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Dance!

The Newsletter of the Miami Valley Dance Center

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THANK YOU!

All of the teachers, assistants, and secretaries would like to thank everyone for the wonderful gifts and cards we received. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated!

We hope that everyone had a wonderful and enjoyable holiday season and are anxious for the start of the New Year and hope that 2021 is going to bring us a little more normalcy. We want to once again thank our MVDC families for their continued support through these unprecedented times.

IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION RESUMES

We are planning on returning to class January 4th with in-person instruction. We will always have

the virtual option available to any dancer who would like to go that route. We ask that you please be vigilant about monitoring your dancer's health. If at any time they are experiencing any COVID like symptoms, fever over 99.9, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, please keep them home and have them take their class virtually.

The studio was treated professionally with a second round of Enviroshield, a disinfectant coating, over the holiday break and we will continue to do our screenings when dancers enter the building.

We will be keeping our safety protocols in place until further notice. We have attached a copy of the protocols to the email containing the newsletter for reference.

31ST WINTER CARNIVAL OF DANCE

Our 31st annual Winter Carnival of Dance was a terrific success thanks to all the students, families, and friends who lent their support to our "virtual" charity event.

The Dance Center stages this show each holiday season to raise money for Fairborn FISH, an organization designed to help the less fortunate people of Fairborn. Our donation to Fish was \$3,500 initially

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MVDC 2021 Calendar

January 4.....In-person Instruction Resumes
March 29-Apr 3.....Spring Break
May 31.....Memorial Day-Studio Closed
June 5.....Accounts Must Be Paid In Full
June 18-19.....Annual Dance Extravaganza



(Left) Miss Kelly, Director, Miami Valley Dance Center, on the right, presents a check to Bill Doorley, Manager of the Fairborn FISH Food Pantry. The wonderful MVDC dance family donated an amazing \$3725 in a year when there were no ticket sales with the Winter Carnival of Dance presented virtually!



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and we received an additional \$225.00 that we will be giving to the food pantry this month.

Since we were unable to finish out the year with in-person classes during our break dress code week, if you have still have items you'd like to bring in, we will be making another trip to the food bank. Please bring your items in the week of Jan. 4-9.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the Winter Carnival, please visit www.mvdcilive.com to place an order.

Again, thanks to our MVDC dancers who did a great job, and to everyone who supported our 31st annual Winter Carnival!

RECITAL COSTUMES

Costume balances have been added to your dancer's account and will be included with the January 5th autopay. Late charges will be applied to any costume balances not paid by the 10th.

You will soon be able to view a picture of your child's costume by logging into your account. Simply click on the drop-down menu for "Current Classes" and a photo will appear next to each class your child is enrolled in. You can click on the picture for an enlarged view.

Please note that tights are included in the price of the costume.

As a reminder, costume alteration is each dancer's responsibility. If alterations are beyond parents' capability, the studio will be glad to refer local seamstresses who can provide the service.

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, Facebook page or Instagram page for the latest news on studio closing. You will also

get a notice through Remind app if you have registered. Closing announcements will be made by 2 p.m.

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

BIRTHDAY GANG!



Ah, January, and while the rest of us are celebrating a brand new year, some of our MVDC dance family members are celebrating another birthday.

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 warmest birthday wishes go out to Abigail Boles, Paisley Deinlein, Madison Keen, Lucy Lane, Riley Lynn, Chelsea McKenzie, Corrinne Millsap, Jocelyn Mitchell, Samantha Rohr, Athena Rosengarten, Rachel Smith, and Emily Kate Tucker.

Happy Birthday!

CALLING ALL MEN!

MVDC is looking for some real manly men to participate in this year's Man Dance. Participation in the fabled annual Man Dance is open to dads of MVDC dancers.

This will be the 26th anniversary of our first Man Dance! We hope you'll join us! First rehearsal is March 6. Remaining rehearsals are March 13 and 27, April 17, May 1, 5, and 22, June 5, 6, 12 and 13.

Space is limited so don't miss out. Participants will be required to pay the \$30 recital fee, but will also be entitled to all the benefits including a ticket to the show, the Dropbox link to the music, and recital souvenir.

