Flamingo Fortune Lucky Draw: Rising Stars
🦩 Official Guidelines 🦩

Flamingo Fortune is a community instructor spotlight program designed to create opportunity, celebrate teaching excellence, and recognize the instructors who keep the dance community thriving year-round. Through featured workshops, event recognition, and community visibility, the program provides instructors with an opportunity to share their talent with the PS Winter Break flock. This program is intentionally structured to be fair, flexible, and non-competitive, while ensuring a high-quality experience for all PS Winter Break dancers. At its core, this is simple: Equal chance. Shared spotlight. Flamingo-fueled community.

1. 🌸 Spirit of the Program

This is not a competition — it is a celebration. Flamingo Fortune exists to:

- Elevate emerging and community instructors
- Strengthen community connection
- Bring fresh, flamingo-fabulous energy to the event

It's about sharing the floor, sharing knowledge, and growing together.

2. 🌟 Featured Instructor Benefits

Participating community instructors will receive more than just a chance at a teaching opportunity. All "Approved for Entry" (see Part 6, below) Flamingo Fortune instructors will receive:

- A dedicated social media spotlight before the event
- A Flamingo Fortune Lucky Draw Instructor badge to wear during the weekend and keep!
- Recognition and listing on the PS Winter Break website

If an instructor's name is drawn and they step onto stage, they will also receive:

- A photo from their workshop for future promotional use
- A photo with PS Winter Break Flockstars to commemorate their experience

In addition to teaching a featured workshop, these benefits are designed to celebrate the instructors who help keep line dance communities active, welcoming, and thriving throughout the year. Flamingo Fortune is about being recognized, celebrated, and given a platform to share your teaching with the flock.

3. 🦩 Who This Program Is For

Flamingo Fortune is designed for community instructors who are ready to step into a larger spotlight. This program may be a great fit if you:

- Regularly teach line dance classes in your community
- Have developed a confident, organized teaching style
- Are interested in gaining event teaching experience
- Want to share a favorite dance or choreography with a larger audience
- Enjoy creating a positive, welcoming learning environment
- Are looking to expand your visibility within the line dance community

Whether you would be teaching your first major event workshop or adding another teaching credit to your résumé, Flamingo Fortune is designed to celebrate the instructors who keep dancers learning, growing, and coming back week after week. While experienced event instructors are eligible if they are also community instructors, Flamingo Fortune was created primarily to provide visibility and opportunity for community instructors who may not otherwise have access to a featured teaching slot at a major event. Both newer and experienced community instructors are encouraged to submit entries.

4. 📝 Eligibility Requirements

To enter, instructors must:

- Be an active community line dance instructor with a regular teaching schedule
- Be registered to attend PS Winter Break for the full day of the potential teaching slot
- Submit all required materials in advance
- Be prepared to teach at a professional event level
- Agree to follow PS Winter Break schedule, timing, and room flow

Only one spotlight opportunity per instructor per year is permitted, unless entry numbers do not support this guideline.

5. 📽️ Teach Video Requirement

Each entry must include a recent teach video (5–15 minutes preferred). This should demonstrate your real teaching environment and style. A class recording is perfect — professional production is not required. Reviewers are looking for:

- Clear, structured instruction
- Confident room leadership
- Effective cueing and timing
- Strong musical awareness
- Positive, welcoming energy
- Professional pacing and flow
- Ability to manage real dancers in the room

Alternate to the Teaching Video: If Bracken Heidenreich, Gerard Murphy, Rachael McEnaney-White, Jill Babinec, Joanne Brady, or Cody Flowers know your teaching well enough to recommend you, they may serve as your instructor reference instead of requiring a teaching video. The referenced Flockstar must be willing to confirm that you are an active line dance instructor who can successfully teach a workshop at Palm Springs Winter Break.

6. ✔️ Video Review & Approval Process

All submissions are reviewed using a simple:

✔ Approved for Entry
□ Needs Development

This is not a ranking system. It is a readiness check to ensure the instructor is prepared for a large event audience. Approved instructors are entered with equal standing. If a submission is not approved, brief feedback will be provided and instructors are encouraged to apply again in the future.

Approval confirms eligibility for the drawing. It does not guarantee selection as a featured instructor.

7. ✍️ Application Questions

Each instructor must complete the entry form, which includes providing brief responses to:

- How long have you been teaching?
- Where do you currently teach?
- Approximate class size
- Event teaching experience (if any)
- Preferred teaching level for PS Winter Break
- Why you'd like to teach at PS Winter Break

Short, thoughtful responses are all that's needed.

8. 📅Important Deadlines

Flamingo Fortune has **two separate submission deadlines**:

🎥Entry Form & Teaching Video Deadline: **NOVEMBER 15, 2026**

To be considered for the Flamingo Fortune Lucky Draw, instructors must submit:

- Completed entry form
- Teaching video

🎶 Dance Submission Deadline: **JANUARY 15, 2027**

Instructors who are designated "Approved for Entry" will be asked to submit their potential workshop dances. Submitted dances may be original choreography or dances choreographed by others. Dance submissions must include:

- 2–3 dances you are prepared to teach
- Stepsheets (attached or link provided)

PS Winter Break reserves the right to select final dances from instructors' submitted options to avoid duplication, maintain level balance, and support overall event flow.

9. 🎟️ Selection Format

The drawings are conducted publicly during the event:

- Thursday night: Drawing for Friday's slot
- Friday night: Drawing for Saturday's slot
- Saturday night: Drawing for Sunday's slot

Approved instructors will receive equal entry into each drawing for which they are eligible based on the day(s) selected on their entry form and covered by their event registration. Eligibility will be verified using official PS Winter Break registration records.

Selected instructors must confirm immediately. If declined, another name is drawn. If a selected instructor later becomes unavailable, PS Winter Break may fill the slot through an alternate drawing, staff assignment, or other scheduling method at its discretion.

If participation levels are insufficient to conduct a drawing for a particular day, PS Winter Break reserves the right to modify the selection process.

10. 💃 Teaching Expectations

Selected instructors agree to:

- Arrive 15 minutes early
- Teach within assigned timeframe
- Remain flexible and professional
- Create a welcoming, inclusive environment

This is a spotlight moment representing the dance community at its best.

Workshop lengths will be determined by the final event schedule. PS Winter Break reserves the right to adjust workshop lengths and formats to support overall event flow.

By participating in Flamingo Fortune, instructors grant PS Winter Break permission to photograph, record, livestream, and promote them for event marketing, website content, community recognition, educational purposes, and future promotional materials.

11. 🎯 What We're Looking For

Across all submissions, we're looking for instructors who demonstrate:

- Clear, organized teaching
- Confident presence without ego
- Strong cueing and musical awareness
- Positive, encouraging energy
- Efficient pacing and flow
- Professionalism and preparation
- Awareness of the dancers in the room

Great instructors make dancers feel capable, included, and excited.

12. 🦩 Our Goals

Flamingo Fortune is about readiness, not comparison. Once approved, every instructor stands on equal ground. The goals are to:

- Maintain a high-quality event experience
- Uplift and support community instructors
- Celebrate the people who grow the dance community year-round

PS Winter Break is proud to spotlight the instructors who keep the floors full between event weekends. This program is one small way of saying: We see you, we appreciate you, & we're excited to share the stage! 🦩✨

13. 🦩 Other Details

PS Winter Break reserves the right to modify, suspend, or discontinue the Flamingo Fortune program if necessary due to scheduling, participation levels, venue requirements, or other operational considerations.

📧 Questions?

Please direct questions about Flamingo Fortune to PSWBcontest@gmail.com.