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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 "Mad About Emojis" on June 15th. 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.

Tickets go on sale Tuesday, May 14 at 9 a.m. Please see page 5 for more details.

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 14. No late orders will be accepted! Price is just \$25.

DANCERGRAMS

Looking for a fantastic way to show your spirit for your favorite dancer? Why not place a "Dancergram" in our recital program! Dancergram

See page 4 for the show schedule!

MVDC 2019 Calendar

May 10 - 12Fifth Competition
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!**
June 24 - 30.....National Competition

sizes and prices range from a full page ad to a quick shout out. Please see the price sheet attachment that was included in your email. Deadline for all ads is Monday, May 14.

DANCE PHOTOS

Dance photos will be taken at dress rehearsal at the Kuss Auditorium on June 14 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.

RECITAL DANCES

At this point, your child's class is finished learning their recital routines. Videos will be posted in Dropbox along with the final music edits.

And don't forget, mandatory dress rehearsal is Friday, June 14 at Kuss Auditorium.

AWARDS

LAST CALL!

If you are not on the awards list below, and you should be, you have just until May 14 to let us know. Please check the list carefully!

5 Year-Camille Bailey, Sarah Bragg, Madalyn Cohen, Abigail Easterling, Savannah Goodman, Gabrielle Green, Ava Kim, Dain Lourens, Brianna Maloney, Ava Miller, Lilla Mossing, Irina Nelms, Sophia Purdin, Kayla Ross, Haleigh Saltee, Jon Steinbrunner, Kenny Thacker, Chloe Wirick, Kayleigh Yeary.

10 Year-Olivia Cook, Penny Davis, Emily Fields,

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Madison Hoover, Kassidy Perks, Kieran Perks, Rod Perks, Keilani Reynolds, Raeanne Richard, Bryce Simpson, Taylor Sisco, Madelyn Stankas, Julia Stultz.

15 Year-Morgan Fahl, Larry Hayes.

20 Year-Jennifer Hayes, Rachel Smith.

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:

Keanna Bartolome, Alydia Bradley, Megan Caldwell, Jessica Chen, Ellianna Cooper, Kendal Fahl, Skye Freeman, Bailee Gutierrez, Becca Hewitt, Scarlet Keen, Claire Marthaler, Raegan Massie, Isabella Myers, Clara Schulze, Brooklyn Smith, Kinlee Smith, Lizzie Smith, Maddie Smith, and Mailee Wilson.

Happy Birthday!

ACCOUNT BALANCES

All accounts must be paid in full by Wednesday, 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.

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!

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 8 and runs through August 1.**

Tentative Schedule:

Monday:

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

Tuesday:

5:00-5:30 Predance
5:30-6:15 Kinderdance
5:30-6:15 Hip Hop
6:15-7:15 Power Yoga
7:15-8:15 Gentle Yoga

Wednesday:

4:00-5:30 Technique II
5:30-7:00 Contemporary/Leaps and Turns II
7:00-8:30 Technique III
8:30-9:00 Pointe

Thursday:

4:30-5:45 Technique I
5:45-6:45 Leaps and Turns I
6:45-7:45 Tap Technique I

Space in these fun classes is limited so you'd better plan to reserve your place in these classes now! **On-line registration 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 SHOES/SUPPLIES

Now is the time to order shoes for the June recital. Your tights come with your costume, but Tawna at tawna6988@gmail.com, (937-260-9162) 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 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.

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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. You may film your dancer at dress rehearsal, but there is to be no photography of any kind during the Saturday performances.

COMPETITION NEWS

We have our last regional competition coming up on May 10-12 at the Victoria Theater in Downtown Dayton.. Visit the snack bar for a schedule to come and cheer on your Dance Force.

JUDGE (MISS) KELLY

For Miss Kelly it's time again to pack that bag. She was judging in Milwaukee May 4-5. Here's wishing Miss Kelly safe travels!

NATIONAL DANCE WEEK/BRING A FRIEND TO DANCE

It's always great fun when National Dance Week rolls around each year and we invite our dancers to bring a friend to dance with them, and this year was no exception.

See more about this year's event on page 4.