Man Dance rehearsal time is 2:45 - 3:45 p.m. beginning March 6.

If you are interested, please email Miss Kelly at kelly@miamivalleydancecenter.com.



RECITAL THEME ANNOUNCED

Miss Kelly and her staff announced the theme for the 2021 recital at the recent virtual Winter Carnival of Dance.

In 2021 the MVDC dancers will appear in the 41st Annual Dance Extravaganza "The Sweet Escape." Each class will be dancing to a song or theme about something sweet!

Be sure to join us on June 19 for what is guaranteed to be a fabulous presentation!

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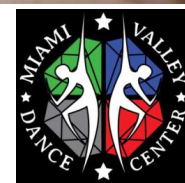
SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

The new MVDC spirit wear is now available! (See photo at right .) We're taking pre-orders only at this time and the order form is being provided to all newsletter subscribers via email. And note that we're running a special on our previous style spirit wear, \$10.00 off the original price while supplies last!

ATTENTION ADULTS!

Adult classes return in January and MVDC is offering a free trial class to any adult interested in joining in the fun at the studio. On Tuesdays the studio offers Adult Tap from 7:15 - 8:00 p.m. and Adult Jazz 8:00 - 8:45 p.m., and on Wednesday Adult Hip Hop 8 - 8:45.

Please consider trying one of the MVDC adult classes. You'll be glad you did!



BREAK DRESS CODE WEEK BRINGS IN ITEMS FOR FAIRBORN FISH

MVDC students had another opportunity to break the studio dress code Monday, December 14 through Saturday, December 19.

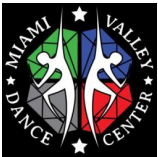
Students were encouraged to bring in non-perishable food items this time in lieu of a monetary

donation in an effort to increase our donation to Fairborn FISH and the effort was a success!

Thanks from MVDC and from Fairborn FISH to everyone who participated in this break dress code event!



WINTER CARNIVAL OF DANCE!



Here's some photos of our very talented 2020 Winter Carnival of Dance dancers. You'll find more photos on the next page!





More Winter Carnival of Dance
photos!



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CHANCES.
DANCE MORE
DANCES.**

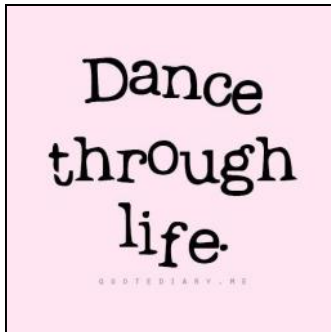
Great Dancers
ARE NOT GREAT
because of their technique
they are great
because of their
passion

**A VERY SPECIAL
THANK YOU
Miami Valley Dance
Center would like to
thank Brent Richard for
his time and expertise
filming our first ever
studio performance.
Thanks, Brent!**



ONYX NEWS!

We are thrilled to announce that the Onyx Contemporary Dance Company (MVDC's pre-professional dance company) has been accepted as a new member company to Regional Dance America's Northeast chapter! Congratulations to company members and Artistic Director Amy Jones Gibbons for all their hard work over the past year to fulfill the requirements to achieve this honor!



Yep, we're on facebook! "Like" us to keep up with all the MVDC happenings! And we're on Instagram! (mvdc_ohio)

