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# 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 21 - 26 for our Thanksgiving holiday break and again on December 19 - January 1 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 16, 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 \$8 (plus a non-perishable item) and will go on sale at the studio on Monday, November 28. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the performance.

Fairborn FISH organizers indicate that they

Our  
37th  
Year!

can really use canned meats and soups, baby items, and personal hygiene items.

Last year we raised over \$3300 and we hope to surpass that this year!

The MVDC Booster Club will once again have some fabulous gift baskets available during the silent auction as well as some yummy concessions.

All classes that are participating -- Monday Ballet III, Monday Jr. Lyrical, Jr. Jazz and Jr. Tap, Tuesday Ballet II, Tuesday Adult Tap and Adult Hip Hop, Wednesday Ballet I, Hip Hop Tutters, Breakers and Lockers, Sr. Tap, Lyrical and Jazz, Thursday Ballet IV and Irish 1 and Adult Irish as well as some special solo performances and a special performance from the MVDC Dance Force -- will have a mandatory dress rehearsal at the studio on Saturday, December 10, from 2 - 4 p.m.

## DANCE FORCE & GLOBETROTTERS

We are so excited to announce that the MVDC Dance Force will be performing a half time routine at the Harlem Globetrotters Game on December 31st at the Nutter Center, game starts at 2:00 p.m. We have tickets for sale at a discounted price if you'd like to come out for a fun afternoon and cheer on our dancers. We will be auctioning off a Harlem Globetrotters gift basket at the Winter Carnival of Dance that will include 2 tickets to the game, an autographed Globetrotters basketball as well as some other fun memorabilia.

## 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. We place the order early so that if there are any fitting problems there is still time to return them before the recital.

Please note that the costume total will include recital tights, but it will not include costume altera-

## MVDC 2016-2017 Calendar

October 31.....	Studio Closed
November 21-26.....	Thanksgiving Break
December 10.....	WCD rehearsal
December 16.....	WCD Performance
December 19-January 1.....	Winter Break
April 17-22 .....	Spring Break
May 29 Memorial Day.....	(Studio Closed)
June 5.....	Accounts must be paid in full
June 15-17.....	Annual Dance Extravaganza and Dress Rehearsal

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tions. Parents will be responsible for any alterations to their child's costume.

Please note that 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, 2017. 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!

## HERE COMES SANTA!

Fairborn will present its annual Holiday Parade and Tree Lighting on Friday, December 2 to welcome the big guy in the bright red suit, Santa Claus!



We've learned that Fairborn intends to change things a bit this year and some of the details are still uncertain. More information about the parade will be provided when it is available.

## 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

## 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 have been 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 go visit Tawna at Gem City Dancewear, 2 W. Main Street, Fairborn, 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!

and wish each of them a happy 36th birthday with lots of cake and ice cream!

Our birthday gang for November:

MacKenzie Ary, Sada Bricker, Marleigh Clingner, Annabelle Courtney-Myers, Amelia Doyle, Brooklynn Inman, Karaline Johnson, Dominic Kempton, Hannah Leach, Lilla Mossing, Jessica Parks, Chloe Poole, Cydnie Rigato, Leah Snow, Gracie Stiles, and Alicia Sylvester.

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



## THANK YOU!

MVDC raised \$450 for the National Breast Cancer Foundation 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 4.

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



## NUTCRACKER BALLET!

We are happy to announce that MVDC dancer Bella Japs has been assigned the role of a Sugar Plum Fairy Attendant in the Dayton Ballet production of the Nutcracker!

We know she will represent MVDC well. Break a leg Bella!



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



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

*Havelick Ellis*

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

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# MEET OUR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

It would be very difficult for our great teachers to accomplish all that they want to without the support and efforts of our Teaching Assistants. MVDC is fortunate to have five very talented dancers serving as assistants and we want you to meet them. Last month we introduced you to Bailey Fahl, Morgan Fahl, and Grant Shaffer. This month you will meet **Kaylee Vance** and **Lauren Magee**.

**Lauren Magee** is 18 years old and has been dancing for most her life, 15 years to be precise. She assists with Ballet 2, Tap 2, and Jazz 2 on Tuesdays.

At the moment, Lauren is in her second year at Wright State University where she is pursuing a Bachelor Degree in Earth Sciences.

Why did Lauren sign up to serve at MVDC as a Teacher's Assistant? She told us, "I love to dance and I wanted to share that with new dancers."

Lauren has enjoyed her role as a Teacher's Assistant and she says she has particularly enjoyed the young dancer's progress.

"It's very cool to see how much the dancers improve throughout the year."

We asked Lauren what is something that her fellow dancers might not know about her. Her reply: "My oldest sister, Kylyn, is pregnant! She's due at the end of February or beginning of March. So I have to wait almost five long months to be an aunt for the first time! She's having a boy and the whole family is super excited!"

In ten years Lauren says "I will have graduated college, possibly have a Masters Degree, and will be working toward making clean water available to more people."



Lauren

**Kaylee Vance** assists with Wednesday Pre-dance and Kinder-dance. She is a 14-year-old Freshman at the Dayton Regional STEM School who says that she has been dancing for 12 years.

Kaylee wanted to be a Teacher's Assistant at MVDC because

"In 6th grade I helped in Kindergarden at the end of the day. Most of the time the kids would just be practicing reading to me but it helped me realize that I wanted to be with kids and love helping them learn."

Kaylee particularly likes being a Teacher's Assistant because "All of the dancers are super excited to dance and it makes my day."

