

BALLROOM BLITZ: The Stars of the Ballroom Came out to Shine for a 5 night showstopping event full of glitz and glamour.

The Ohio Star Ball returns to the Battelle Hall for it's 44th annual ballroom dancing competition, where some of the most notable pro and amateur dancers from across the globe swept the floor literally and physically.



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Columbus, Ohio Nov 22, 2022 (Issuewire.com) - Dancers from all over the world and even right here in central Ohio gathered at the Hyatt Regency's Battelle Ballroom for a grueling and energetic competition and I got to be right there in the middle of it All.

The Ohio Star Ball (OSB) was conceptualized as a single day of competition under the direction of Sam Sodano, and 44+ years later this Championship has developed into the largest Pro/Am competition in the world today. Now boasting an impressive five days and a variety competition series like "Best of the Best" these athletes (and YES! they are athletes.) Waltz, Rumba, and Cha Cha their way to gaining the title of World Dancesport Champion plus thousands in prize money. Over the five days, the event is broken up into ten matinee/evening sessions of pro and amateur bringing their best moves in categories like American Smooth, International Latin, and amateur rhythm. not to mention the solo and showtime performances and the junior and youth series dare I say give some of the seasoned pros a run for their prize money and look especially adorable while doing so.

Now trust me when I say that with five days of events there is way more than (OSB) has to offer but there is so much that you just have to be there to see. Starball is an Experience!, Everyone, especially if you are native to Ohio should see it at least once. The thrill of the competition, the dips, the lifts, the outfits, the best type of sensory overload all while defying the laws of physics and gravity. It's a shame that (OSB) is no longer televised because it would open up a new and amazing world to its viewers; via the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) from 2006-2015.

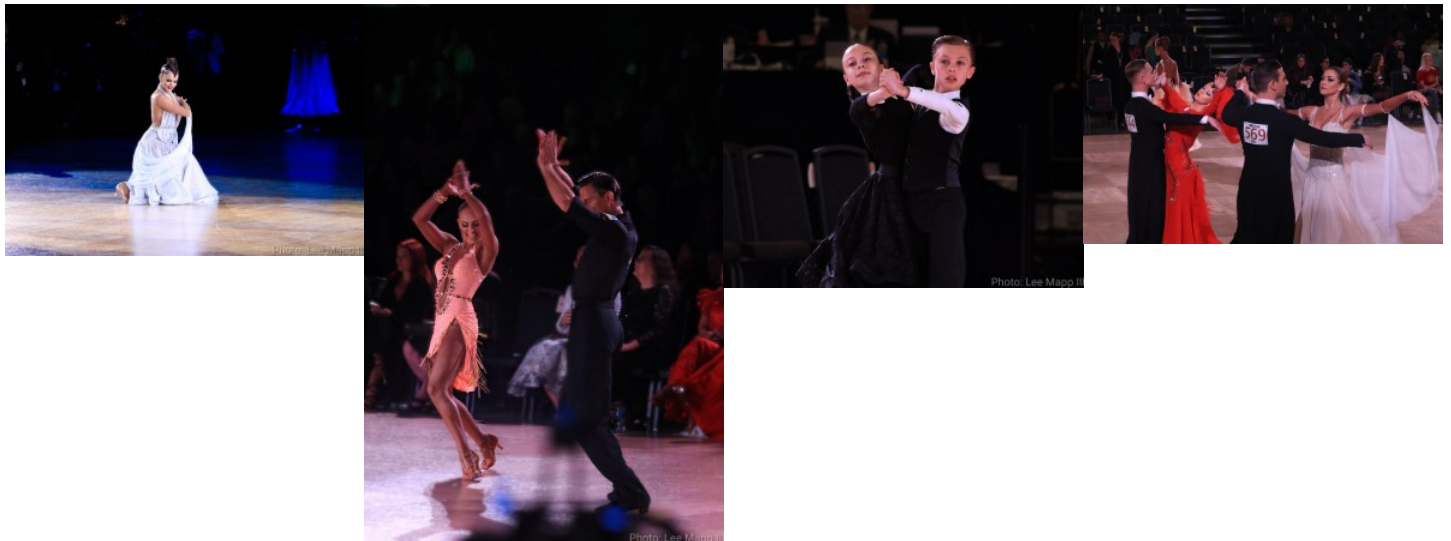
All and all I must say I most certainly will be returning for the excitement in 2024 and I hope to see you there because like Sam Sodano says "There are no strangers at the Ohio Star Ball, only friends we have not yet met!"

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