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## 'So You Think You Can Dance': Did [Spoiler] Deserve to Win Season 12?

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It finally happened, dance fans. A tapper won the title! Team Stage's [Gaby Diaz](#) was named America's favorite dancer on *So You Think You Can Dance* season 12. As the winner, Gaby received a \$250,000 prize along with a role in Jennifer Lopez's upcoming Las Vegas show. Not too shabby, right?

So did Gaby deserve to win? I can answer that in one word: yes! Let's take a look at why Gaby came out on top over all of the other talented competitors on *So You Think You Can Dance*.

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### Excellent Technical Skills

Gaby is a tapper, and it was a delight to see how well she adapted to other forms of dance. She performed Afro-jazz, Bollywood, hip-hop and contemporary, and executed them all with a nearly-flawless technique. Gaby's proficiency at so many different styles is an amazing achievement in its own right. Even if the choreography was a bit lacking, Gaby never turned in a bad performance all season.

### Personality

No one can deny that Gaby has a sunny disposition. She always seems positive and upbeat. One important thing that was obvious from the rehearsal videos is that Gaby has a great sense of humor and isn't afraid to laugh at herself. She even poked fun at her lack of cooking skills by saying that she wanted to have a cooking show where she would only cook food in a microwave. I think that having a fun and outgoing personality is important to connect with viewers and grab more votes.

### Determination and Drive

It is important to remember that when Gaby first auditioned this season, she was rejected. She took the notes from the judges and went to an audition in another city with a new routine that impressed all of the judges. If Gaby had given up after that first rejection, she never would have had the chance to compete -- let alone win -- this season. Her grit and drive to improve made America fall in love with her.

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### Star Quality

Gaby also possesses the ability to act and portray whatever character she is required to for the performance. For a Broadway routine, she was sassy. She was animated and energetic for her Bollywood routine. She brought out her swagger for her geisha and ninja hip-hop routine. Her ability to entertain is another reason that she was crowned the *So You Think You Can Dance* champion.

### Making the Connection

Having a connection with your partner is very important for most of the routines. It is also crucial to have a connection with the audience and viewers. If a dancer doesn't connect with viewers, they lose votes. Gaby has never had a problem connecting with any of her partners. She also seems to always have a strong rapport with the audience and home viewers. Let's face it, someone isn't going to vote for a dancer that doesn't cause them to feel moved in some way. Connecting with the audience is another of Gaby's skills.

[Gaby Diaz](#) was chosen as the season 12 champion of *So You Think You Can Dance* because of her spectacular technical skills, star quality, heart and sheer determination. Congratulations, Gaby!

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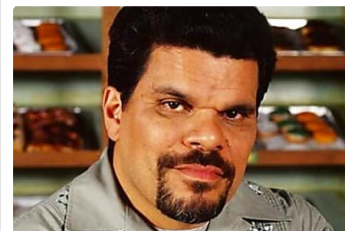


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One aspect of this year's show surprised me and that is how the producers govern'd their audience into STFU during performances, unlike in previous years (thank god for small favors). With one noted exception last night when the ballet dancer performed. Seriously, who cheers during a ballet? A very pleasant year, always ending leaving me wanting more. I agree that Gaby was the most popular (as voted by the fans)... and the best dancer of the season. While Gaby wasn't my total favorite - that goes to JJ - that doesn't mean JJ was the best, just my favorite.



Jenny Travers3  
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Congrats to Gaby she was one of my fav's ..... so was JJ, Virgil and Haile ... I'm sure they will go on to dance in some great venues.... as will the other dancers they all were talented and deserve a break... they will have a truly BRIGHT SPOT in their memories being on SYTYCD!!!! Kim, thank for the great recaps =)



Kimwriter1  
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Thank you @JennyTravers. I can't recall a season that I liked more than this one. I liked so many of the dancers this year.

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