

# ENTERTAINMENT

## Dance Across the Universe and back

■ **RHYTHM:** *Glendale High's dance groups and drill team come together to put on a spectacular show.*

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The students surrounded the auditorium on the night of March 5 to watch the annual Across the Universe dance show, which turned out to be a great success. The ticket prices ranged from \$8 at the door, \$7 without ASB, and \$6 with ASB. The night of the show was full of music, dancing, and nerve-wrecking excitement. About 300 people participated in the show, coming from Kelly Palmer's beginning, intermediate and advanced dance classes. Also taking part in the festivities were the

Glendale High Coed dance team, the international dance team, and alumni from those classes.

Each of the different dance groups focused on different dance genres, which varied from Arabic, Armenian, hip-hop, salsa, and Indian style dancing. When it came time to create the dance movements, the Coed dance team had the opportunity to work as a group and create their own moves. Palmer largely focused on directing her beginning, intermediate, and advanced dance classes, and also helped perfect all of the other dance groups.

The large, loud audience was full of parents, friends, teachers, family, and

children. Izabel Kurtoglanyan, one of the students who attended the concert said, "I wasn't participating in the concert, but I was there everyday at the practices and in class watching the girls dance. The event turned out to be way better than I expected. Everyone really made an effort. I was amazed!"

The dancers, however, did not expect such a successful show. They anticipated a large audience, but did not expect over 1,000 people to arrive. The dances were cleaner than expected, and overall, the outcome surpassed the dancer's expectations.

When asked how Palmer felt about the show she explained, full of excitement, "The show was so surprising! We just had fun and somehow we ended up with 1,100 people in the audience! We hope to have

many people join the dance program at Glendale High School due to the success of this show!"

Across the Universe first debuted in 2008, and since then has become a Glendale High tradition. Future plans and changes for the concert include turning a one night event into one lasting Thursday and Friday night.

Across the Universe was a great success. There was a lot of effort put into the show, which is why it left the audience wanting more. With new faces entering the gates of Glendale High, the dance groups and classes are constantly growing bigger and better. The new dancers are ready to learn, while the old dancers are ready to pass on their years of experience to the future youth of Glendale High dancers.



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**TALENT:** *Louiza Kozanian expresses her passion for dance through smooth movements.*



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**CLIQUE:** *The dance group concludes their show in a picture perfect snapshot pose.*

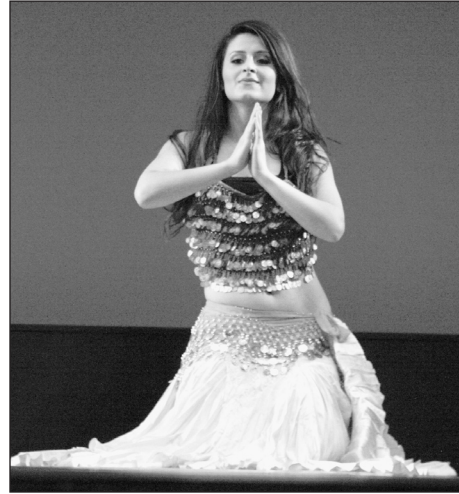


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**POISE:** *Elinar Deghbashyan amazes the audience with her Arabic theme dance moves.*

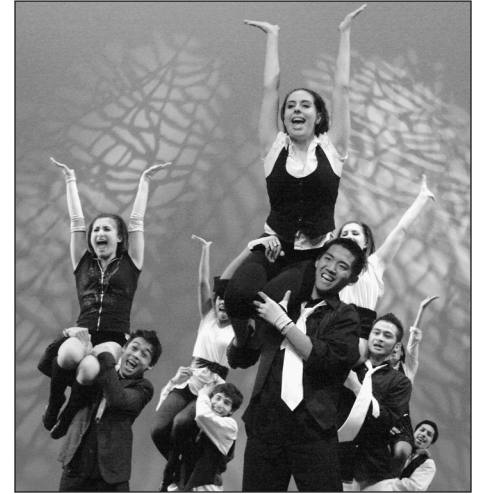


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**HARMONY:** *Coed drill team moves in sync as the boys lift the girls high above on their shoulders.*

## Red carpet: where old Hollywood meets new

BY ROSA PETROSIAN  
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It was a remarkable and memorable, star-studded affair at the 81st Annual Academy Awards. Airing live on February 22nd, nominated actors and film makers, guests, and presenters alike began filing onto the red carpet at around 5 p.m. for the pre-Oscar show at the Kodak Theatre.

