudill, Maryann Harvey, Lynae Jacobs, Antoinette Santoro, Emily Drinkall, Sloane Hansen & Bernadette Carmichael, Mona Brandt, Beth Emerson, Leslie Thompson, Carmen Goodman, Chris & Emily Bailey, Shawn Swaites, Donna Bonham Steinfeld, Sam & Lisa West, Theresa Reed, Gloria Casey, Kristin Ham, Pat Korn, Suzanne Mosley, Richard McMurrich, Satu Culpepper & more.**

We are offering **over 69 hours** of dance workshops of all levels. If you are new to Country Dancing or crossing over from Line Dance, we have beginning two step and west coast on Friday morning. Saturday and Sunday schedules will be available at www.peachstatedance.com 3 weeks before the Event. Get a **Video Pass and film the workshops** to help you remember what you have learned.

REGISTRATION

(Week-end pass \$69 before February 28th)

Our registration chairpersons for the 28th Peach State are **Bill & Pat Perkins (peachstaterereg@gmail.com)**. The registration booth will open at **9:30 AM** Friday, March 16th. Pre-registrants may pick up their packets at the booth. **Contestant** registration, (except for Pro-Am and *Pro-Am Swing & Hustle), closes at **8:00 PM Friday** March 16th in order to set heats for Saturday competition. **Pro-Am must** be pre-registered by Thursday, **March 6th, 2018. All competitors must have a weekend pass.** *Pro-Am Swing & Hustle may register in advance or at the event. Pro-Am Swing and Hustle competitors are required to have a Sunday Pass unless they have a 3-day Pass. Register by February 28th, and save money.

UCWDC PRO-AM COMPETITION

Pro-Am competition starts at **5:00 PM** Friday with Classic Intermediate, Classic Advanced, Classic Pro-Pro and Spotlight. The other Pro-Am Divisions will start Saturday morning. There will be **NO on-site Pro-Am registration**. You must register by March 6th (February 28th is the **Early Bird price** cut-off). Register early and save \$\$.
Pro-Am Competitors must have a weekend pass. **Pro-Am Awards for divisions danced on Friday will be Friday night**. Please do not forget to write your Pro's name on the registration form. **The winner of any Division with 3 or more competitors eligible for Overall** will receive a **Peach State Jacket**. Only one jacket per person even if you win multiple **Pro-Am** Divisions. If you also compete and win in Couples or Line you could win another jacket.

Warm-ups for Intermediate & Advanced Pro-Am **will be in the Main Ballroom at 4:00 PM** Friday. Warm up and competition for Showcase Pro-Am, All Pro-Pro & Spotlight will be at the end of the Intermediate/Advanced Classic session. Questions, contact Bill (678) 640- 4633

TOP PRO-AM TEACHER AWARD

The Top 5 male & Top 5 female Pros will get prize money. The breakdown is: \$600 for 1st Place, \$450 for 2nd, \$300 for 3rd, \$200 for 4th & \$100 for 5th. Any **Pro** with **2 or more** students who enter **and** compete at the 28th Annual Peach State will get their week-end pass free even if they are not on Staff. **Note: Pro-Am Swing & Hustle has its own top teacher awards** and does not count towards the UCWDC Top Teacher awards.

8 DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP

Peach State will be offering the 8 Dance Championship. This is a Pro-Am/Pro-Pro competition where a Pro may only have one student in each of the three divisions, (2 Pro-Am and 1 Pro-Pro). This will be danced in **flight format** much like Classic Masters. Competitors must dance all eight dances. Awards will be given by **placement/gender, not** by medals. For complete rules check www.peachstatedance.com. **NEW** this year is a top teacher award of \$100 male & \$100 female for 8 Dance.

SWING

We have many great Swing instructors again this year as you can see by our list of invited instructors. The Friday night Swing Room will be in the Maplewood Room and will be going strong until 3:00 AM. For Saturday night the Swing Room moves to the 5,400 sq. ft. Dunwoody Ballroom. The **Swing Jack & Jill** will be at 11:30ish with **Ronnie & Mario** "officiating" the competition. **Want more swing competition?** You can enter the **Pro-Am Swing and/or Hustle** competition scheduled for 12:30 on Sunday.

HOTEL

The Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel is at 4355 Ashford Dunwoody Road at Exit 29 on I-285. The rate is \$109.00 per night - a great price for this beautiful hotel. Make your reservations **NOW!!!** Reservations direct #770-395-7700 or there is a link to the on line hotel reservations at www.peachstatedance.com Parking is free and **there is a Mall across the street!**

PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons by our judges and instructors will be available throughout the weekend. Don't miss your chance to take lessons from some of the world's finest instructors in Line Dance, Shag, Country & Swing. Make your arrangements **directly** with the instructor.

TEAMS

Again this year **each team member** of the 1st through 3rd place **Overall Teams** will receive a plaque. The teams will tentatively compete at 5:30 PM Saturday. Our Team Coordinator will be Carrie Huettel. UCWDC **Divisional structure changed slightly in 2017 mid year.** See the UCWDC rules at UCWDC.org. for Divisions offered.

FIRST EVENT?

