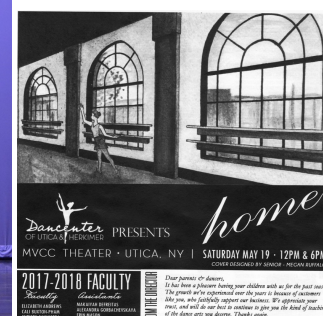




Dancer **DISPATCH**

Home

On Saturday May 19th, dancers of both Dancenter of Utica and Dancenter of Herkimer took the stage together in the 2018 recital entitled “Home”. Dancers were able to perform the various routines they have been rehearsing tirelessly this dance season for family and friends. The audience was treated to a variety of pieces in many different styles with performers of all ages. There were two shows, one at 12pm and another at 6pm, both of which we are thrilled to share were sold out shows. We are incredibly thankful to our Dancenter dancers for making this recital like no other, and to all our audience members, family and friends alike, for being such wonderful supporters. We’d also like to thank our fantastic Dancenter staff members for making this show run smoothly and for creating such beautiful and interesting numbers. Thank you everyone for making this years recital one we’ll never forget! May you always find a second home at the Dancenter.



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Summer Dance Opportunities

Keeping Up With Dance This Summer

Do not lose all the technique and flexibility you worked so hard for this dance season. Make sure you are keeping up with dance this summer to ensure that you are ready to keep working hard in September. To keep you moving this summer, Dancercenter has various dance opportunities available to a wide range of age groups. Make sure to sign up, and keep moving this summer! Here are all the available intensives and camps...

Princess Camp

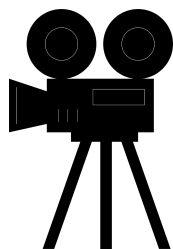
Calling all princesses! The annual summer Princess Camp will be held July 16th-19th from 9:30am-12pm. Children ages 3-7 are invited to come learn a dance of the day, make princess crafts, play games, and learn princess skills. Participants may dress up as Ariel on Monday, Cinderella on Tuesday, Elsa/Anna on Wednesday, and Snow White on Thursday. Cost to participate is \$100, and you can register online.

Dance Jam Camp

Join us for an exciting 3 day intensive focusing on hip-hop dance! Dancers ages 5-8 are invited to get their groove on while learning new dance moves and combos, and enjoying fun crafts and snacks. If your child loves hip-hop, and would like to participate, you can register online. This intensive will take place July 19th-21st from 10am-1pm. Cost of participation is \$60.



Kids Acting Camp



Calling all aspiring actors and actresses! Children ages 7-12 are invited to take part in Dancercenter's first Acting Camp. Participants will be able to experience a cold reading, and participate in games, improv, and on camera acting. They will learn helpful audition techniques and have headshots taken. If your child is interested in getting into the performance field, then sign them up for this 3 day acting camp July 23rd-26th from 9am-12pm. Cost of participation is \$100.

Summer Dance Classes

Along with all the exciting camps and intensives offered this summer, don't forget to sign up for summer dance classes, which begin on July 9th. Students of all ages and abilities are sure to find classes they can take this summer to keep them in shape until our next dance season begins in the fall. And don't forget about competition team auditions on August 10th in Utica and August 17th in Herkimer (5-10 years old: 5pm, 11+: 6pm); summer dance classes are required to be on the competition team.

Summer Dance Opportunities Continued...

Ballet Intensive

Ballet is the foundation of all dance, and that is why it is strongly encouraged that dancers participate in this years ballet intensive. We are so excited to welcome two incredibly accomplished dancers to our studio to teach this 4 day intensive August 20th-24th. Dancers will get to take class with both Wendy Baldanza of the Dance Theater of Florida and Amanda Thomas of the Manassas Ballet Theater (who is also a former Dancenter ballet teacher). Class will be held from 9am-1pm for both beginner/intermediate dancers (ages 7-11), as well as intermediate/advanced dancers. Registration can be completed online, and cost of participation is \$175.



Senior Spotlight

At the close of this dance season, Dancenter must say goodbye to two of it's senior members: Cali Buxton-Pham and Megan Ruffalo. Although we are sad to see them go, we are thrilled to know that they will both be continuing dance in college. Good luck next year girls! We will miss you dearly!

Cali Buxton-Pham

Cali is a senior at Proctor High School and has been dancing for thirteen years. She has performed in lead roles in many ballets such as The Nutcracker, Coppelia, Les Sylphides, and others. Cali has been a part of Dancenter's competition team for five years, and her last year at the Dancenter she also began teaching. Cali will be attending The College of Saint Rose in the fall as a biology major and will be joining the dance team.



Megan Ruffalo

Megan is a senior at Whitesboro High School, where she will graduate with highest honors. She has been dancing at Dancenter for fourteen years where she has been a member of the competition team for nine years, five of which she was a Senior Company member. She is also very proud to say that she chose this years recital title, "Home", and also hand drew the cover art. Megan will be attending Nazareth College in the fall majoring in Visual Communications and minoring in dance.





- Isabella H. recently competed in the East Coast Pageant in New York City, and we are proud to say that she was crowned Little Miss Spirit of NYC. We would like to wish Isabella good luck, since she will be heading to nationals this July.
- Congratulations to kindergartner Lillian H. who has received 3 awards this school year, one of them being "Star PE Student"!
- Eva P. has recently worked on a movie with director Michael Showalter. Congrats Eva!
- We'd like to congratulate Elana G. who recently worked on the Netflix show, *The Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*.
- Congratulations to Gianella, who recently made National Junior Honor Society!

At Dancenter, we love knowing our dancers are out doing incredible things outside of dance. If your child is involved in anything such as a musical theatre production, special school function, or has recently had an exciting accomplishment, we would love to hear about it! Just email your exciting news to dancer@hotmail.com to have it included in the next issue!

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Our 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.