



December 2018

Dance!



The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center
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WINTER CARNIVAL

The annual Winter Carnival of Dance will be Friday, December 14, at 7 p.m. at Fairborn High School.

Each season the Miami Valley Dance Center presents a benefit performance for the Fairborn FISH Food Pantry. The classes participating in the show have been working very hard on their routines for this great cause, and we hope that you can make it to the show.

Students not participating in the show will receive, during the week of December 10 classes, a complimentary ticket to attend; all other tickets will be \$10 (plus a non-perishable item) and are on sale at the studio now.

Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the performance. Fairborn FISH organizers indicate that they can really use canned meats and soups, baby items, and personal hygiene items.

Last year we raised over \$4000 and we hope to surpass that this year!



Our
39th
Year!

That jolly old elf Santa will be making an appearance after the show to hear everyone's wish list, so be sure to bring your camera!



The MVDC Booster Club has some great gift baskets they will be auctioning off at the Winter Carnival. See Page 6 for all the details.

With a show as fabulous as the Winter Carnival you are going to want a professionally made DVD of the event. They will be available for \$20 and the order forms will be at the front desk.

Classes performing are: Monday Ballet I, Monday Ballet IV, Tuesday Ballet II, Wednesday Hip Hop Poppers, Breakers and Lockers, Wednesday Sr. Lyrical, Jazz and Tap, Thursday Ballet III, Thursday Jr. Lyrical, Jazz and Tap, Adult Tap, Adult Jazz, and Adult Hip Hop. Mandatory Dress Rehearsal will be at the studio, December 8th, 2-4:30 p.m.

Don't forget, we'll be revealing the 2019 recital theme at the conclusion of the show!

DRESS CODE BREAK

MVDC students will have another opportunity to break dress code Monday, December 10 through Thursday, December 13.

We'd like dancers to bring in non-perishable food items this time in lieu of a monetary donation in an effort to increase our donation to Fairborn FISH.

(Please make sure to check the expiration date on food items!)

MVDC 2018-2019 Calendar

December 8.....WCD Dress Rehearsal
December 14.....WCD Performance
December 21 - January 3.....Winter Break
April 15-20.....Spring Break
May 27Memorial Day (Studio Closed)
June 5.....Accounts must be paid in full
June 14.....Annual Dance Extravaganza
Dress Rehearsal
June 15....**ANNUAL DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA!**



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Happy Holidays!



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WINTER BREAK

The dance studio will be closed for our annual winter break December 21 - January 3. We hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

RECITAL COSTUMES

We will begin taking measurements for recital costumes this week. It's important that we get all dancers' measurements before we go on Winter Break December 21. Any measurements taken after December 21 will be placed in a later order and will arrive at a later date than our main order.

We allow extra growth room when we order your child's costume. We place the order early so that if there are any fitting problems there is still time to return them before the recital. Costumes are not custom made to a dancer's specific measurements. Some minor alterations may be required.

Please note that the costume total will include recital tights, but it will not include costume alterations. Parents will be responsible for any alterations to their child's costume.

Please note also that there was a \$35 costume deposit due in October for each costume we order for your dancer. Deposits still unpaid are currently accruing interest charges.

Costume balances will be included in the autopay cycle that runs on January 5. Costumes will not be distributed to dancers until the costume fee is paid and all tuition payments are up to date.

Costume prices will be recorded in your dancer's account by the end of December. Please log in to your account to see the balance.

If you have misplaced your login information you can always go the MVDC website, www.miamivalleydancecenter.com, and click on the Student Login tab. On the next page click the Student Account Login link, then on the next page there will be yet another link to help if you have forgotten your login and/or password.

By the way, we'll post a photo of your child's costume in your dancer's on-line account for your viewing.

SECRETARY HOURS



The MVDC secretaries will be at the studio the entire month of December from 4 - 7p.m. for those who wish to make a payment prior to our winter break.

As always, payments can also be made on-line.

BIRTHDAY GANG!

Talk about clever! The December Birthday gang was smart enough to be born in December thereby guaranteeing twice the number of gifts as the rest of us (or is that half as many as the rest of us?).

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 lots of cake and ice cream.



