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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 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, during the week of December 12 classes, a complimentary ticket to attend; all other tickets will be \$8 (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 \$3300 and we hope to surpass that this year!



Our
37th
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 will have a gift basket raffle at the Winter Carnival Performance. They've got some fantastic items this year, including a Harlem Globetrotters Basket with 2 Court Side tickets as well as an autographed Basketball and other fun items.

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 \$15 and the order forms will be at the front desk.

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. Don't forget that we will have a mandatory dress rehearsal at the studio on Saturday, December 10, from 2 - 4 p.m.

DRESS CODE BREAK

MVDC students will have another opportunity to break dress code Monday, December 12 through Thursday, December 15.

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!)

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MVDC 2016-2017 Calendar

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



Happy Holidays!



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WINTER BREAK

The dance studio will be closed for our annual winter break December 19 - January 1. 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 19. Any measurements taken after December 19 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.

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 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, Emmalyn Collins, Marina Corbett, Josie Courtney-Myers, Morgan Fahl, Gabrielle Green, Gabriella Halderman, Nora Hattabaugh, Kristen Hildebrecht, Sakura Houston, Lucy Hughes, Allyson Kneisley, Lila Malcolm, Delilah McCloud, Marcella Minehart, Kimberlynn Ream, and Neriah Valdes.

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.

SPIRIT WEAR!

The new MVDC hoodies are here! Just in time for the Holidays! They feature our studio logo and are available in a tan-gingerine (shown at right) or light blue design and are \$30.

We're running a special on our previous style spirit wear, \$5.00 off the original price while supplies last!



CONVENTION NEWS

Some of the MVDC Dance Force along with Miss Kelly, Miss Renae, Mrs. Howell, and Miss Elissa attended two conventions last month, the MVDTA convention was November 6th (see photo at right) and the Ohio Dance Masters was November 20th. Both were held at the Dayton Convention Center. Dancers got to take classes from Master Teachers in ballet, jazz, tap, contemporary, hip hop, modern and musical theater. Congrats to Kieran Perks who received the shining star award in the jazz class taught by Ellie Potts Barrett.



Great Gift Idea!

Do you know someone who would love to start dance class in January? MVDC has teamed up with Gem City Dancewear to offer a great holiday gift idea. Dancer Starter Kits include the first month's tuition as well as dancewear essentials. Prices starting at \$75.00. Contact Miss Kelly to customize your kit to put under the Tree.



(Right) Dancer Starter Kits are a great gift idea and include everything a first-time dancer needs to get started!



MVDC ALUMNI DICKE AND LYONS TO TEACH

MVDC is proud to announce that we will be hosting a class with MVDC alumni Justyne Lyons and Caleb Dicke on Thursday, December 22nd. Class times are set for 4:00-7:30 p.m. Justyne will be teaching a class that includes tips for those who might someday audition for school dance teams, and Caleb will be doing a musical theater style jazz class.



The class welcomes dancers ages 12 and up. The cost is \$20.00 per class or dancers can take both for \$30.00.

Look for the sign-up sheets at the front desk.



DANCERS OF THE MONTH NAMED FOR DECEMBER

This month MVDC recognizes **Jocelyn Jones** and **Charley Minehart** as our outstanding Dancers of the Month for December.

Jocelyn Jones is an eleven-year-old home schooled 6th grader who swears that her favorite color is mint green, but we are pretty sure that she never sees that color when she's eating her favorite food...cheeseburgers!

When she is not otherwise occupied with her hobbies that include collecting stickers and Shopkins, you can find her playing with her dog, Lucy Love.

Hobbies? Did we forget dancing? Not by a long shot. Jocelyn's favorite style of dance is Hip Hop.

And as to why she likes to dance, Jocelyn told us, "I enjoy the time it gives me to just let loose and express myself."

Charley Minehart attends Fairborn Primary and apparently continuing our unexpected theme this month of odd choices for favorite colors, seven-year-old Charley says that her favorite color is "sparkly black."

If you go to dinner with her, expect Charley to choose pizza, it's her favorite food. And if there are leftovers, her dog Gage might get lucky.

Charley's hobbies include reading and playing with friends, and when it comes to dance, Charley can't decide whether she likes tap or hip hop best.

Charley has big plans for her future. She says that she likes to dance "because I want to be a tap teacher." Guess MVDC will have a new staff member before too long!

Congratulations to both Jocelyn and Charley and their families on being named Dancers of the Month for December!



DANCE FORCE CELEBRATES THE HOLIDAYS



Here's your 2016-2017 MVDC Dance Force proudly displaying the ornaments they won in the ornament exchange held at the annual holiday party Sunday, December 4, 2016.



(Above left) Proving that you are never too old to lace up your dancing shoes, MVDC dancers Mike Thompson and Karen Neff are celebrating their 25th year at Miami Valley Dance Center.

(Above) Here is a photo from Christina Ross' performance of DCDC's *The Littlest Angel*. She is a Member of the 2nd company. Christina was a joy to watch as she graced the stage of the Boll Theater at UD. We also got to grab a photo with DCDC company member, Elizabeth Ramsey who has guest taught at the studio on several occasions.

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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.

This year, to increase your chances of winning, we will be selling raffle tickets for the gifts available. 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, Danielle Lively at (937)269-4577 or 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.



The Nutcracker

DAVID WEST/ALAMY STOCK PHOTO/William Young photo by Luke May



Last month we reported that MVDC dancer Bella Japs would appear in Dayton Ballet's production of Nutcracker. This month we are happy to report that another MVDC dancer, Athena Rosengarten, will be dancing with Bella and MVDC technique instructor Mr. Josh, who is also a member of the Dayton Ballet company. Athena is performing in all shows December 20 - 23.

Don't miss this fun-for-the-whole-family production!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As 2016 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*

DANCE FORCE AND THE 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.

Discounted tickets are available; please pick up an order form from the front desk 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.

And look for the Dance Force to debut their Globetrotter dance at the Winter Carnival!