SUMMER DANCE CAMP

We are excited to announce our Princess Camp summer dance camp program for ages 5-8 July 22-26, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Dance class and activities will be geared around our Princess theme. Class size is limited, and we will be sending you information regarding the camp soon. You don't want to miss it!



BRING A FRIEND TO DANCE WEEK

National Dance Week (April 22 - 27) was celebrated at MVDC by inviting dancers to bring a friend to class with them. Needless to say, everyone had a wonderful time! (Additional photos on prior page.)



2019 MVDC RECITAL ACT ASSIGNMENTS

ACT 1

1. Opening
2. Ruby Jazz
3. Monday Tap 1
4. Tuesday Predance
5. Adult Hip Hop
6. Diamond Tap
7. Sapphire Lyrical
8. Monday Jazz 3/4
9. Wednesday Sr. Lyrical
10. Ruby Lyrical
11. Emerald Tap
12. Wednesday 4:45 Predance
13. Thursday Jr. Tap
14. Solo
15. Hip Hop Tutters
16. Sapphire Jazz
17. Diamond Contemporary
18. Solo
19. Tuesday Ballet 2
20. Wednesday 6:00 Predance
21. Adult Tap
22. Wednesday Sr. Jazz
23. Monday Ballet 1
24. Monday Tap 4
25. Diamond Jazz

ACT 2

26. Diamond Lyrical
27. Thursday Jr. Lyrical
28. Tuesday Jazz 2
29. Monday Ballet 4
30. Emerald Jazz
31. Wednesday Kinderdance
32. Thursday Ballet 3
33. Hip Hop Breakers
34. Wednesday Sr. Tap
35. Tuesday Kinderdance
36. Solo
37. Tuesday Jazz 1
38. Teachers
39. Solo
40. Emerald Contemporary
41. Tuesday Tap 2
42. Wednesday Lockers
43. Solo
44. Thursday Jr. Jazz
45. Hip Hop Poppers
46. Sapphire Tap
47. Adult Jazz
48. Irish
49. Man Dance
- Pause
50. Finale

Please email Miss Kelly if your dancer has less than three dances between costume changes!

RECITAL TICKETS

Recital Tickets go on sale Tuesday, May 14 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. Here are the links that will let you purchase tickets for both the Specialty Performance and the Main show "Mad About Emojis."

Specialty Performance:[https://](https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/1600569794B01867)

[www.ticketmaster.com/
event/1600569794B01867](https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/1600569794B01867)

Main Show: [https://www.ticketmaster.com/
event/16005697946D1850](https://www.ticketmaster.com/event/16005697946D1850)

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 "Mad About Emojis." Please be sure you select the correct performance since there are no refunds.

This year's recital procedures are outlined in the attachment that was sent with this email. Please read through the attachment carefully to see if your dancer is eligible for a dancer

ticket.

Please take time to read the attachment carefully on our dancer ticket policy.

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.

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.

Ticket prices are shown and explained on our chart below. Note that there is a fee connected with each ticket sold depending on how you choose to purchase your ticket. Through Clark State there is a \$3 fee added to each ticket. If you use Ticketmaster there is an added \$4 fee.

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

MVDC Ticket Pricing 2019	MVDC Charge	Box Office Ticketing Fee	Ticket Master Ticketing Fee	Total Ticket Price*
1:00 Specialty Performance (Orchestra Seating Only)	\$12.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$15.00/\$16.00
5:00 Main Show				
Orchestra Pit	\$16.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$19.00/\$20.00
Orchestra	\$14.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$17.00/\$18.00
Mezzanine	\$12.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$15.00/\$16.00
Balcony	\$10.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$13.00/\$14.00
Mezzanine Box Seats	\$30.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$33.00/\$34.00
Balcony Box Seats	\$20.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$23.00/\$24.00

* There is an additional \$3.00 per order processing fee if purchased through the Clark State Box Office, and a \$4.00 processing fee if purchased through Ticket Master.

Stankas Audition a Success

Madelyn Stankas, a member of the MVDC Dance Force and a Ballet in the City ambassador, recently got some very exciting news! She auditioned for a performance opportunity through Ballet in the City and was thrilled to learn she was selected by Zippora Karz, a former soloist with the New York City Ballet and current répétiteur for the George Balanchine Trust, to learn Balanchine choreography and perform in her piece for the 2019 Ashley Boudier Project at the Ballet in the City gala in October in Akron, Ohio.

