

2014 Recital: Shine

Closing out another wonderful season is Dancer's annual 2014 recital, entitled Shine.

This year's recital will take place at the beautiful, refurbished Proctor High School Theater located at 1203 Hilton Avenue, Utica. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 31st. We will have two shows: the first at noon and the second at 5pm.

Our annual show is a great opportunity

for the students of Dancer to show their friends and family the skills they have been learning and perfecting in dance class throughout the year.

Tickets are now on sale. Call or ask at the desk to reserve your seats now!



Competition Results are In!

Check out our website or Facebook page (p. 5) for details about competition results. This year students of Dancer participated in both Legacy and All American Competitions,



winning several awards for solos and group ensembles. Students from the beginning level to the advanced level participated.

Congrats, dancers!

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Performance Awards

Our dancers have been working hard this year to perfect their parts in Performance Awards: a performance opportunity created by Mignon Furman, founder of the American Academy of Ballet. On May 5th, they were able to demonstrate their hard work to a judge and an audience at Dancenter Studio.

Several students were able to participate, ranging from

level 3 to level 9, and each one received a medal and certificate. Student Hannah Goerner also was awarded a partial scholarship to the AAB Summer School, which several dancers from our studio will be attending this July.



Congratulations to all our dancers who participated in this wonderful opportunity!

Coppelia Performance

On March 22nd, the Leatherstocking Ballet performed their 20th Spring production. This year the dancers presented Coppelia: a classic,



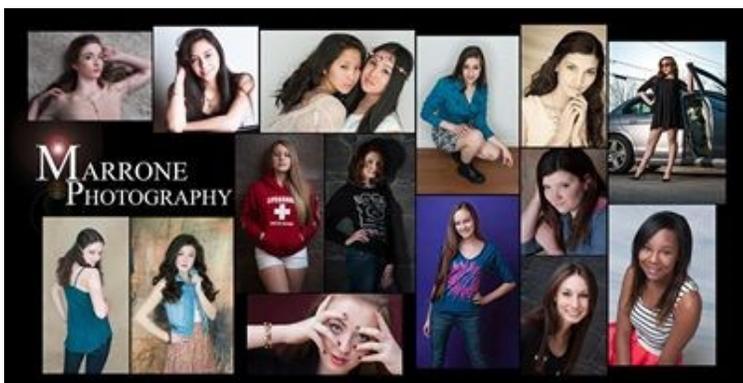
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charming ballet. The production was held at MVCC's Performing Arts Center, and featured guest artists Christian Laverde Koenig, Sam Lariviere, An-

dres Neira, and Morgan Stinnett. This was also the final performance with the Leatherstocking Ballet for Carlie Perretta, who will be graduating this year.

If you are interested in joining the Leatherstocking Ballet for their 21st season, check out [www. L Leatherstocking-ballet.org](http://www.L Leatherstocking-ballet.org) for details.

Passion for Fashion



Students of Dancenter studio participated in a fashion show on May 6th at Hotel Utica. Our dancers modelled clothes from Plato's Closet in a show hosted by Marrone Photography to benefit the Ride for Missing Children.

RAD Exams: Advanced Foundations



Three Ballet students from Dancenter studio recently passed their Advanced Foundations RAD exams. The Advanced classes have been working on mastering this graded material since the beginning of the dance year. The students who took their exams are pictured here (left to right): Adriana Perretta, Carlie Perretta, and Cali Buxton-Pham.



Chilling out after comp. class.

[Clockwise from the top left corner]

Lejla Martin, Alicia Courtney, Marisa Medici, Megan Ruffalo, Sophia Putrello, Director Carrie Putrello, Abby McCarthy, Rachel Daly, Catherine Rayhill.



New jackets! Represent your studio in style with our brand new jackets, featuring our rhinestone-studded logo on the back. Available to order in all sizes. Inquire at the desk to order yours!



Pas De Deux Master Class

The Leatherstocking Ballet was happy to present a master class teaching pas de deux (literally: “dance for two”), held at Dancer Studio, in March. The partnering class was led by Andres Niera, along with Christian Laverde Koenig, Sam Lariviere, and Morgan Stinnett, all of whom were guest artists of the Leatherstocking Ballet’s Copelia.

Two levels were available:

basic partnering for intermediate dancers, and more difficult partnering for advanced dancers. The classes were attended by several



members of the Dancer, and were open to members of other studios. Several dancers from Munson Williams Procter Arts Institute attended the Advanced class. This was a fantastic opportunity for the dancers to gain experience in this beautiful art form.

Check out Dancer’s Facebook page for more details.

Will You be Dancing this Summer?

Dancer Studio is offering several classes this Summer, beginning July 1st and ending August 4th. Look on our website to find which classes you’ll be



taking, and then call or go to the desk to register!

Also, stay up-to-date to find out about upcoming events like our annual Princess Camp or the Leatherstocking Ballet Summer Intensive.

It’s never too early to register for Fall classes, as well. Our

2014-2015 Fall schedule can be found on the website.

Don’t forget! Sign up today, and continue to improve your dancing over the Summer.

Contact information is located on page 5.

Photo of the Month



“Nobody cares if you can’t dance well. Just get up and dance. Great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion.”

Martha Graham

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Mission Statement:

It is our philosophy that the experience of dance should be positive and rewarding while learning the discipline required for to reach personal goals; be it furthering their career to dance professionally or to develop poise and coordination on a recreational level.

Each class is structured to the age and abilities of our dancers and is taught by highly trained, qualified, adult dance educators. Our classes are designed to teach muscle development, coordination, balance, rhythm, grace and poise. Dancers will gain independence and confidence, build positive self-image and learn to interact with others. Our main objective is for each student to learn the joy and appreciation of music and dance.

We strive to create an innovative approach to dance training recognizing diversity, encouraging unanimous participation and ensuring achievement by all students.

Comments, questions, suggestions? Any articles you'd like to see in future issues? Any articles you'd like to submit? We'd love to hear from you—send an email to

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