



November 2018

# Dance!

The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center

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## HOLIDAY BREAKS

The holiday season is rapidly approaching and with it our annual studio closings.

The lights will be out at the studio November 19 - 24 for our Thanksgiving holiday break and again on December 21 - January 3 for our Winter break.

Better mark your calendars before you forget!

## WINTER CARNIVAL OF DANCE

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 a complimentary ticket to attend; all other tickets will be \$10 (plus a non-perishable item) and will go on sale at the studio on Monday, November 26. 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,

Our  
39th  
Year!

and personal hygiene items.

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

The MVDC Booster Club will once again have some fabulous gift baskets available during the raffle as well as some yummy concessions. The gift baskets will be on display at the studio the week leading up to the performance.

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.

**We will also be revealing our 2019 recital theme at the end of the show!**

## RECITAL COSTUMES

We will begin taking measurements for recital costumes the first week in December.

We allow extra growth room when we order your child's costume. Please note that costumes are not custom made to your child's specific measurements, so minor alterations such as adjusting straps, hemming pants, etc. may be required. Parents will be responsible for any alterations to their 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.

Note also that the costume total will include recital tights. There was a \$35 costume deposit due in October for each costume we order for your dancer. Balances are due no later than January 5, 2019. Balances will be posted to students' accounts around mid-December.

The costume deposit is non-refundable.

Parents will be able to view a photo of their child's costume through their online dancer account. Just click on "Current Classes" at the bottom of the page. We plan to post the photos near the end of December. Check it out!

## MVDC 2018-2019 Calendar

November 19-24.....	Thanksgiving Break
December 8.....	WCD Dress Rehearsal
December 14.....	WCD Performance
December 21 - January 3.....	Winter Break
April 15-20.....	Spring Break
May 27 .....	Memorial Day (Studio Closed)
June 5.....	Accounts must be paid in full
June 14.....	Annual Dance Extravaganza Dress Rehearsal
June 15.....	<b>ANNUAL DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA!</b>

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## BIRTHDAY GANG!

Lots of the MVDC dancers have November birthdays. They were probably all anxious to get here in time for that Thanksgiving turkey.

Since we are not sure how old each of these dancers is, we'll just use an average age of, say, 36 and wish each of them a happy 36th birthday with lots of cake and ice cream!



Our birthday gang for November:

Sada Bricker, Amelia Burke, Marleigh Clingner, Annabelle Courtney-Myers, Leanna Dixon, Amelia Doyle, Esther Gates, Aaliyah Hampton, Amber

Johnson, Karaline Johnson, Madison Jolman, Sofia Jones, Hannah Leach, Lilla Mossing, Jentry Priest, Regan Puckett, Cydnie Rigato, Annabelle Scheer, Nora Smith, Leah Snow, and Alicia Sylvester

Don't forget to visit the Secretary to receive your special birthday gift!

## NEW DANCEWEAR!

That Jolly Old Elf will soon begin his annual trip around the world filling stockings and leaving wonderful gifts under those Christmas trees. Santa's helpers should consider gifting MVDC dancewear, the Christmas gift that lasts throughout the year. And new items will be added to the MVDC dancewear closet.

By the way, if you intend to surprise a certain someone with MVDC dancewear for the holiday season you should contact Tawna at Gem City Dancewear, (937) 260-9162, during the month of November and get some ideas or make any special orders. The holiday season has been known to cause back orders, so place your orders early. And look for an all new MVDC design coming soon!

Santa will appreciate your help!

## THANK YOU!

MVDC raised \$550 for the American Red Cross through donations from "Break Dress Code Week" during students' last class in October. You can see all the fairies, super heroines, pirates, and such in the photos on page 3.

Our thanks to everyone who made this effort such a success!

## NUTCRACKER BALLET!

Each holiday season at least one MVDC dancer is cast in a local production of "The Nutcracker." We're thrilled that this season three MVDC dancers will find themselves on stage as part of this tradition holiday program!

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. We do not have dates and times yet for the Dayton Ballet production but we will share them in the December issue of "Dance."

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



Jaycee



Olivia



Ava



# GOBLINS, GHOULS, FAERIES, & SUPER HEROES INVADe MVDC!



Here's just a sampling of the amazing creatures who descended upon MVDC during Break Dance Code week!

# DANCERS OF THE MONTH NAMED

The Miami Valley Dance Center Dancers of the Month for November, 2018, are **Gabby Green** and **Sofia Kitchen**.

**Gabby Green** is a 13 year old student at St Luke School in Beavercreek.



Blue is her favorite color but we would recommend that if she ever receives a pizza (her all-time favorite food) that's blue she should probably send it back!

Gabby at present does not have a pet.

When Gabby isn't dancing, she likes to play her guitar, and if she's not playing guitar look for her

on the golf course. Gabby's on the First Tee and school golf teams!

When it comes to dance, Gabby can't decide between lyrical and jazz when asked to choose her favorite dance style.

We asked her why she likes to dance and as it turns out Gabby is a young woman of few words. She told us, "I like dancing!"