For those of you attending your first major Country Western Dance Event, you are in for a treat. This is much more than just a competition. There will be several **free** beginning Two-Step, Line Dance, Cha Cha, Waltz, Night Club, Shag and Swing lessons available with your Event Pass. See your event program for times and instructors. If you need western wear, hats, dance boots, swing wear, dance shoes or jewelry, there will be plenty of vendors at the hotel. The Saturday night show is legendary and the entire Event is held at the beautiful Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel. **Make your reservations now!**

New DVD/Video Policy

Peach State is making a big change in the Video Policy this year. We will not have a Video company at Peach State this year. We will be selling Video Passes so you can film workshops and competition with your own device. This pass will not be with your arm band but will go with the device so you can get someone to film you during competition if you wish. The best part is that the Pass is only \$15. You can get the pass when you sign up or at the Event when you get there, the price doesn't change. Please don't stand up in front of people to video, be polite. You can film the Saturday Night show too, but be polite.

Personal Video Devices Allowed with \$15 Pass!

PRO-AM SWING & HUSTLE

Again this year we are offering Pro-Am Swing and Hustle. You may register for this in advance **or** at the event. The early bird cost is \$20 **per dance** (\$25 after February 28th). There will be no "on the floor" entries. **You must be registered by 8:00 PM Saturday night.** If you already have a Pro that you compete with, you may dance with them or choose a different Pro. There are **3 skill levels** in **each** of the **4 age divisions.** An amateur may only dance in one skill level, but may dance in their age division and the open age division at the same skill level. Plaques will be awarded for 1st through 3rd in each division. Jackets will be awarded for 1st place in any Pro-Am Swing or Hustle Division with **5 or more competitors.** **A Top Teacher Award** will be given to the top teacher for the female students and the top teacher for the male students in both Swing & Hustle. This award is separate from the Top Teacher Awards for UCWDC Pro-Am Competition. You must have a Weekend pass or at least a Sunday Pass to enter the Pro-Am Swing & Hustle Contests.

LINE DANCING (LD)

There will be at least 26 hours of LD workshops at Peach State this year. The names of the dances will be published closer to the event in order to offer you the latest dances. Make plans for a non-stop **Line Dance party Friday night** from 7:30 until! The Dunwoody Ballroom will be the Line Dance room for **Friday night.** The Maplewood room will become the Line Dance room on Saturday night until 1:30 AM. There is a LD room on Thursday night as well.

There will be **LD Workshops** throughout the weekend starting on Friday. We're proud to have **Jo Thompson** back at Peach State again this year. **Amy Glass will premiere a new line dance on Friday.** Other great instructors include: **John Robinson, Emily Drinkall, Donna Caudill, Leslie Thompson, Rose Haven, Will Craig, Theresa Reed, Satu Culpepper** and more. Super Stars comp. Saturday night.

Line Dance competition in all divisions, except choreography, will be part of Peach State again this year. The competition will be in the **Main Ballroom @ 9:00 AM** Sunday and will be interleaved with couples competition. The rules and available **dances** in each Division will be posted at UCWDC.org. **Note! Peach State will be using the New Dances** for Line Dance Competition.

SOCIAL LINE DANCE COMPETITION

The UCWDC is offering three new divisions called "*Social Line Dance*". The divisions are Juniors, Open Adult and Silver. Peach State will be offering them all. Go to the UCWDC website for the rules. The 3 Dances to be used will be on the website soon

COMING IN THURSDAY?

If you are coming in Thursday evening, we have a PARTY planned for you at the Hotel!!!! There will be two rooms going for your dancing pleasure, one for Country and Swing and another for Line Dance. Your Thursday night pass is good for **both** rooms so you can go back and forth as you please. The dance is **not** included in your three day pass but the cost is only \$10.00 per person. The Peach State hotel rate of \$109 applies to Thursday night as well. **Workshops start at 10:00 Friday morning.** Come in Thursday for the dance and enjoy a full day Friday.

AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

Affordable transportation to and from the Airport is by Marta. MARTA's North Line train runs directly from the Airport to Perimeter Mall across from the **Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel** for a cost of only **\$4.00**. The shuttle may be boarded in the Ground Transportation area of the airport. Although the Marta Dunwoody Station is only 500 yards from the hotel, you may need to call the hotel for a **courtesy** pick up at the MARTA Station. That number is 770-395-7700

HOTEL SELF PARKING "FREE" again this year. The **difference**, this year you have to get your ticket validated at the Peach State registration desk if you are not staying at the Hotel.

The 600-car covered garage at the hotel, serviced by two guest elevators ensures that our complimentary parking is accessible and convenient. Valet parking is available for \$14 a day. The Hotel is at **Exit 29** on I-285.

NEAR-BY MALL

Adjacent to the Hotel is Perimeter Mall, one of Atlanta's premier centers for shopping and dining. Perimeter Mall features 189 shops, 5 anchor restaurants and 22 food court specialties. In the Hotel there are 2 restaurants located downstairs. Located upstairs you will find Starbucks, who offers fresh baked goods and Starbucks coffee & tea.

AWARDS CEREMONY for the 28th Anniversary of PEACH STATE

UCWDC Pro-Am **Divisions who dance Friday night (Intermediate & Advanced) will get their awards that night.** Pro-Am Divisions dancing Saturday (Newcomer & Novice) will get their awards before the **Saturday Night Show**. All remaining Awards will be finished by 5:00 PM Sunday. This info may assist you in making your travel arrangements