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# Dance!

*The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center*

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## IT'S ALMOST TIME!

We are getting extremely excited about our upcoming performance of "Time Warp" on June 17th. Our dancers have been working very hard on their routines and we know they will not disappoint. Please take time to read this issue as well as the upcoming June issue of **Dance!** closely so you do not miss out on any important information.

## RECITAL TICKETS

Recital Tickets go on sale Monday, May 15 at 9 a.m. **Plan to purchase your tickets early; preferred seating goes quickly!**

**Ticket Master is handling the on-line sales for our Performance. Simply go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and type "Miami Valley Dance Center" in the search bar. Be sure you click on the proper performance. The 1:00 Specialty Performance showcases our Dance Force solos, duos and trios. All of our regular classes will be performing in the Main Show at 5:00 p.m. titled "Time Warp". Please be sure you select the correct performance since there are no refunds.**

**See page 4 for the show schedule!**

## MVDC 2017 Calendar

May 27-29 Memorial Day.....(Studio Closed)  
June 5.....Accounts must be paid in full  
June 16.....Annual Dance Extravaganza  
Dress Rehearsal  
June 17.....**ANNUAL DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA!**  
June 18 - 20.....National Competition  
July 4.....Fairborn Parade  
July 5.....Summer Classes Begin  
July 17-21.....Hawaiian Princess Camp

If your dancer is only in Act 1 or Act 2 (see page 4 for line up) and plans to occupy a seat during the act they are not performing in, please purchase a ticket for them when you place your order. We will need you to fill out a dancer ticket

credit form with the seat and section number on it. We will refund the amount of the ticket back to your account. If you plan on using your ticket credit towards June charges we will need your form by May 31st. Any credit forms submitted after May 31st will have their credits available to use toward summer classes or the 2017-18 season. If your child is performing in both Act 1 and Act 2 they are not eligible for a ticket credit since they will be backstage during the duration of the performance.

Also please note that the dancer's tickets may not be used by anyone other than the dancer.

The Clark State Box office will still be handling phone and in person sales and will be selling tickets the night of the performances. You can order tickets by phone, toll free 1-866-PAC-TKTS. Or purchase your tickets in person at the Clark State Box Office at 300 South Fountain Avenue, Springfield, OH.

Ticket prices will be \$10 - \$16\* depending on location. **In anticipation of a large crowd for our single performance this year, seats will also be available in the orchestra pit for \$16.** Box seats will also be available for \$30.

Tickets for the 1 p.m. solo and duet/specialty performance on Saturday, June 17 will be \$12. **(THIS IS NOT THE SATURDAY MAIN SHOW PERFORMANCE! This performance is for our Dance Force dancers to showcase their solos,**

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**Celebrating 37 Years of Commitment to Excellence in Dance!**

*"Dancing is like dreaming  
with your feet!"*

*- Constance*

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**duos and trios!** When ordering tickets, make sure you indicate the correct Saturday performance!)  
\*Please Note: Ticket Master tacks on an additional \$3.00 service charge per ticket so your total ticket price will be \$13, \$15, \$17 or \$19 depending on the section you choose. Box seats are \$33, with the Ticketmaster charge added. There is also a \$3.00 processing fee per order. (Specialty Performance Tickets are \$12.00 (\$15.00 with the ticket fee added on).

The admission that you pay along with the recital fee allows us to pay for the rental of the auditorium, stagehand and security salaries, box office services and props, chaperones, all of which help to make for the most enjoyable performance possible.

Thank you in advance for your understanding, cooperation, and support of our dance program!

## **RECITAL T-SHIRTS**

Each year one of the most popular souvenirs of the MVDC recital is the special commemorative t-shirt. This year it is a short-sleeved t-shirt with the recital theme on the front and every dancer's name listed on the back.

Order forms will be available on-line and at the front desk. The deadline for return of the order forms is May 15. No late orders will be accepted! Price is just \$20. And this year we are offering a special "bling option." For an additional \$5 your shirt will be "blinged out" with rhinestones! Better order yours today!

## **SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE**

With Summer just around the corner we're not too far away from the chirp of the robin, the click of the cricket, and the piercing whine, "We're bored! There's nothing to do!" Fear not! MVDC is riding to the rescue of young and old alike!