She and fellow ambassadors chosen will learn choreography for this piece during rehearsals at Cincinnati Ballet in May. She will also have the opportunity to take master classes arranged by Ballet in the City that weekend and attend a performance of Bal-

anchine's Serenade with a special behind-the-scenes tour. During the gala performance in October, she will be sharing the stage with professionals from the New York City Ballet!

Madelyn feels very honored to have been selected for this wonderful opportunity and is looking forward to it very much!



BIG NEWS! OCDC IS HERE!

MVDC is excited to announce its newest addition to the studio, The Onyx Contemporary Dance Company! OCDC will be under the artistic direction of Miss Amy Jones-Gibbons. It will be a non-profit organization dedicated to providing pre-professional students an opportunity to further their training in the technical and performance aspects of dance. OCDC's goal will be to instill an appreciation for the art of dance in a safe learning environment. This higher level of training will provide the young aspiring dancer with learning tools that will enhance discipline, character, and work ethic.

Onyx Contemporary Dance Company will also be committed to community outreach. Our dancers will develop strong connections through community performances by reaching the broadest possible audience.

All aspects of Miami Valley Dance Center will remain the same including our recreational classes and Dance Force Performance teams. OCDC is simply another outlet for those dancers wishing to pursue their dance training even further. Auditions will take place on Monday, June 3rd. In order to audition you must be going into 7th grade in the fall of the 2019-2020 school year. Dancers in 6th grade are permitted to audition and are eligible for an apprentice opportunity with the company. Past

members of the Dance Force who have graduated from high school are also permitted to audition.

School age dancers wanting to be considered for the company must participate on a minimum of 2 MVDC Dance Force Teams for the 2019-2020 season. If you would like more information, please contact Miss Kelly at kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com or Miss Amy for more details.



DANCE SCHOLARSHIP RAFFLE

The MVDC Booster Club will be holding a dance scholarship raffle May 13 - June 15. 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 \$500 in MVDC dance credit! Tickets will be available at the snack bar.

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).

RECITAL GIFTS

Dancer families and friends will have a chance this year to purchase either a tumbler (shown right, bottom) for \$13 or a goodie bag with the items shown (right top) for \$5 or you can bundle both for your dancer for \$15.

All orders are due by June 1 and all pre-orders must be paid at the time the order is placed. Order forms can be picked up at the front desk.

Mixed flower bouquets will be available the night of the show for \$15.

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.

BREAK DRESS CODE WEEK

The studio held Break Dress Code Week April 8 - 13 and thanks to the generosity of our students (and parents) a whopping \$400 was raised and donated to the Humane Society of Greater Dayton.



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2019 GRADUATES



MORGAN FAHL will soon leave Fairborn High School behind in her rear-view mirror as she heads off to The Elite Hair Academy in Kettering where she will pursue her dream of becoming a licensed cosmetologist. Morgan hopes to be able to remain connected to the Miami Valley Dance Center where she was a member of the dance family for fifteen years and was a member of the Dance Force for ten of those years, but much will depend on whether she is able to find time between school and her job. She notes that whatever happens, she had fun during her time with MVDC.

Morgan was pretty busy during her years at Fairborn High where she served as a Student Ambassador, served on the yearbook staff, and performed with the Chamber Chorale (Select Choir). For three years, Morgan competed successfully as a soloist in the Ohio Music Education Association. She was also in the cast of the Fairborn school musical in her Freshman and Sophomore years and worked with the crew in her Senior year.

Morgan was recognized for her class room performance when she was chosen for the Honor Roll in the first semester of her Senior year and then made the Principal's list in the third quarter.

Morgan advises young dancers just starting their dance careers to "chase your dreams and don't let anyone's opinion bring you down!"



Now that **ISABELLA MEYERS** is nearing the end of her four years at Carroll High School, she is looking ahead to college and she has picked a school just a few miles from Carroll High, Wright State University in Fairborn. We've looked at her Carroll resume and we can't image that college will have her less busy than she has been over the past four years. Isabella was a member of the Dance Team, the Color Guard, and the Liturgical Choir, as well as the French Club, the French National Honor Society, Carroll's Pro-Life Club, and the National Honor Society. Somehow she found time to be the Carroll House Captain and was a member of the St. Luke's Youth Group.

