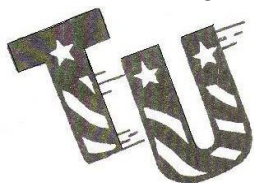


# TWIRLING UNLIMITED

“WHERE TWIRLERS MEET”



## INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(Open to all Twirlers)

**JULY 7, 8, 9 2017**

**Canton Memorial Civic Center  
1011 Market Ave. North  
Canton, Ohio 44702**

### Directions:

From the North or South – take I-77 to Exit 107 (Rt. 62). Go east to Rt. 43 (Market Ave). Turn South, go 1.3 miles- Civic Center is on the right.

From East take Rt. 62 to Market Ave. and turn S.

From West take Rt. 62 to Rt. 43 – go north to Civic Center

### Featuring:

- SENIOR (18+) Age division for all International individual events!
- TU Traveling Plaques and US Savings Bonds purchase for FIVE Miss TU World Majorette Pageant divisions!
- TU Traveling Plaques for FIVE International Solo Champions (Trophies for individual age groups)! *New! Scholarship awards for all five divisions!*
- Large trophy to TU International Strut, 2 Baton, and 3 Baton Champions – Senior 2 Baton Twirl-Off Scholarship!
- Open Contest!
- Also featuring International Championships for Pom Teams, Dance Twirl Teams, Strut Teams, Novelty Teams & Twirl Teams
- Giant Traveling trophy for High Point in ALL FOUR Corps divisions!
- Cash Awards for winning Teams and Corps (see inside for specifics)!

To view rule book, contest calendar, other brochures and Twirling Unlimited information, visit our web-site: [www.twirlingunlimited.com](http://www.twirlingunlimited.com)

### CANTON AREA ATTRACTIONS

Pro Football Hall of Fame	Hartville Flea Market & Antiques
MAPS Aviation Museum	Canton Classic Car Museum
Grand Slam (Sports Center)	Harry London Chocolate Factory Tours
Alpaca Rosa Alpaca Farm	Hoover Historical Center
First Ladies National Historical Site	Laser Quest
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad	Amish Country (10 miles)
Wm. McKinley Presidential Library & Museum	

**Twirling Unlimited** makes a special effort to have twirling be a family affair. We have tried to locate our competitions in areas that will offer attractions for all family members.

We believe you will enjoy the many activities in the Canton area.

Canton is	25 miles south of Akron, Ohio
	120 miles north of Columbus, Ohio
	50 miles from Wild Water Kingdom Waterpark
	80 miles west of Pittsburgh, PA
	300 miles east of South Bend, IN
	360 miles west of Philadelphia, PA
	200 miles north of Charleston, WV
	60 Miles to Cleveland -Rock and Roll Hall of Fame

### 2017 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

March	Hubbard, OH	April	LaGrange, IN
May	Clewiston, FL	May	York, PA
June	Temperance, MI	June	Attica, NY
Sept	Perrysburg, OH (near Cedar Point)		

Points are earned for the four TU scholarships (which are presented at the Saturday evening show) by participation and placing in the regional and international competitions. Complete scholarship information is available on request or log on to [www.twirlingunlimited.com](http://www.twirlingunlimited.com) and click on “TU Scholarship Program”.

### VISIT OUR VENDORS:

Twirling Unlimited products (t-shirts, sweatshirts, patches, publications)  
Hero Majorette Supplies  
Twirlcostumes.com  
Artistic Impressions  
Andrea McKenzie Photography will be available