We are proud to announce that MVDC will be offering the following classes during the summer session that **begins July 5 and runs through July 31.**

### **Tentative Schedule:**

#### **Monday:**

5:00-6:00 Tap Technique I  
6:00-7:00 Jazz Technique  
7:00-8:00 Lyrical Technique  
8:00-9:00 Tap Technique II

#### **Tuesday:**

4:30-5:45 Technique I  
5:45-6:45 Leaps and Turns I  
7:00-8:00 Strong by Zumba

#### **Wednesday:**

4:00-5:30 Technique II  
5:30-7:00 Contemporary/Leaps and Turns II  
7:00-8:30 Technique III

#### **Thursday:**

5:00-5:30	Predance	5:30-6:15	Hip Hop
5:30-6:15	Kinderdance	6:15-7:15	Pilates
6:15-7:00	Ballet/Jazz/Tap Combo	7:15-8:15	Yoga

Space in these fun classes is limited so you'd better plan to reserve your place in these classes now! **On-line registration for the summer classes is now open!**

***Special Note: If you are considering auditioning for the Dance Force in August, summer classes are required! Please email Miss Kelly for more information.***

## **DANCE PHOTOS**

Dance photos will be taken at dress rehearsal at the Kuss Auditorium on June 16 by Better Images. Dancers will be photographed with their class. If you would also like individual pictures taken of your dancer you can have those done out in the lobby. We will have order forms available at the front desk in June.

We will not have a photo day at the studio.

## **RECITAL DANCES**

At this point, your child's class is nearly finished learning their recital routines. Written dance notes will be coming soon.

And don't forget, mandatory dress rehearsal is Friday, June 16 at Kuss Auditorium.



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## AWARDS

LAST CALL!

If you are not on the awards list below, and you should be, you have just until May 15 to let us know. Please check the list carefully!

**5 Year:** Macy Ashdown, Gabrielle Gibson, Madison Hale, Lisa Hughes, Quinn Lamb, Calleia Lively, Riley Lynn, Gina Marchiny, Averil Stitzel, Jake Stultz, Ed Thacker, McKenna Wagers, Sophia Whitt, and Andrea Williams.

**10 Year:** Ashley Cinquino, Lucy Hughes, Kayla Nickel, Doug Lyones, Kayla Nickel, Emily Pogue, Morgan Reynolds, Alex Ross, Andy Shaffer, and Mollie Steen.

**15 Year:** Bailey Fahl and Lauren Magee.

**25 Year:** Karen Neff and Mike Thompson.

## BIRTHDAY GANG!

Congratulations and best wishes to all the members of the MVDC family celebrating birthdays in May!

As is our practice, since we are not sure how old each of these dancers is, we'll just use an average age of , say, 38, and wish each of them a happy 38th birthday with plenty of cake and ice cream!

Our best May birthday wishes go out to:

Abigail Arwood, Kayley Blair, Ashley Bush, Megan Caldwell, Jessica Chen, Kendal Fahl, Apple Goffe, Taylor Graham, Bailee Gutierrez, Mara Hamilton, Claire Marthaler, Adler Miller, Isabelle Myers, Kaylee Siemon, and Reese Wilson

Happy Birthday!



## ACCOUNT BALANCES

All accounts must be paid in full by Monday, June 5, in order for your child to participate in the recital. Please check your dancer's online account to make sure you have taken care of all fees. If you do not have internet access, please see one of our secretaries who will be happy to print your statement for you.

## COMMENTS

Please feel free to speak with the Secretaries or drop us an e-mail note (you can reach us through the website) if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. We would love to talk with you!

## ADS & MESSAGES

Looking for a fantastic opportunity to advertise your business or activity? We've got just such an opportunity!

Once again this year we will be offering great rates to advertise in our recital program, a program seen by hundreds and hundreds of people.

If you or someone you know would be interested in advertising, please check our MVDC website for information and forms. And once again, dancers and dance parents and fans will be able to place personal messages in the recital program.

We'll be passing out the forms for placing personal messages soon. Deadline for all ads is May 15.

## DANCE SHOES/SUPPLIES

Now is the time to order shoes for the June recital. Your tights come with your costume, but Tawna at tawna@gemcitydancewear.com, (937-754-5436) is the one to contact if your dancer is in need of new shoes or even a backup pair of tights for the recital.

Please let Tawna know no later than May 15 if you need to place an order. Back Orders could cause

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## JUDGE (MISS) KELLY

Miss Kelly recently returned from serving as a dance competition judge in Detroit.

Pictured with Miss Kelly on stage in Detroit are her fellow judges Lexie Stillianos (left) and Aimee Barone (center).

Miss Kelly heads off to Lakeland, Florida to judge her last regional competition May 12 - 15.

Here's wishing Miss Kelly safe travels!

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a delay in shipment, so please order as soon as possible.

