



Dancer DISPATCH

Making Spirits Bright

Living Arts Movement (L.A.M.) will be putting on a holiday show this season entitled “Making Spirits Bright”. The show will be on Sunday, December 10th at 2:00pm at MVCC. Dancers from both Dancenter of Utica and Dancenter of Herkimer have been working hard learning and practicing dances set to your favorite holiday music. The show will include dances of various genres, including ballet, tap, jazz, and hip-hop. Also, some dances were choreographed by two of our students, Michaela M. and Erin M., as well as a Dancenter alumni, Alicia C. Tickets for the performance will be available at the door for \$12. We hope to see you there!



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Dancenter Holiday Closures

Dancenter of Utica and Dancenter of Herkimer will be closed for the holidays.

Thanksgiving: November 22-25

Christmas: December 23-January 1

Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season!



Upstate Cerebral Palsy Tea Party

On Sunday November 5th, members of Dancercenter of Utica's Diamond Company volunteered at a tea party to benefit Upstate Cerebral Palsy. This was a sold out event held at the Turning Stone in which girls were welcome to enjoy a day with their family and their dolls. Activities included a luncheon, photo booth, listening to stories of inspirational women, and a hair salon for both the girls, and their dolls. Four of our Diamond Company Members, Cali B., Megan R., Michaela M., and Erin M., performed at the event. Our students enjoy volunteering for this great event and hope to do it again next year!



Holiday Gift Ideas for Your Dancer

This holiday season, consider getting your dancer some new dance gear. Some suggestions include:

- A pink Dancercenter jacket (Order at the desk before November 18)
- New leos, tights, shorts, leg warmers. or leggings
- A dance stretch band (to work on flexibility)
- A new dance bag
- Hair ties and bobby pins
- A new water bottle
- A foam roller (to roll out those sore muscles after class)
- New makeup for performances



Congratulations!

Swift's Scholarship Winner

Congratulations to Ayla S., a student of Dancenter of Herkimer. Ayla won the Swift's Scholarship, a \$500 scholarship to put towards dance tuition, costumes, and/or competition expenses. Students who were interested earlier this summer were able to submit a video telling why they enjoy dance so much, and why they deserve the scholarship. The Swift's team watched all submissions and chose the dancer they thought was most fit for the scholarship. Congratulations Ayla!!!



Amanda Thomas

Amanda Thomas, a former instructor for Dancenter of Utica, will be performing in her first leading role in a professional company! Amanda left Dancenter to pursue her dream of dancing professionally. She was accepted into the Manassas Ballet Theatre in Manassas, Virginia and has been a company member since 2015. Amanda will now be performing in her first lead role as Katrina in the Legend of Sleepy Hollow. Congratulations Amanda!!!





Amazing things our dancers are doing...

- A Diamond Company member, Abby M., recently assistant directed, and choreographed pieces for the New Hartford Jr. High's musical production of Annie Jr. She was also in charge of costumes and props.
- Eva P. is breaking into the world of acting. She has been cast in numerous commercials and movies, and most recently has been cast in a role for Investigation Discovery.

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 mruff5678@gmail.com!

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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.