

Welcome Letter for the ICBDA Convention #47

Dear Dancer,

As you pack your bags for Winston-Salem, we would like to provide you with some last-minute suggestions for traveling, parking, and preparing for the first days of Convention #47!

Parking

If you are driving to the Marriott and the Benton Convention Center, you will likely want to park your vehicle near the hotel. One option is to park in the Marriott garage directly across the street from the Marriott main entrance for \$20 a day, with in-and-out privileges.

Another option is the municipal parking garage, which is located across the street from the Benton Convention Center and next to the Marriott, for a maximum of \$9 per day. The municipal garage is located at 6th, Cherry, and Trade Street. After you pull your ticket and park, go to the attendant and tell them you would like to get a 24-hour pass with in-and-out privileges. Hourly and weekend rates are also available.

If you decide to use the municipal garage parking deck, we recommend that you drop your bags off at the Marriott first; then one person in the car can park it and make the short walk back to the hotel.

Traveling from Piedmont Triad Airport — Greensboro

The airport is small and easy to navigate, but there is no free shuttle from there to the Marriott in Winston-Salem. A number of taxis are right there at the airport, but our experience was that Uber and Lyft are less expensive options. Just be sure to tell the driver you are going to the Marriott on Cherry Street in Winston-Salem, **not** Greensboro.

Looking to share a ride from the airport?

Doris Ho has kindly offered to connect people who are interested in sharing a Lyft, Uber, or taxi **from the Piedmont Triad Airport in Greensboro to the Marriott in Winston-Salem**. If you are interested in this option, do the following:

- Write to Doris as soon as possible at dorisdance123@gmail.com.
- Tell Doris what day and time you are arriving at the airport and that you are looking to share a ride with another dancer who might be there at roughly the same time. Please include the flight information and name of the airline on which you are traveling.
- Doris will respond to you with contact information for any people whose time might match up closely with yours.

By the way, there is a store with groceries called Washington Perk and Provisions just two blocks away from the Marriott, and a CVS pharmacy that is just as close. For a trip to a larger grocery store, Doris is also willing to coordinate ride shares. Please contact Doris if you have a vehicle and might be interested in taking passengers on your shopping trip.

Dates and Times

- Check-in time at the Marriott is 3:00 PM.
- The Convention Registration Desk will be located outside Piedmont Hall on the lower level of the Benton Convention Center and will open on Tuesday, July 4th at 4 PM. You may pick up your syllabus, day programs, ribbons, and maps that afternoon or evening, as well as the next morning.

Questions? Email Diana at convention47@icbda.com