## GENERAL INFORMATION

1. One of the philosophies of Twirling Unlimited is that there is too much unnecessary publicity by individual twirlers. This results in distrust by the media and a ho-hum attitude on the part of the public when a truly outstanding honor is achieved. In keeping with this, ALL publicity concerning the Twirling Unlimited International Competition will be handled through our headquarters. Each contestant winning an International event, and each group winning an International title will be given official press releases. These are to be submitted to the media - newspapers, televisions, etc. No publicity relating to TU contests is to be submitted in any way other than the official press releases. Failure to comply with this standard will result in rejection of future entries and participation in TU competitions.
2. There is no admission fee for Friday, Saturday or Sunday events! Practice Fee for solo twirlers covers Friday performances of Show Routine, Friday Evening Modeling, and all day Saturday competition. Former Sunday spectator fees are now incorporated into group entry fees, so there is no admission charge any day!
3. All Pageant, International and Group entries MUST be accompanied by payment. Phone entries will be accepted for open events only. Anyone who phones in any entry and then does not attend will be charged a \$10 processing fee.
4. Lanes for all International and Open events will be posted. Every effort is made to avoid conflicts, but it is the obligation of each twirler to report to each lane if a conflict does arise. No changing of position in the International competition will be allowed.
5. Awards for all open events will be presented at the awards table as soon as the division is completed. Awards for developmental level pageants and all International Novelty events will be announced at 6:30. Awards for International Solo and Miss TU Majorette will be announced at the Saturday Evening Show.
6. Canton Civic Center, contest director, Twirling Unlimited or contest sponsor are not responsible for accidents, property loss or injuries.
7. In order to be eligible to enter a pageant, a twirler must enter at least one "non-pageant" solo (International or Open).
8. Be advised there is a daily charge for parking at the arena. The parking is controlled by a separate vendor, but there is usually a discount offered for purchasing a 3 day parking pass, if you ask.
9. To maximize performance area, NO personal chairs and no equipment allowed on arena floor. A special area will be designated for wheelchairs/handicapped seating.
10. ALL Dress Modeling (open and pageant) will be on Friday night at 7pm!

## **Mail Entry Deadline: Friday, June 9, 2017**

Phone and FAX entries for open events ONLY accepted without a late fee through 5:00p.m. Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

**Please Note: All Pageant, International, and Group entries MUST be accompanied by payment and postmarked by June 9 to avoid late fee. NO Pageant, Group or International event entries accepted after June 26 (Not a postmark – we must have information in office by this date!)**

HEADQUARTERS HOTEL: Approx. 1 mile from Civic Center

McKinley Grand Hotel

320 Market Ave. South

Canton, OH 44702-2199

330-454-5000

(Mention Twirling Unlimited for special rate

Special rate cut-off: June 26, 2017)

## **OTHER INFORMATION:**

-Ages for all events (individual and group) are determined by contestant's age the day of the contest!

-All Miss TU World Majorette pageant contestants receive a free photo with their entry fee. Extra copies and packages may be purchased from the photographer. Any individual twirler or group may utilize the photographer's services. She will be available on the stage!

-All Beg, Int and Miss TU World Majorette contestants receive FREE admission to the Friday night pizza party. Parents and guests may join us for \$5 each, but reservations must be pre-paid! The salad bar will return again by popular request!

- Friday Night Pizza Party will feature Introduction of TU "Royalty", free raffles and the presentation of medallions to all 2017 Miss TU World Majorette contestants. Wear casual clothes; there will be ample time to change for modeling and dressing rooms are provided.

- Miss TU Majorette Show Routine competition will be in the main arena! All divisions will have half the arena for performing and the other half will be available for warm-up. Spectators will enjoy the comfortable theater-style seating.

-2-Baton Twirl Off! Special Johnson/Heier scholarship for Senior 2 baton winner! Twirl-off between the International Champions in the 15-17 and 18+ 2- Baton divisions will be held at the 8:00 Evening Show.

- New this year! Cash awards for ALL International Solo champions!

- ALL dress modeling (open and pageant) will be on Friday night at 7:00 pm!