**Younger dancers may want to consider purchasing a nude color leotard to wear under their costume if they are in multiple dances. This will help with the dancers that have costume changes during the same act.** Check with Tawna at Gem City Dancewear if you'd like to purchase one.

## **RECITAL VIDEOS**

Recital videos will be filmed, produced and edited locally by Main IT Services. Order forms will be emailed out and we will also have forms available at the front desk.

## **COMPETITION NEWS**

The Dance Force just wrapped up their regional season this past Saturday at the Victoria Theater with Beyond the Stars. It's been a fantastic year for our team members and we greatly appreciate everyone who came out to support us. Please check out our Facebook and Instagram pages for all of the results.

## **WEBSITE UPDATED**

We've recently updated our website and all our newsletters and recital order forms can be located there as well as a list of our upcoming events.

# **2017 MVDC RECITAL ACT ASSIGNMENTS**

## **-ACT 1-**

### **80's**

Opening-80's medley  
Jr. Tap-Dancing With Myself  
Sapphire Lyrical-99 Red Balloons  
Irish 2-You Spin Me Round  
Emerald Lyrical-Geeks  
Diamond Tap-1999

### **50's**

Wednesday Predance-How Much is That Doggie in the Window  
Wednesday Tap I-Music, Music, Music  
Tuesday Tap II-Jailhouse Rock  
Adult Tap-Great Balls of Fire  
Sapphire Tap-Nitty Gritty  
Wednesday Kinderdance-Lollipop

### **2000's**

Ruby Jazz-Too Cool to Dance  
Emerald Jazz-Crazy In Love  
Wednesday Breakers-Flo Rida Mix  
Monday Jr. Jazz-Bad Romance  
Diamond Hip Hop-Pressed  
Wednesday Lockers-Say My Name

### **70's**

Tuesday Predance-You've Got a Friend  
Irish 1-You Should be Dancing  
Emerald Contemporary-Drive  
Thursday Ballet IV-I'll Be There  
Monday Tap III-Crocodile Rock  
Sr. Jazz-Hot Stuff  
Adult Hip Hop-Shake Your Groove Thing

## **-ACT 2-**

### **90's**

Sapphire Hip Hop-Whoop There It Is  
Wednesday Tutters-Jump  
Irish Hardshoe-Cotton Eyed Joe  
Tuesday Ballet II-My Heart Will Go On  
Thursday Jazz IV-Spice Up Your Life  
Emerald Hip Hop-Rags to Riches  
Sr. Lyrical-Iris

### **60's**

Diamond Lyrical-California Dreamin  
Wednesday Ballet I-Stand By Me  
Thursday Kinderdance-Surfin Safari  
Monday Ballet III-Yesterday  
Sapphire Jazz-Mama Yo Quiero  
Thursday Tap IV-I'm a Believer  
Tuesday Jazz I-My Boyfriend's Back

### **2010's**

Ruby Tap-Dear Future Husband  
Diamond Jazz-Someone Who Can Dance  
Tuesday Jazz II-Baby  
Monday Jr. Lyrical-Hello  
Sr. Tap-Shake It Off  
Man Dance  
Finale

***Please Note: The specific dances in each decade are not shown in performance order yet, but we wanted to give you a general outline.***





## PAWS FOR A CAUSE

The most recent MVDC Break Dress Code week (see photos below) produced a lot of "scratch" for the Humane Society of Greater Dayton. The MVDC donation to the animal welfare organization was a whopping \$500, proving once again that when it comes to worthy events, MVDC is barking up the right tree!

Miss Kelly is shown at right with her pup, Inigo, and a society representative.

*(Note: This is the sort of photo captioning that will dog me for months to come. I apologize. --Ed.)*



## SUMMER REGISTRATION ON-LINE

Did you know that you can now register on-line for our summer classes?

Please visit the link  
<https://secure.miamivalleydancecenter.com/summerreg> and sign up today!

The list of available classes is on page 2 of this issue.

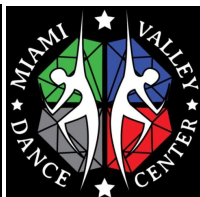
## SUMMER DANCE CAMP

We are excited to announce our summer dance camp program for ages 5-8 July 17-21, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

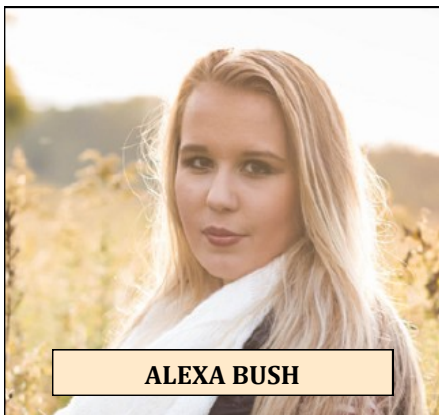
Dance class and activities will be geared around our Hawaiian Princess (Moana) theme. Class size is limited, and we will be sending you information regarding the camp soon.