Asked to name something that most of her fellow dancers probably don't know about her, Kaylee said, "In elementary school I was in Student Government because my friend nominated me and they elected me even though I hadn't originally planned on it!"

When we asked where Kaylee thought she might be in ten years, she replied, "I see myself at Disney as a dancer or a character on one of the cruise ships."

Wow! We're hoping that Kaylee remembers her friends when she is ready to hit the high seas!

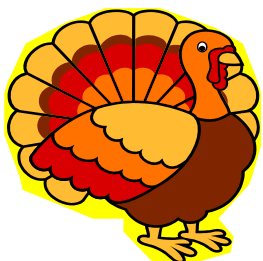


Kaylee

## 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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THANKSGIVING  
FROM  
MVDC!**

## DANGERS OF THE MONTH NAMED

**Allison F.** and **Kieren C.** have been named MVDC Dancers of the Month for November.

Eleven-year-old **Allison** spends her school days at a desk at Indian Valley Intermediate School in Enon, and we are certain that her pooch Bessie misses her while she is gone.

Allison has listed her hobbies as “dance, painting nails, and performing” and when it comes to



painting nails you can bet that pink, Allison’s favorite color, is frequently used.

When dinner time comes around, Allison will be looking to see that her favorite food, mashed potatoes and gravy, is served.

When it comes to the Miami Valley Dance Center, Allison’s favorite dance style is hip hop.

Why does Allison like to dance? She told us “I like to dance because it helps to keep worries away and makes me happy. I also like it because I get to make new friends!”

**Kieren** is an 11-year-old 6th grade student at Cedarville Middle School.

For the first time since this newsletter began featuring Dancers of the Month, Kieren has chosen black and white as her favorite colors!

She doesn’t mess around when it comes to choosing her favorite foods.

She told us that they are pasta, crunchy chicken tenders and fries, and pumpkin pie with whipped cream. We’ll bet there are a few more that she forgot to list.

When Kieren gets home from school there are no less than four cats waiting to greet her, Tripper, Jack, Penny, and Fozzie Bear.

Her hobbies include dance (of course), drawing, painting, running hurdles, high jump, and javelin throw. (Whew!)

Kieren’s favorite style of dance is tap and she says she likes dance because “It’s fun! It takes my mind off school. It challenges me. It makes me happy!”

Congratulations to Allison and Kieren and their families for being chosen as Dancers of the Month for November!



## Busy Miss Amy Even Busier Now

We are thrilled to announce that our own Miss Amy Jones has been named a DCDC Artist in Residence and that promises to keep a very busy lady even busier!

In her new position Miss Amy is responsible for teaching three classes at the University of Dayton, serving as the Director of the U.D. Dance Ensemble, and choreographing the Johann Strauss opera “Die Fledermaus.” And did we mention that she also performs as the guest dancer at DCDC?

As if that isn’t enough, Miss Amy continues to teach at MVDC and Dance Expressions.

“I love the kids at MVDC! This is my eighth year with the studio and I’m looking forward to starting the choreography with my kids this December.”

Miss Amy reports that two of the classes she teaches at UD are a real challenge, and she loves it.

“Those two classes are for non-dancers and it has been a real challenge to create the curriculum that works for them. I call it “Movement for Everyone.”

Miss Amy seems comfortable with her busy life. “I used to dance all day and teach all night, so this is not much different than that. Plus my boyfriend who works for GE Aviation is in India until the end of December, so staying busy has not been a problem.”

MVDC congratulates Miss Amy on her new position with DCDC!





## DANCE FORCE VISITS YOUNG'S CORN MAZE



The MVDC Dance Force visited Young's Corn Maze on October 22. The weather was great and everyone had a wonderful time. (And, at last report, every Dance Force member found their way back to the parking lot.)



## FASHION SHOW FUN

On October 23 the MVDC Booster Club, in conjunction with Mirabella Boutique, presented a fashion show and it was a huge success. Members of the MVDC Dance Force got to model the latest trends in boutique attire. Special thanks are due to our dancers, the MVDC Booster Club Board, and all of the volunteers and businesses who donated some wonderful gift baskets for the raffle.





## MVDC TEACHERS VISIT UDMA IN CHICAGO



The United Dance Merchants of America held their Expo in Chicago October 29 - 30 and many of the MVDC teachers were on hand. In the photo above MVDC staff pose with Theresa Purcell Cone who led the seminar on teaching children with disabilities.



## DANCE FORCE PERFORMS IN SPRINGFIELD

Some of the MVDC Dance Force members performed at the Halloween Celebration at Mother Stewart's Brewery in Springfield to great applause Friday, October 28. As you can tell in the photo at right, these Dance Force members were plenty scary indeed!



### **CHRISTINA ROSS TO APPEAR IN LITTLEST ANGEL WITH DCDC2**

As we reported some months ago, MVDC alumni Christina Ross was selected for DCDC's 2nd company and both DCDC and DCDC2 will be performing "The Littlest Angel" Friday, December 2 (7:30 p.m.) and Saturday, December 3 (3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.) at the Boll Theater, Kennedy Union, University of Dayton, 300 College Park, Dayton.

Set beautifully to dance, The Littlest Angel is

the endearing tale by Charles Tazewell about a little boy who enters heaven far too soon.

But the gift he offers for the Christ child transforms the meaning of giving and sacrifice. The Littlest Angel is for the entire family and for the child in you.

Ticket prices range from \$22.50 to \$45 and the tickets are available at the box office.