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Akron, Ohio 44333 Questions? Call: 330-666-1163 Or e-mail:  
[twirlingunlimited@hotmail.com](mailto:twirlingunlimited@hotmail.com) (no entries accepted by e-mail)

## INTERNATIONAL & PAGEANT EVENTS

Note: Beginner (Level 3) & Intermediate (Level 4) twirlers may enter any International events – time limit covers all levels. There is no separate division for Beg. and Int. (These are International titles and are considered multi-status events). *Once a twirler has won any international title, they may not enter that International event in that age division again.*

### MISS TU WORLD MAJORETTE (Separate Senior Age Group!)

(To be eligible to enter the pageant, twirlers must enter at least one non-pageant solo)

Divisions:           0-8 Tiny Tot                   9-11 Juvenile  
                  12-14 Junior                   15-17 Teen                   18 + Senior  
                  Enter division using your age as of the contest date.

#### A. MODELING (50% Modeling, 50% Interview)

All divisions: optional dress length or costume. Time Limit: Max 1½ min.  
Model - interview included - will be held Friday night.

#### B. COMPETITION SOLO

One baton only - time limit 1½ to 2½ minutes  
Performed to standard march record

#### C. SHOW ROUTINE or SOLO DANCE TWIRL ROUTINE

Performed to music of the contestant's choice. Any type of twirl with dance moves are permitted (novelties optional). Time limit: 1½ to 2½ min.

*(Performance music should be ready to begin the competition when your event is scheduled! If you use a CD or iPod, please bring your own player as backup, in case of technical difficulties.)* Timing will begin and end with the music. (Competition on Friday)

Contestants must compete in all 3 aspects of this competition and the winner will be determined using equal credit for all 3 parts.

Awards: Participation medallion for ALL contestants

-Trophies for 1-5 Overall places; 1-5 medallions for model, solo, show routine

-MISS TU WORLD MAJORETTE winners will receive a large trophy, money for savings bond purchase\*, TU traveling plaque, banner and flowers  
\* Teen & Senior winners - \$250 All other age divisions - \$125

Miss TU pageant entry fee includes:

- complimentary photo!
- Friday night pizza party! (be sure to indicate attendance on entry blank)

### INTERNATIONAL SOLO CHAMPIONSHIPS

Time limit: 1½ to 2½ minutes from salute to salute.

Preliminary Divisions – Individual Ages! (boys and girls together):

0-6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20+

The top 2 in each preliminary category will re-twirl for the international title.

Ages: 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 –17, 18 +.

Awards: 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy in each preliminary age group. Trophy for all finalists;

TU Traveling plaque, banner & flowers and cash award for all International Solo Champions.

### INTERNATIONAL STRUT CHAMPIONSHIPS – Senior (18+) Age Group!

Divisions: 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18+. May be done in any pattern (straight line, free style, “T”, super X, etc.) Time limit: 2 minute maximum. Standard March music

### INTERNATIONAL TWO-BATON CHAMPIONSHIPS – Special Scholarship!

Divisions: 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18+. Time limit is 1½ to 2 minutes

### INTERNATIONAL THREE-BATON CHAMPIONSHIPS – Senior Age Group!

Divisions: 0 -8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18+. Time limit is ½ - 2 minutes

### INTERNATIONAL DUET TWIRL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Divisions: 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+ (avg. ages) Time is 1½ - 2 ½ minutes (march music)

### INTERNATIONAL DUET STRUT CHAMPIONSHIPS(Competition is Sunday)

Divisions: 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+ (Avg Ages) Time Limit: 1-3 min. Use own music

### BEGINNER (Level 3) & INTERMEDIATE (Level 4) PAGEANTS

*Note: to be eligible to enter a pageant, twirlers must enter at least one “non-pageant” solo.*

Separate competition for Beginner (Level 3) & Intermediate (Level 4). Level based on solo classification. Age Divisions: 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 & Over

This is a 3-Part competition:

- MODELING** -Friday evening. May be done in a dress of any length or costume. No specific pattern is required. Time limit is 1½ minutes maximum.
- SOLO TWIRL** - 1½-2 minutes for Beginner (Level 3); 1½ to 2¼ minutes for Intermediate (Level 4). One baton performed to standard march music.
- STRUT** - May be done in any pattern (straight line, free style, “T”, super X, etc.) 2 minutes maximum. Standard march music.