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# 2017 GRADUATES



**ALEXA BUSH**

This year **ALEXA BUSH** graduates from Legacy Christian Academy and enrolls at Kettering College where she will study nursing. At Legacy Christian Alexa was a member of the National Honor Society and was a varsity cheerleader for all four years.

When she had time, Alexa enjoyed trap shooting with her brothers, playing the violin, and babysitting. And, of course, dancing. Alexa was in dance for eight years, with four of those years at MVDC. She hopes to continue to dance at MVDC but will be waiting to see if her college class load will permit her to do so.

Alexa told us, "I love the exercise and social aspect dance provides. To me dance is a way to relax and it is something I look forward to. I want to thank Miss Kelly and my teachers for pushing me to my best ability and not allowing me to settle for less than what I'm capable of."



**BAILEY FAHL**

Eighteen-year-old **BAILEY FAHL** will soon say goodbye to Fairborn High School and hello to Bowling Green State University where she will study exercise science with an eye towards becoming an athletic trainer.

Bailey leaves behind a long list of honors and accomplishments at Fairborn High where she was a member of the National Honor Society every semester, named Top Scholar in 9th, 11th, and 12th grades, and consistently on the Principal's List or Honor Roll.

After school she served as a Student Ambassador, Freshman Focus Leader, and member of the Selective Choir, Drama Club. In addition, Bailey served as an officer in the National Honor Society, served on the prom committee, and participated in various community projects. At MVDC where she has danced for 15 years, she served as an Assistant and danced competitively with the MVDC Dance Force. (Sadly, she will not be able to continue dance at Bowling Green due to some physical injuries.)

Bailey told us, "I would like to thank everyone who has helped me become who I am as a dancer. I would like to thank Miss Kelly for giving me a place I can call my second home. I would like to thank Miss Elissa for being a role model and choreographer to me and for supporting me throughout my dance career."

"I would also like to thank Shayla Harnly for helping me this year with my self choreographed solo and giving me endless support."

"Lastly I would like to thank my mom and family for giving the chance to continue dancing for so many years and all the support they have given me."

"What I will miss most about dance is everyone who is part of the Dance Force. I have gotten so close with everyone on the Dance Force and I will miss them all dearly. I will miss all the guidance from Miss Kelly and the other choreographers. My advice for everyone is always continue what you love in any way you can!"



**ERIN McCOY**

There will soon be an empty locker at Carroll High School where **ERIN McCOY**, a soon-to-graduate senior, stored her books and belongings. While at Carroll Erin was a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honors Society, and consistently listed on the Carroll Honor Roll. In addition she was the Carroll Dance Team Captain, and Mercy House Captain.

When she wasn't attending classes dance occupied most of her time both at MVDC and with the Carroll Dance Team at home basketball games. And, somehow, Erin found time to work behind the counter at Graeter's Ice Cream.

Erin has been dancing for 15 years, with seven of those at MVDC.

Her next stop, the University of Kentucky where she will study nursing and where she hopes to take some dance classes.

Erin wrote, "Dance has truly taught me many valuable life lessons that I will carry with me for the rest of my life."

"I would like to thank Miss Kelly and Miss Amy for their tireless efforts to inspire and motivate me over the years. I am going to especially miss my dance family and all of their craziness!"







**SARAH SMITH**

She will soon be heading to Wright State University where she will major in Accounting and Marketing with a minor in Management, but for now **SARAH SMITH** can rest, for at least a little while, on her Greenon High School laurels. During her high school career, Sarah accumulated these honors and awards: Most Outstanding in Band (2014, '15, '16), Knight of the Year for sophomores in Band (2015), A and AB Honor (Fall 2009- Spring 2017), Daughters of the American Revolution Recipient (Spring 2013), ELK Lodge Writing Contest Winner (Spring 2012), Grand Master's Excellence in Youth Award (March 2016 Selected by the 8th Masonic District Grand Master as the recipient.), OMEA Band Participant (2014, '15, '16, '17), Participated in an Ensemble (2014), and took a solo in 2015 and 2016 which placed superior. (2017 placed an excellent rating). National Honor Society (Inducted Spring 2016, Treasurer for the 2016-'17 school year).