**Sofia Kitchen** proudly lists her age as "6 and 2/3rds" and she is a first grade student at Risen Christ School.

Sofia's favorite color is the same as Gabby's, blue. When she's hungry, Ramen noodles, her favorite food, will really hit the spot.

When she gets home from school Sofia will find her two loyal cats, River and Panda, waiting for her.

Sofia can be found creating things, coloring and involved in various arts and crafts when she is not at school or dancing at the MVDC studio.

So far "Leaps and Turns" is Sofia's favorite class at MVDC and she likes to dance because "I like learning new dances and routines for performances."

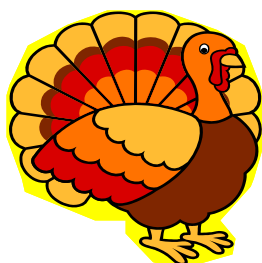
Our congratulations go out to **Gabby Green** and **Sofia Kitchen** and their families and many friends for their selection as Dancers of the Month for November. Take a bow ladies!



## PARKING NOTE!

**Please be courteous to our fellow dance families and park within the yellow lines in the parking lot. Some nights are very busy and we need all the parking spaces available. Thank you!**

*"The Art of Dancing stands at the source of all the arts that express themselves..." Havelick Ellis*



**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING  
FROM  
MVDC!**

## NEW MVDC SPIRIT WEAR COMING!

We're excited to announce that new spirit wear featuring the MVDC logo will soon be available just in time for Christmas giving!

Stay tuned for future announcements as to the availability of this new line of clothing!



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## MVDC ALUM IN OHIO STATE DANCE

MVDC alum Thaliyah Cools-Lartigue will be dancing with the Ohio State Dance Ensemble as part of the College of Arts and Sciences Department of Dance celebration of the 50th anniversary of Ohio State Dance.



Performances are set for the weekends of November 8th and 15th with multiple performances on both Saturdays.

Performances will be at the Barnett Theatre. Tickets can be purchased by calling the Ohio State Theater Ticket Office at (614) 292-2295. You can also obtain tickets through Ticketmaster with the usual mark-up.

Several members of the MVDC Dance Force are planning to travel to Columbus on Saturday, November 10, to see Thaliyah.

Congratulations to Thaliyah on being part of this wonderful Ohio State Dance celebration!

## MVDTA CONVENTION

On October 28th Miss Kelly, Miss Elissa, Athena Rosengarten, Bella Japs, Ava Kim, McKenzie Ashcraft, Kendal Fahl, Morgan Fahl, Bailey Fahl, Grant Shaffer, Gabby McMaster and Kieran Perks attended the Miami Valley Dance Teacher's Association Fall Convention.

They took classes in Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Modern and Musical Theater from teachers Diane Gudat, Rich Ashworth and Eoghan Dillon. (See photo below.)

## MVDC TO DANCE AT HOLIDAY PARADE

We're excited to announce that the MVDC Dance Force will be performing at the Fairborn Holiday Parade on November 30, 2018.

The parade starts at 6 p.m. and the MVDC dancers will be dancing in front of the Christmas tree between 5:30 and 6 p.m.

Make plans now to join us!



# DANCE FORCE FALL PARTY

The MVDC Dance Force had their traditional Fall Party on October 20 and even though the weather didn't cooperate everyone had a great time.

Our thanks to the Murphys for hosting the event!



## DROP & SHOP ANNOUNCED

MVDC is excited to announce our "Drop and Shop" on Sunday, December 2 from 12-3. Parents! This is your opportunity to drop your child off for a few hours at our "Visit to the North Pole" mini camp and have some time to finish up your shopping!

Activities will include: games, crafts, a cup cake decorating station and of course dance class complete with a special parent performance at the end of the day!



This is open to children age 5-8. You do not have to be a student of MVDC to attend. Cost is \$35.00. You can reserve a spot by visiting: <https://secure.miamivalleydancecenter.com/specialevent/>

Hurry space is limited and spots will fill quickly! Email Miss Kelly for any questions, [kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com](mailto:kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com)

## COULDN'T BE MORE PROUD!

Wow! We're about to pop the buttons off our vests, we're so proud of our two technique instructors, Miss Amy Jones-Gibbons and Mr. Ivan Braatz, and their wonderful performances in October.

Miss Amy was featured in "The Bench," a production of the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company, and Mr. Ivan was the lead in the Dayton Ballet production of "Dracula: Bloodlines."

These talented dancers continue to serve as amazing examples for our MVDC students. Congratulations to both on their excellent performances!

*(Photo below right) Mr. Ivan as Dracula in the Dayton Ballet "Dracula: Bloodlines."*

*(Photo below left courtesy "Geek with a Lens.")*

*(Bottom) MVDC dancers turned out in force for Miss Amy's performance in the DCDC production of "The Bench."*

## NEW CONCESSION AREA PLANNED

MVDC is planning a new concession area to debut soon at the studio. It will be run by the MVDC Booster Club and will feature drinks and light healthy snacks.