Points are awarded for placement in each part and then totaled. Lowest score wins Pageant Title. Entry fee includes Friday pizza party!

Awards: All pageant winners in Level 3 & Level 4 Pageants will receive a trophy, banner and flowers, in addition to a full camp scholarship to TU camp of her choice (Michigan or Pennsylvania).

Special awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Model, Twirl, and Strut.

Overall: 1-3 trophies. 11-14 contestants = 4 places; 15-20 contestants = 5 places. Another place trophy added for each additional 5 contestants.

### BASIC SKILLS PAGEANT (Separate 0-6 Division!)

\*\*\*\*Restricted to Level 2 (Novice) & Level 1 (Special Beginner) twirlers ONLY\*\*\*\*

*Note: to be eligible to enter a pageant, twirlers must enter at least one “non-pageant” solo.*

Ages: 0-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+. Contestants will compete in Basic March, Costume Model (Best Appearing) & Solo Twirl

Solo Time Limit: 1-2 minutes (twirl restrictions are the same as Level 2 solo)

Awards: 1 - 3 place awards in Basic March, Solo, and Costume Model.

Overall: 1-3 trophies; 11-14 contestants = 4 trophies; 15-20 contestants = 5 trophies. 21-24 contestants = 6 trophies

## INTERNATIONAL GROUP COMPETITION

For complete rules log on [www.twirlingunlimited.com](http://www.twirlingunlimited.com) and click on "TU Rule Book"  
Questions? E-mail: [twirlingunlimited@hotmail.com](mailto:twirlingunlimited@hotmail.com)

**Please Note: All group entries MUST be accompanied by payment  
and list of participants in each event!**

**Deadline: Friday, June 9, 2017**

**(After deadline, late fee applies. NO Group entries accepted after June 26.)**

AGES FOR ALL GROUP EVENTS (Average Ages):

Pee Wee (0-6.9);  
Tiny Tot (7.0-8.9);  
Juvenile (9.0-11.9);  
Junior (12.0-14.9);  
Senior (15.0 & over)

All corps: Minimum 10 baton twirling members

Street Parade Corps – do a U formation; 2 minute time limit.

Mini Corps – 2 to 4 minute time limit. No formation restrictions.

Floor Corps – time limit is 5 to 9 minutes.

Production/Halftime Group – Minimum 10 members Time limit: 5 – 9 minutes

All Teams: Small (3-5 members); Medium (6-10); Large (11+ members)

Dance Twirl Teams – Use own music; 1 baton each member; Time: 1 ½ - 3 minutes

Twirl Teams Use standard march music. 1 ½ -3 minutes

Strut Teams -Use own music; One baton each member; Time Limit: 1 – 3 min.

Pom Teams - Use own music; Time Limit: 1½ - 3 minutes

Novelty Teams – Use any equipment other than one baton; Time Limit: 1 ½ - 3 min.

\* OPEN EVENT: Level 1 Team - Dance Twirl only

For new and developing teams – level of tricks restricted; no member may do more than a 1 turn and 2 elbows; no high toss illusions or high toss with other gymnastic moves underneath. Awards: Level 1 medallions for each member!

*Note: We have access to the Civic Center main sound system with both CD and iPod capabilities and will be happy to play your music on that system. However, we do understand that music does not always play as expected on foreign players. For groups using their own music, if you would like to bring your own player and amplify it through the microphone, you may do so, but please have music cued and ready to play - and plan to have an assistant there to run your equipment, so we can keep the competition moving.*

## OPEN EVENTS

Beg. Miss Summertime: Ages 0-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+; Modeling in a DRESS (length of dress is optional) - time limit is 1½ minutes Max.

Int. & Adv. Miss Summertime: Ages 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 & over

*NOTE: Miss Summertime competition is on FRIDAY NIGHT at 7:00pm.*

Beg. Costume Model (Best Appearing): Ages 0-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+; with or without a baton - time limit is 1½ minutes Max.