Tri-M Music Honor Society (Inducted Fall 2016, President of the organization for 2016-'17 school year). Spanish Honor Society (Inducted Spring 2015), Student of the Week for Greenon High School (August 2016), and selected to be a part of the Accounting Leadership Program at WSU (only 20-25 people get accepted into this program each year).

In her spare time at Greenon Sarah participated in the drama club department acting on stage and doing all the choreography. In addition, she was actively involved in the Greenon High band program, participating in Pep Band, Jazz Band, Marching Band, and Wind Ensemble, and she loves listening to music and talking with friends on any down time.

Sarah has been dancing for 14 years, every one of them at MVDC and she plans to continue to dance at MVDC after she enters WSU in the Fall.

Sarah wrote, "My time at MVDC has been absolutely amazing! I've loved every moment. Dance is a place where I can go after a stressful, good, or sad day and know that I'll come out in an even better mood. I would like to thank all the teachers I have had over the years for helping me grow into the dancer I am today and always encouraging me to keep trying."



**GABBY SPATZ**

**GABBY SPATZ** will shortly leave Troy Christian High School for the last time and pack her bags for the trip to Bowling Green State University where she will major in architecture and minor in interior design with all costs covered by the full tuition scholarship for the Honors College. Her ultimate goal is a Masters Degree in Architecture.

While at Troy Christian, Gabby was a member of the National Honor Society and ranked 3rd in her class. She was also the Show Choir Dance Captain and a member of Honors Choir, and she also managed to complete over 20 hours of college credit!

In her spare time, she participated in musicals, the worship team, the Show Choir, the Honors Choir, the Concert Choir and took part in a mission trip to Florida with the Good Samaritan Mission.

Gabby has danced for 15 years, with eight of those years coming at MVDC. She plans to continue dance at Bowling Green in one of their dance clubs (potentially even a swing dance club) or perhaps she will take an elective dance class.

Gabby told us, "Dancing has always been my outlet and I have loved the experience at MVDC. I will miss the MVDC family (though I will always have a part in it) and especially my amazing dance teachers (Miss Kelly, Miss Elissa, Miss Jen, and everyone). Special thanks to these three teachers who have helped me grow in confidence, maturity, and dance ability. Plus thanks to Miss Amy for pushing me in technique all these years."



## MEET OUR FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT!



**RIA POURNARA**

Our foreign exchange student, **ELEFThERIA "RIA" POURNARA**, will be heading home to Neu-Isenburg, Germany, after this year's national dance competition, but we had a chance to ask her about her experiences here before she departs. Ria was hosted by the Sylvester-Schultz family during the school year. We are very excited that Ria got to be a member of our Dance Force during her time here in the states.

Ria is sixteen-years-old and in the 10th grade, and she said that her favorite subjects are English and French. She has been dancing ballet for eight years and had a chance to try jazz and lyrical during her time at MVDC. She reports that her favorite style of dance, at least at the moment, is lyrical.

Her favorite food back home in Germany is dumplings and red cabbage, but that has been replaced, at least temporarily, by her favorite American food, hamburgers and french fries.

In her free time, Ria likes to hang out with her friends or her family and says that her most memorable experiences were her trip to Las Vegas and her first competition dance event., but she also pointed out that many every day events like going to school are different here than back home and therefore certainly memorable.

Ria believes that the biggest difference between here and back home are the schools and the way people behave and think.

Ria wrote, "I want to thank everyone, my family, friends, and all the people at the dance studio who made this year a great experience!"

## HAVE YOU TRIED A SMOOTHIE?

If you've never tried a smoothie, or for that matter even if you are a regular customer for smoothies, Wednesday, May 17, is a date that will provide a great reason for having another smoothie...to support the MVDC Booster Club! Check out the details at right.

## DANCE SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

The MVDC Booster Club will be holding a dance scholarship raffle May 22 - June 17. Tickets will be available for \$5 until recital intermission. The winner will be announced during the 5 minute pause prior to finale. The winner will receive \$300 in MVDC dance credit!

MVDC Board Members will be at the studio at various times to sell tickets. Enter as many times as you like (the winner does not have to be present at finale to win).



Come Support:

# MVDC Booster Club

Come eat with us and support the cause!

## Smoothie King

Wednesday May 17, 2017  
10:00am-6:00pm  
3510 Pentagon Blvd  
Beavercreek, OH

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# DANCE FORCE TAKES THE PRIZE

Here are just a few photos of the MVDC Dance Force on stage at recent competitions. Please visit our Facebook page for more!