Our best December birthday wishes go out to Miss Amy, Karen Ashcraft, Heather Carrell, Emmalyn Collins, Josie Courtney-Myers, Kadie Deskins, Joanna Edwards, Holly Fahl, Morgan Fahl, Lorelei Ferry, Paislee Fleck, Ellianna Fox, Gabrielle Green, Gabriella Halderman, Elisabeth Hay, Kristen Hildebrecht, Lucy Hughes, Allyson Kneisley, Ava Kuder, Piper Lyons, Isabel Mays, Delilah McCloud, Kimberlyn Ream, Angelea Stacy, Shelby Stinson, and Alivia Swallows.

Happy Birthday...and don't forget to see one of the MVDC Secretaries for your gift!

UGLY WEATHER WARNING



It's that time of year again; ugly winter weather can fall on us without warning at anytime. If we feel the need to cancel classes due to bad weather we will leave an announcement on the studio answering machine (878-6488) or you can check the MVDC website for the latest news

on studio closing. We'll also post a note to the studio's facebook page and to Instagram.

The closing announcement will be made by 2 p.m.

Remember, the studio might still be open even if local schools are closed, and vice versa.



CONVENTION NEWS

Miami Valley Dance Center was well represented at both the recent KAR and Ohio Dance Masters conventions. Our congratulations to Kieren Perks who won the Shining Star Award in Tap class at the KAR Convention.



THALIYAH

Our congratulations to MVDC alum Thaliyah Cools-Lartigue who performed recently with the Ohio State Dance Ensemble in their Celebration of 50 Years of Dance at Ohio State. She did a wonderful job. Needless to say, a significant number of MVDC dancers and staff made the trip to Columbus in support of Thaliyah!



RECITAL PLANNING MEETING HELD



Miss Kelly recently hosted MVDC teachers at her home for the annual recital planning meeting. The theme for the 2019 recital will be revealed at the upcoming Winter Carnival!

DANCER OF THE MONTH

This month Miami Valley Dance Center recognizes **Marleigh Clingner** and as our Dancer of the Month for December, 2018.

Marleigh Clingner is an energetic six year old who spends her school days at Shaw Elementary where she is in kindergarten.



We've never peeked into her closet but we are betting that it is chock full of pink and purple choices. Pink and purple are her favorite color.

When it's time to sit down to dinner, Marleigh is hoping that her favorite food, spaghetti,

is on the menu.

Marleigh owns pets...goats! We have no idea how many goats Marleigh can claim as her own but we are guessing that any number more than "one" is plenty!

Dancing is, of course, one her very favorite things to do, but she also likes to sing, paint, and do makeup in her spare time.

When it comes to dance, Marleigh prefers Hip Hop. When we asked her why she likes to dance, she told us, "I love learning new things each time, and spending time with my friends while doing it!"

WEDDING BELLS TO RING!

MVDC teacher Lauren Daidone got more than turkey and cranberry sauce for Thanksgiving. Her beau Adam popped the question and Miss Lauren said yes! No word yet on when the proposal will turn into marriage, but we will keep you posted.

Congratulations to Lauren and Adam!



MVDC HELPS WELCOME SANTA

Miami Valley Dance Center dancers were excited to once again be part of Fairborn's Hometown Holiday Festival that welcomed Santa Friday, November 30. Our dancers were very well received by those in attendance and we're almost certain that Santa confirmed that each and every one of the dancers had, once again, made the "nice" list. *(In the photo below the dancers pose with Mrs. Claus.)*



DANCE FORCE AT HOLIDAY FUND RAISER



Some MVDC Dance Force members performed at the Fairborn United Methodist Church's Holiday Fundraiser.

The dancers had a great time and were happy to help the church in supporting the Snack Pak Ministries.

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SNACK BAR OPEN

Our new snack bar is now open. Please stop by and visit. We will be adding more snacks and coffee.



NEW SPIRIT WEAR HERE

The new MVDC spirit wear has arrived! We're running a special on our previous style spirit wear, \$10.00 off the original price while supplies last!



NUTCRACKER REMINDER

Here's a reminder that three of our MVDC dancers will be appearing in Nutcracker productions this holiday season.

Olivia Potts will appear in the 29th annual Ohio Performing Arts Institute's "The Nutcracker" at the Clark State Performing Arts Center Kuss Auditorium December 13 and 14. Tickets will be available through the Kuss box office or through Ticketmaster beginning in mid-November.