Int. & Adv. Costume Model (Best Appearing): Ages 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 & over

Novice, Beg., & Int. Fancy Strut: Ages 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 & over;

Adv. Fancy Strut: Ages 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18+

no specific pattern required. Time limit is 2 minutes maximum

Beg. Basic March – Ages 0-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+; done in a square

Adv. Basic March: Ages 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 & over

*(NOTE: Basic March is the first event on Saturday at 8:00 a.m.!)*

*SOLOS: All solos are one baton only, entrance and exit are optional. Timing begins with opening salute and stops with ending salute. Standard March Music provided.*

*NOTE: TU rules limit the number of toss turns and rolls which may be executed by twirlers in the developmental levels of solo twirl. Check TU rules for specifics.*

Girls Solo Ages: 0-6, 7-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+

Level 1 (Special Beginner) Solo – Has not won TWO 1st places in solo competition.

Time limit is 1 to 2 minutes. No more than 1 spin/ 2 elbows

Level 2 (Novice) Solo - not won 3 add'l 1st places in solo – Time: 1½ to 2 minutes

No more than 2 spins/ 4 continuous elbows

Level 3 (Beginner) Solo-not won 5 additional first places in solo Time: 1 ½ to 2 min.

No more than 3 spins/ 6 continuous elbows.

Level 4(Intermediate) Solo - not won 8 add'l 1st places in solo Time 1 ½ to 2 ¼ min.

No more than 4 spins/ 8 continuous elbows

Level 5 (Advanced) Solo - Time limit is 2 to 2 ½ minutes. No restrictions

Advanced Solo Ages: 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15-17, 18+

Boys/Mens Solo: No restrictions. Ages 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+

Feature Twirler Solo –Open to any twirler age 15+, Time: 1½ -2 ½ min. –

march music – 1 baton & novelty; 1 baton minimum of 1 minute

Beg. & Int. Two-Baton: Ages 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 & over; Time limit: 1½ to 2 min.

Beg. Three-Baton: Ages 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15 & over; time limit: ½ - 2 minutes

Beginner Duet Twirl – Ages: 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+ (avg ages) Time: 1½ to 2 minutes

+Open Solo Show Routine – *New:* Beg. & Adv divisions!

Ages 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+ Use own music –dance with baton & novelties.

Time: Beg. :30-2:00 Adv.: 1½ -2 ½ minutes

+Open Duet Show Routine– Avg. Ages; Use own music, novelties optional 1:30-3:00

+Open Solo Dance Twirl: 0-8, 9-11, 12-14,15+ Use own music, 1 baton only 1:30-2:30

+Solo Pom – 0-8, 9-11, 12-14, 15+ Time: 1½ min. max; use own music

+Duet Pom – same as Solo Pom – use averaged ages

+No entries accepted after 6/26 for these events. These events are all on FRIDAY

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday (Doors open at 8:30)

- 9:30 Registration for Miss TU Majorette contestants  
10:00 Main Arena - Show Routine for MISS TU WORLD MAJORETTE  
(check website Thursday before competition for performance order)  
10:00 McKinley Room - Open Beg. & Adv. Solo Show Routine, Open Pom  
Solo, Open Solo Dance Twirl, Duet Show Routine & Duet Pom  
5:00 Pizza Party for Beg, Int, Miss TU pageant contestants (McKinley Room)  
7:00 Arena: Beg, Int, Adv Miss Summertime (Dress Model)  
Modeling & Interview for MISS TU WORLD MAJORETTE  
Modeling for Beginner(Level 3) & Intermediate (Level 4) Pageants

