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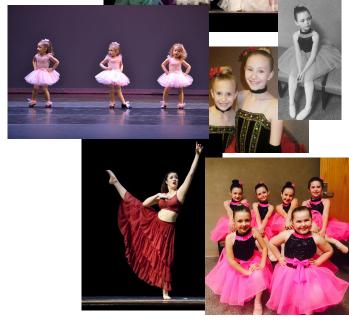
#### SUMMER DANCE IN FULL SWING

School's out, but the Summer dance season is just beginning. Both the Utica and Herkimer locations have a diverse array of options for dancers of all ages and levels. Students can enjoy all their usual favorite classes as well as try out new styles during this summer season. Classes are offered for Tap, Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Modern/Lyrical, Hip Hop, and new this season, Acro! There are options for beginners all to advanced students of all ages. Summer is the perfect time to try a new dance genre, perfect one's technique, learn new tricks, strengthen, work on flexibility, and overall grow as an athlete and artist. The Summer Session will run from July 5th to August 10th Don't miss out on an amazing opportunity to improve, and be on the look out for other Summer Dance options such as intensives!

### **Recitals Galore!**

On Friday May 19th and Saturday May 20th 2017 The Dancenter of Utica presented it's annual recital titled "Journey" at the theater on the MVCC campus, and on June 3rd, the Herkimer studio debuted

in it's first recital aptly titled "Beginnings". Students from both studios showcased their hard-work and talents to friends and family in the styles of ballet, pointe, jazz, tap, modern, lyrical, contemporary and more! Bravo to all those that partook in this fabulous event!



## **Annual Princess Camp!**

Students aged 3-7 at both Dancenter's studios in Utica and

Herkimer can participate in the annual Princess camp from July 24-27. Students will enjoy activities such as playing games, practicing their princess manners and learning new dance routines all while dressed up as some of the most beloved Princesses.

Students can dress as Ariel on Monday, Cinderella on Tuesday, Elsa or Ana on Wednesday, and Snow White on Thursday. The camp costs \$100 (\$25 Non-Refundable deposit) and runs each day from 9:30 am -12:00 pm. See the front desk or call at 315-736-6624, for more information and to sign up.





#### **Summer Dance Intensives**

This Summer students at Dancenter have multiple opportunities to work with experienced and esteemed local teachers during intensives. At the beginning of the Summer Dancenter Students had the opportunity to work with Christina Cavallo, a Dancenter Alumni and member of Lehrer Company during the Weekend Warrior Intensive, as well as Levla Jackson during her Ballet Technique Intensive. Sad you missed out? No worries! Dancenter will also offer two more intensives towards the end of the Summer session. On August 4th, Latoya Brooks, another Dancenter Alumni, and former Knicks Dancer will be offering a Hip Hop Intensive for \$25 per student, 1-230 pm at the Utica location. August 14th-17th Caitlyn Schrader will be visiting the Utica studio for a Contemporary Intensive for \$125 per student, 10 am-1 pm.



## **Competition Try-Outs**

Interested in joining one of Dancenter's Competitive teams in the 2017-2018 season? Try-outs for Dancenter of Utica's competitive companies will be held on August 4th at 5 pm for ages 5-10, and 6 pm for 11 and up. All prospective students must be taking summer classes in Jazz and Ballet to audition.



## **Making Spirits Bright**

Living Arts Movement, or LAM, is excited to announce a new Holiday dance experience this season. In December of 2017, they will put on "Making Spirits Bright" a refreshing Holiday-themed dance extravaganza. Auditions for Utica students will be on the 16th of September, 12-1 pm for Company members, 1-130 pm for ages 5-6, 130-215 for ages 7-9, and 215-3 pm for ages 10-11.

Dancenter is also looking for choreographers to create pieces for this performance.

#### SPOTLIGHT ON: Dancenter's Graduating Seniors

Rachel Daly (Center) has been dancing at Dancenter of Utica for the past 15 years. Rachel has also been involved in theater since she was 7 years old and has been involved in her school's musicals for the past 6 years. Next year, Rachel plans on attending Nazareth College with a double major in Dance and Social Work. She would like to thank Carrie Putrello and Alyssa DiBrango for teaching her not only her dance technique, but also how tone a performer. Rachel would also like to thank all of her other dance teachers throughout the years that pushed her to be where she is today. Lastly, Rachel wants to thank her dance team for always being there for her and her family for always supporting her.

Sophia Putrello (right) is a senior at Utica Academy of Science Charter School in their first graduating class. She will be attending St. Joseph's College in Brooklyn, NY, this fall, majoring in Political Science. Sophia has been dancing her whole life, and has been teaching for the Dancenter for the



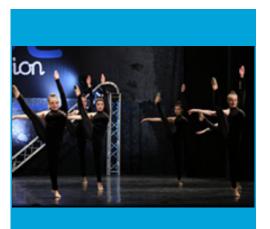
past two years. Sophia will also be teaching in Brooklyn at Albee School of Dance during her years there. She will miss her years here at Dancenter of Utica.

**Catherine Rayhill** (left) has been dancing for thirteen years, ten of which she has spent at Dancenter of Utica. She has participated as a competitive dancer on Dancenter's team for 8 years starting at ten years old in her first Mini Company piece entitled "It's Disco Time" and moving on until her senior year as a veteran member of the Senior Competitive Team. She is a senior at New Hartford Central High School where she participates in their theatre club, Masque. She is currently serving as Vice President of the club and this year assisted the choreographer with teaching the cast. In the Fall, Catherine will be attending Union College in Schenectady. She will be majoring in History and minoring in Dance as well as joining the various performing arts clubs the school has. Catherine would like to thank the Dancenter of Utica faculty and her team for helping her develop such a passion for the art of dance as well as constantly pushing her to become the dancer she is today. She would specifically like to thank Carrie Putrello and Alyssa DiBrango for their help and dedication to teaching over the years. Dancenter of Utica will forever be a family to Catherine Rayhill. DOUForever.

Dancenter would like to wish it's graduating seniors luck wherever their future takes them.

"When you get the choice to sit it out or dance, I hope you dance." - Lee Ann Womack





Our Photo of the Month

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Dancenter of Herkimer 230 North Main Street Herkimer, NY Phone: 315-736-6624 Email:dancnter@<u>hotmail.com</u> 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

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