



Dancer **DISPATCH**

Perseverance

Dancer celebrated its 20th Anniversary with this year's recital entitled "Perseverance." Our dancers were thrilled to show off their skills in the presence of endlessly supportive family and friends at MVCC in Utica. With two shows — one Friday May 17th and the second Saturday the 18th — numerous styles were showcased, from graceful ballet pieces to fun and funky jazz numbers. We are incredibly proud of our dancers' hard work and so happy to have had packed houses for both shows proving what a wonderful supportive family we have at Dancer! In addition, we are so glad to have had many alumni join us in celebrating this momentous anniversary! We would like to thank our dancers and staff for putting on a lovely 20th show — we cannot wait for the many years of dance to come!



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Summer Dance Opportunities

The Importance of Summer Dance

Taking summer dance classes and participating in dance intensives is so essential for dancers of all ages and levels. The dance season should not end when the curtain closes at the end of the year recital. Here are some reasons you should keep up with dance this summer...



1. Maintaining your Technique and Flexibility

Why lose all the technique and flexibility you worked hard developing all year? Keep dancing through the summer to keep improving your technique in all styles, as well as making sure you increase your flexibility for next dance season.

2. Advancing your Skills

Utilize summer classes and intensives to improve your knowledge and skills and perhaps even try out something new!

3. Staying Sharp

Summer dance is not only good for keeping your body active, but your mind too! Stay sharp by challenging yourself with new choreography so you're always confident when it comes to the fast-paced learning of auditions and dance conventions!

4. Having Fun!

Possibly the most important reason, summer dance classes and intensives give you a place to have fun doing what you love with the friends and incredible Dancer staff you love.



Summer Dance Opportunities Continued...

Dancercenter is offering a variety of summer dance intensives in addition to the normal month long summer dance session. Here is a list of all your summer dance opportunities. Make sure to check them out and sign up by calling one of our studios or registering online!

- **Ballet Intensive with Miss B.** (younger age group with Miss Cali and Sophia)

June 17th-21st from 5pm-9pm in Utica

- **Commercial Jazz and Hip-Hop Workshop**

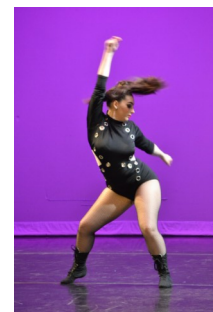
June 22nd in Herkimer (9:30-11:30am) and Utica (12:30-2:30pm)

- **Princess Camp (Ages 3-7)**

July 15th-18th from 9:30am-12pm in Utica

- **Summer Dance Classes**

July 8th-August 8th in Herkimer and Utica



Senior Spotlight

At the close of this dance season, Dancercenter must say goodbye to two of it's senior members: Marisa Medici and Allyson Greif. We are so proud to now call these wonderful girls Dancercenter alumni! Good luck next year in college Marisa and Ally, we love you!

Allyson Greif

Ally is a senior at Sauquoit Valley High School where she is a member of National Honor Society, Yearbook, and Jazz Band. She has been dancing for 13 years and has been on Dancercenter's competition team for 6 years. Ally will be attending Utica College in the fall and she wants to become a teacher and study



international relations. Ally thanks her family and friends for their love and support, as well as her dance teammates and teachers.

Marisa Medici



Marisa has trained at Dancercenter of Utica for the past fifteen years. Nine of which she has spent as a Competition Team member. Marisa has also been involved with various Leather Stocking Ballet productions, the Living Arts Movement's "Jazzed Up Nutcracker," and has been an assistant. She is a senior at Thomas R. Proctor High School. In the fall, she will be attending PACE University in Manhattan, NY

and will be double majoring in Political Science and Communications. She will be furthering her commercial dance education by taking classes at Gibney Dance NYC in her free time. Based off her years at Dancercenter, she can wholeheartedly say that she has matured through and because of the dance environment and has established strong bonds with her teammates. Additionally, Marisa would like to extend special acknowledgment to Carrie Putrello and Alyssa DiBrango for instilling and passing on an immeasurable passion for dance, and familiarizing her with the valuable ethics of presence, discipline, collaboration, rigor, and perseverance.



- Congrats to Isabel for her work in a MedUX commercial for a portable IV created by two Syracuse students!
- A huge congratulations is in order for our very own Miss Carrie for her role in the new John Wick film, *John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum* !!!

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 dancnter@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.