### Saturday – Main Arena (Order for Saturday events is approximate) (Doors open at 7:00 a.m)

- 8:00 Beginner & Advanced Open Basic March, Adv. Costume Model  
Basic March for Basic Skills Pageant, Open Level 5(Adv.) Solo, Men's Solo  
Intermediate & Beginner Costume Model (Best Appearing)  
Costume Model for Basic Skills Pageant  
Preliminaries for INTERNATIONAL SOLO  
Level 3(Beg.) and Level 4 (Interm.) Open Solo  
Competition Solo for MISS TU WORLD MAJORETTE  
Solo Twirl for Beginner (level 3) & Intermediate (level 4) Pageants
- Beg. & Int. Open Two-Baton & Beg. Open Three-Baton  
INTERNATIONAL SOLO TWIRL-OFFS  
INTERNATIONAL THREE BATON  
INTERNATIONAL TWO BATON
- Level 1 (Special Beginner) and Level 2 (Novice) Solo  
Open Feature Twirler Solo  
Solo Twirl for Basic Skills Pageant
- Open Novice, Beg., Int. & Adv. Strut  
INTERNATIONAL STRUT  
Strut for Beginner (Level 3) & Intermediate(Level 4) Pageants  
Beg. Open Duet Twirl, INTERNATIONAL DUET TWIRL
- 6:30 Performance by reigning Teen and Senior Miss TU Majorettes  
Results for Basic Skills, Beg. (Level 3) & Int. (Level 4) pageants;  
Results for International Novelties: Strut, Two-Baton,  
Three-Baton, and Duet Twirl
- 8:00 **EVENING SHOW – Main Arena**  
2 Baton Twirl-off  
Scholarship winners Announced  
Announcement of TU International Solo Champions &  
Miss TU World Majorettes

## SCHEDULE FOR GROUPS – Sunday

- In order to make the competition as efficient as possible, all PeeWee, Tiny Tot and small Juvenile Dance Twirl teams will compete in the McKinley room. All divisions of Level 1 Teams, all small and medium Pom & Novelty teams will also compete in the McKinley room. The McKinley room is a large area, but it is not as large as the main arena and it has standard double doors for access, so please plan props and routines accordingly.  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> performing area! All Small & Medium Strut Teams will compete in the beautiful Cultural Center lobby – attached to the Civic Center by covered walkway. Note that spread width has some restrictions. Please plan routines accordingly.

### MAIN ARENA (Doors open at 7:00 a.m.)

- 8:00 Dance Twirl Teams (Med. & Large Juvenile, All Junior & Senior)  
Large Pom, Large Novelty, Large Strut Teams  
Med. & Large Juv., All Jr & Sr Twirl Teams  
Team Awards Retreat  
Parade Corps, Mini Corps, Floor Corps; Production Groups  
Corps Awards

### McKINLEY ROOM

Note: The McKinley Room is a smaller floor area and has double doors to access.  
Please plan props and routines accordingly.

- 8:00 Level 1 Teams  
All PeeWee, All Tiny Tot and Small Juvenile Dance Twirl Teams  
All Small & Med. Pom Teams  
All PeeWee, All Tiny Tot and Small Juvenile Twirl Teams  
Small & Medium Novelty Teams

### CULTURAL CENTER

(after Team Awards retreat in Arena)  
Small & Medium Strut Teams, Duet Strut

## **GROUP AWARDS**

Medallions for each individual denoting the group placement!  
Also large Trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> place Groups

### **TRAVELING CORPS AWARDS:**

Giant Traveling Trophy for High Point Corps in each of the four Corps types!

### **CASH AWARDS (CORPS):**

Juvenile, Junior & Senior Parade Corps winning 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive \$100 cash  
Juvenile, Junior & Senior Production Groups winning 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive \$150 cash  
Juvenile, Junior & Senior Mini Corps winning 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive \$150 cash  
Juvenile, Junior & Senior Floor Corps winning 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive \$200 cash

**CASH AWARDS (TEAMS):** Juvenile, Junior & Senior Dance Twirl teams (small, medium & large) will receive \$50 if they win 1<sup>st</sup> place.

(Note: Level 1 Teams not eligible for cash awards)

Juvenile, Junior & Senior Pom, Novelty & Strut Teams (Small, Medium & Large) will receive \$50 if they win 1<sup>st</sup> place.