Ava Kitchen and Jaycee Priest have both been cast in the Dayton Ballet production of "The Nutcracker." The Dayton Ballet program features two casts who perform on different nights. Ava is in the Gold cast and Jaycee is in the Silver cast.

Besides Ava and Jaycee, MVDC teacher Mr. Ivan Braatz will be performing in the Dayton Ballet production of "Nutcracker. We'll be excited to watch these amazing dancers!

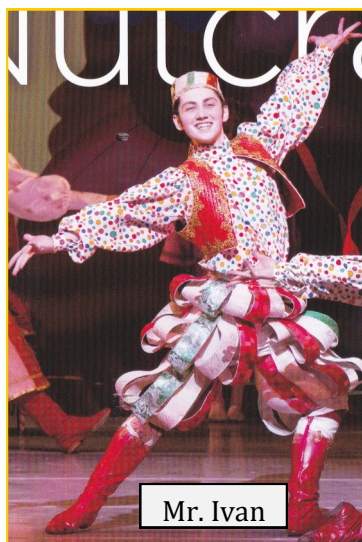
Congratulations to Olivia, Ava, and Jaycee on winning roles in this much loved presentation!



Ava



Olivia



Mr. Ivan



Jaycee

JOIN US FOR MUSICAL THEATER JAZZ CLASS!

Caleb Dicke is ecstatic to be back at Miami Valley Dance Center.

He attended Oklahoma City University and graduated in 2014 with a BPA in Dance Performance. While in college, he was a featured dancer in the American Spirit Dance Company, performed in Oklahoma Opera and Music Theater Company's productions of The Wedding Singer and Legally Blonde, performed as the swing in Mix It Up at Busch Gardens Williamsburg, as well as, performed three summers in the resident ensemble at Music Theatre Wichita.

Caleb now resides in New York City and has been performing regionally across the United States. Recent credits include: La Cage aux Folles at Goodspeed Opera House; West Side Story at The Asolo Repertory Theatre; Disney's Beauty and the Beast at Alabama Shakespeare Festival; Gypsy at Arts Center of Coastal Carolina; and 42nd Street at The Lexington Theatre Company.

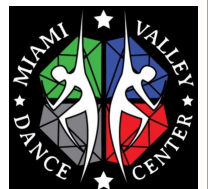
FRIDAY DECEMBER 28

12 AND UNDER: 4 -5:30 P.M.

13 AND OVER: 5:45 - 7:15 P.M.

**COST IS \$25.00 IN ADVANCE,
\$30.00 DAY OF CLASS.**

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BOOSTER CLUB NEWS

Happy Holidays from the MVDC Booster Club!

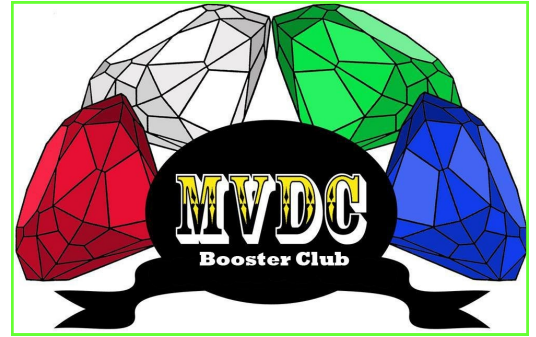
We're excited to announce that we will be bringing back the gift item fundraiser at the Winter Carnival of Dance. Last year, we had several baskets available for bidding via silent auction and this year we have more great baskets.

Bidding on these items will end at show intermission.

Don't miss your opportunity to win and support the Dance Force!

If you are considering a donation to a charitable organization during this holiday season, the MVDC Booster Club is a 501c3 organization dedicated to raising funds to meet the MVDC Dance Force competition team needs. If you would like more information on making a donation, please contact MVDC Booster Club President, Stacy Hampshire, email mvdcbcpresident@gmail.com.

Thank you to all of our MVDC Dance family and friends for your generous donations and patronage! We hope you enjoy a safe, healthy holiday season.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As 2018 comes to a close, the Miami Valley Dance Center staff would like to extend our profound thanks to all the parents and dancers in the MVDC Family for their unending cooperation and support during the past months.

It's been a pleasure to share the joy of dance and we hope that our efforts have made as positive an impact on your lives as your participation has made on ours.

We wish you a happy and safe holiday season and we look forward to a great New Year.

Happy Holidays!

*Miss Kelly
and MVDC Staff*