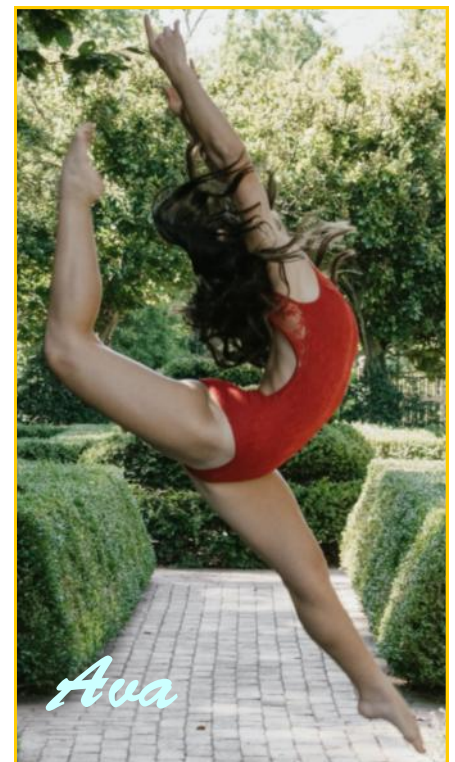


WISSMAN AND KIM TO ATLANTA YAGP

MVDC's Emily Wissman and Ava Kim are scheduled to compete at the Youth America Gran Prix in Atlanta January 16 - 17. Both dancers are excited that their teachers have made it possible for them to attend this year. It's an amazing event with so many people who are passionate about ballet. This is a great opportunity for both dancers to be part of that.

Emily will be performing the Bluebird Variation and Ava will be performing the Kitri Variation. Both Emily and Ava will also be competing a contemporary solo choreographed by Miss Amy.

Here's wishing Emily Wissman and Ava Kim a fun and exciting visit to Atlanta January 16 - 17!



DANCERS OF THE MONTH NAMED FOR JANUARY

This month Miami Valley Dance Center recognizes **Brynnlee Elaine Ball** and **Ava May Lewis** as our Dancers of the Month for January, 2021.

Brynnlee Elaine Ball is a happy 12-year-old who is a bright 7th grader at Baker Middle School.

Brynnlee says that her favorite color is light blue and we surmise that color is somewhere near baby blue, sky blue, and robin's egg blue.



We also asked Brynnlee about her favorite food and she responded with "pasta," generic enough to include lots of tasty dishes..

Brynnlee has just one pet, a cat named Cawley who has to share Brynnlee's time with her other hobbies...singing, playing the piano, and reading.

At the moment ballet and lyrical own

Brynnlee's heart as her favorite styles of dance.

When we asked her why she likes to dance, Brynnlee told us, "I like to dance because it makes me feel happy. I feel free while I dance."

Brynnlee closed her interview, saying "I love my dance teachers!"

Ava May Lewis is 10-years-old and enjoying the 5th grade at Fairborn Intermediate with all her friends.

We were unable to pin Ava down when we asked about her favorite color. She would only admit, "I like all colors!"

We asked about her favorite food and, as you might expect from someone who is unable to choose just one or perhaps two colors as her favorites, she told us that her favorite foods were "sushi, steak, and Chinese."

When Ava gets home from school each day she finds her border collie, Britsol, and her fish, Cheeto, waiting for her (although we concede that it is hard to imagine a fish waiting.)

Ava's favorite style of dance is ballet and we can assure you that ballet does not get in the way of Ava's hobbies which she described as "eating and sleeping!"

We asked her why she liked to dance and her answer was short and to the point: "It's fun."



The MVDC dance family extends congratulations to Brynnlee and Ava, their families, and their many friends, on being chosen our Dancers of the Month for January 2021.

FAIRBORN FISH LETTER

After the recent Winter Carnival Fairborn FISH, the food bank charity supported by the Winter Carnival, sent along a nice letter of thanks signed by Jane & Bill Doorley, Food Pantry Managers, and addressed to Miss Kelly, teachers, and students. Here are excerpts from that letter:

"Thank you for your very generous \$3,500 donation and your donation of 464 food and personal care items to the Fairborn FISH Food Pantry. Unfortunately, in Fairborn many people do not have all their basic needs met, including sufficient food. As a 501(c)

(3) we rely on donations such as yours to continue to feed the hungry in our community. Your generous support means the difference between food on a table for a family or skipping a meal.

"Your donation came at an excellent time. The COVID-19 epidemic deepened the hunger crisis in Greene County. Stay at home orders, rising unemployment and school closures created a perfect storm for our neighbors in need. Sadly, we saw a 130% increase in households with children experiencing hunger.

"In 2020 Fairborn FISH provided food to 12,361 families (29,948 individuals). Thank you for helping us impact the lives of our neighbors. Your donation was a real blessing."