As tradition stands strong in the Hollywood staple known as the Oscar's, surprisingly very little was done during the ceremony that resembled the years past. Producers of the event were looking to employ several methods in order to draw in a larger audience, as before the majority demographic that took interest in the Academy Awards were over the age of 40.

As ratings were in a sequent plummeting trend, something had to be done in order to save a tradition based in the glamour of Old Hollywood. In their attempts, Young Hollywood became a larger part of the production than ever before as renowned "High School Musical" stars Vanessa Hudgens and Zac Efron as well as *Twilight* heartthrob Robert Pattinson and the "Mamma Mia" leading lady Amanda Seyfried were selected to be honored with the opportunity to present awards and fresh new additions, such as the Kiss Montage of 2008. Hudgens and Efron carried on to perform during one of the theatrical musical numbers during the ceremony.

The ever-versatile and hunky Hugh Jackman was selected to present the awards on this special night. With an impressive body of work under his belt, Jackman took

from his experiences singing and dancing on Broadway. He later demonstrated his talents on the stage in the presence of glamorous guests and millions of people watching the Academy Awards on their television sets.

A plethora of worthy films were nominated in numerous categories by the Academy, however it came as little surprise to many that "Slumdog Millionaire" dominated the competition this year. Taking home eight out of ten Oscars including Best Picture, the cast and crew of the film, and even the audience, applauded their wins in audible awe and admiration.

The other most notable wins at the Academy Awards were Best Actor, won by Sean Penn for his portrayal of the first openly homosexual American Politician elected in public office in California, Harvey Milk, in the film "Milk." Best Actress was won by Kate Winslet for her role in "The Reader" as Hannah Schmitz, a mysterious woman with a past caught in a court struggle in Post-WWII Germany.

In the wake of a recession, people are less apt to take part in pastimes that are deemed leisurely and enjoyable. However, as producers and executives hoped, ratings for the ceremony jumped up at least 6%. The beautiful gowns and suits, the gorgeous stage with a massive dome-shaped crystal awning, the incredible films, filmmakers and actors were a reminder to everyone of what Hollywood is really about. The times may have changed, but glamour and beauty will never leave the hearts of those who continue to make astounding movies.



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**HOST:** *Hugh Jackman poses as the man who controls the stage.*



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**BROADWAY:** *"Mamma Mia" stars performing on stage at the Oscars.*



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**LEGEND:** *Heath Ledger won Best Supporting Actor for his final role.*

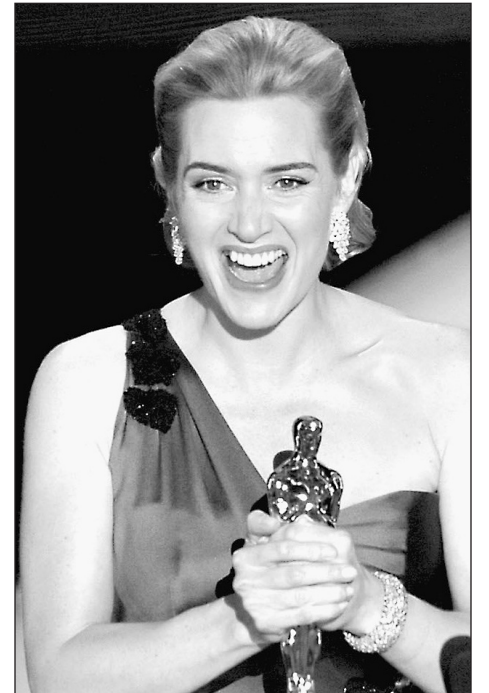


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**SMILES:** *Kate Winslet accepts her prestigious award for Best Actress.*