



# Flamingo Fortune Lucky Draw: Rising Stars

## Official Guidelines

Flamingo Fortune is a local instructor spotlight program designed to create opportunity, spotlight emerging teaching talent, and celebrate the instructors who keep the dance community thriving year-round. This program is intentionally structured to be fair, flexible, and non-competitive, while ensuring a high-quality experience for all Palm Springs 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 local instructors
- Strengthen community connection
- Bring fresh, flamingo-fabulous energy to the event

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

### 2. 📝 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 entries do not support this guideline.

### 3. 🎥 Teach Video Requirement

Each entry must include a recent teach video (10–20 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

## 4. 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.

## 5. 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.

## 6. Important Deadlines

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

### Entry Form & Teaching Video Deadline

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

- Completed entry form
- Teaching video

**Deadline: NOVEMBER 1, 2026**

### Dance Submission Deadline

Instructors whose teach videos are designated "Approved for Entry" will be asked to submit their potential workshop dances. Dance submissions must include:

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

**Deadline: JANUARY 15, 2027**

## 7. 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

All approved instructors receive:

- One entry
- No weighting and no bonus entries

Selected instructors must confirm immediately. If declined, another name is drawn.

## 8. 🦩 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 local dance community at its best.

## 9. 🎯 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.

## 10. 🦩 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 local instructors
- Celebrate the people who grow the dance community year-round

## 🌟 Final Note

Palm Springs 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. And we're excited to share the stage. 🦩 ✨