Isabella's performance was certainly noted. She was the recipient of the 2019 Annual Youth Ministry Award, the 2018 Corey Cooper Memorial Scholarship, and the Wright State University Academic Performance Scholarship.

Her advice to the young dancers just starting out: "Never be afraid to prove everyone who believes that you can't do something wrong. With determination and hard work, you are capable of accomplishing even your wildest dreams." Isabella has danced at MVDC for eight years.



KASSIDY PERKS will soon close her locker at Greenon High School as she closes out her high school career there. Her next stop will be Clark State College in Springfield, Ohio where she will pursue her higher education.

When she wasn't hitting the books at Greenon, Kassidy focused primarily on music. She was a member of the Symphonic Band, the Pep Band, and the Wind Ensemble, so it should come as no surprise that she was also a member of the Greenon High Marching Band where she stood out as the Drum Major for the 2018 season.

Kassidy was a member of the Tri-M Music Honor Society.

When we asked Kassidy what she would tell a young dancer just beginning their dance career, her advice was short and to the point: "Always listen to Miss Kelly!"

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HALEIGH SALLEE is heading off to Wilmington College, in Wilmington, Ohio after a successful high school career at Cedarville High School in Cedarville, Ohio. During her four years at Cedarville High Haleigh was a member of the Key Club (a Volunteering Club), Student Government (she was the Secretary of her class), was inducted into the National Honor Society in 2018, and was part of the Yearbook committee.

Besides the Honor Roll and National Honor Society recognition she received for her grades, Haleigh was also the recipient of the Mike Dewine Scholarship.

Haleigh danced at MVDC for four years. We asked her what advice she would give to young dancers just starting out on their dance careers and she replied, "I would give young dancers the advice to use dance as a way to express who they are inside and out. It doesn't matter what the person next to you or the person watching you says, the

only opinion that matters in your life is your own opinion. Do not get sidetracked nor pushed down by other people's negativity, rise above it and conquer the dance world!"



Like so many other fresh-out-of-high-school scholars, **GRANT SHAFFER** will be sitting in a class at Wright State University when Fall rolls around this year. Grant has spent the last four years of his life at the Dayton Regional STEM School and is no doubt anxious to see what the future holds for him as a Raider.

Grant stayed plenty busy while at the STEM School. He was a member of the Student Government there, and a member of the National Honor Society, and he was also a participant in the Junior Council of World Affairs and a member of the National Chinese Honor Society.

Grant was named a STEM Scholar and Valedictorian of his graduating class.

MVDC was Grant's home-away-from-home for thirteen years and he was a member of the Dance Force competition dance team for many years. Given his time in dance, Grant was perfectly positioned to offer this advice to young dancers: "Don't be afraid of what everyone else says; just do what makes you happy, and even though all of the Technique classes and extra hours in the studio may feel excruciatingly painful, they're worth it. Trust me!"



MAKINZIE STOLLINGS' high school experience was less traditional and more cutting edge. This year she graduates from the Fairborn Digital Academy. The Fairborn Digital Academy is an online high school program sponsored by the Fairborn City Schools and it opened its doors for the first time in 2002.

All but two of our graduating seniors plan to attend college close to home. Makinzie is one of the two who are looking for a university experience much farther away. In Makinzie's case she's hoping to be sitting in class at Arizona State University when Summer ends. She says that the school has a great nursing program and she likes Arizona.

Makinzie danced at MVDC for thirteen years and that puts her in an excellent position to offer sage advice to young dancers who are just starting their dance careers: "Don't stress out! Just have fun and do your best."



ALICIA DEMI SYLVESTER will soon depart for the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism at Arizona State University after that school awarded her the New American Presidential Provost scholarship. Alicia graduates this year from Fairborn High School where she participated in the school musicals, was a class officer all four years, was part of the Student Congress, was in Chamber and Common Ground.

Alicia was a member of the MVDC dance family for 14 years and offers this advice for young dancers: "You are your best opponent. Push yourself and never give up. Always strive to be the best you can be and always give 110% in the classroom!"

DANCE FORCE TAKES THE PRIZE

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

