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Marilyn Schneider School of Dance

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October News from Marilyn

Welcome to the second month of dance. I am very pleased with the first month of the season and hope you are too. I would like to emphasize something that is important to me. Dance is important to children. To dance is to discover a new world of sensory awareness for all ages. I refer not only to the movement of the body, but also to the inner awareness of movement when the dance becomes “magic” and the dancer is in a magical state of being. Although learning to dance contains a lot of imitation of the teachers and other students, it also involves self-discovery within each dancer. Dance helps build body awareness, concentration, focus, awareness of and respect for others, cognitive learning, self-esteem, and values. I am very glad you chose to use dance as an outlet for your child to grow. It will be a great part of their lives forever! Please take time to ask your dancers, “What did you learn today?” Your involvement is an important part in their education and growth as a human being. Thank you for being part of our MSSOD family. We pledge to offer your children an awesome experience that they will fondly remember for life.

Dancingly,
Marilyn

A note to parents, please come to the door to pick up your dancer. They should not be standing outside alone waiting for your arrival.

Please remind your children that the studio is a place to be respected. Please keep it clean! Due to the COVID pandemic we are no longer allowed to have a lost and found container. Please label all dance shoes.

MSSOD MAIL FOLDERS

Every MSSOD dancer should have a mail folder to check weekly. If you do not have one, please let the teacher know.

And don't forget to recycle all cans, plastic, and glass bottles.

Save the Date!

Spirit Week and Halloween Class Celebrations

Tuesday October 24-Monday October 30 will be SPIRIT WEEK where dancers can dress in festive fashion and celebrate MSSOD spirit.

Tuesday, October 29th- Halloween socks and accessories

Wednesday, October 30th- Halloween Bun decorations

Thursday, October 24th – Halloween Villains

Friday, October 25th- “Black or Orange Crop Top Day”

Saturday, October 26th - Halloween Costumes

Monday, October 28th – Thriller Day

Dancers can wear their Halloween costumes to dance class on Saturday (as long as it is dance-able). We will be doing a regular dance class as well as some fun activities in class and a treat exchange at the end. We will be closed on Halloween Thursday, October 31st.

SAVE THE DATE!!

MSSOD Halloween Party & Trunk or Treat – Oct 26th 1-3 pm
More info coming soon!

CLASS PLACEMENT

The MSSOD Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for cooperating with the instructors during the past month of class, evaluating each dancer to ensure they are placed in the appropriate class level. If you are unsure if your child's class is a good fit, please speak to the instructor.

What makes **MSSOD** the most **special and unique** dance school?

Besides having award winning competition groups and soloists ranked as some of the best in the country?

Besides having graduates who are now on Broadway and in entertainment venues across the country?

MSSOD is a unique and professional dance school that prides itself on providing excellent training for every single student—whether they study once a week or every day!! We are proud to have won the 2023 Community Choice Award for Best Dance School!

FUNDRAISERS

--“Save Around” coupon books are here. They will sell for \$25 and you will receive \$5 per book sold.

--Keep saving your cans and bottles for MSSOD Company fundraising.

- Please donate your sales receipts to help our Company dancers. A collection box is in the lobby

DANCE CLASS ATTIRE

Just a reminder—dancers need to come to class dressed appropriately. Students need to attend class dressed in leotards, tights, dance shorts, skirts and/or capris. Hair must be up and secured. Please do not send your dancer in street clothes and, finally, please be sure that dance shoes are not worn outside.

Thank you for your cooperation.

The nicest compliment you can give us is the referral of your friends and relatives.

THANK YOU!

Want to sign up for another class?

Why not now?

If you are already taking a dance class, you will get a discount for taking any additional classes.

Available Openings:

Beginning Lyrical

Saturday 9:30–10:30

Beginning Hip Hop

Thursday 4-5 WW

Musical Theater

Tuesday 5-6pm

Adult Tap & Ballet

Tap- Tuesday 6:30pm WW

Ballet- Tuesday 7:30pm WW

Have fun and exercise.

Learn moves for out on the dance floor.

Beginning Acro

Thursday 5:00pm

Beginning Contemporary

Thursday 5- 6pm WW

Ballet

Saturday 12:00pm

Tap

Saturday 1:00pm

Pre-dance Beginner

Saturday 9:00am

Improv

Monday 6-7

MSSOD DANCE APPAREL
Apparel is available for purchase
through www.customizedgirl.com

Check out our website
(www.msschoolofdance.com)
for available items.

What's Happening

Alumni News

Kiera & CC Moran are members of RIT's Velocity dance group

Kiera Oppelt will be performing at University at Buffalo's Zodiaque Dance Concert Oct 24-27th. Tickets are on sale now

Lexi Baldassare has again been chosen to perform on the Elmira Dance Team.

Meghan Wido is happy working at Disney World in Magic Kingdom

Natasha Casey-Holowka has been chosen to perform on the dance team for Iona University

Fire Safety Week

October 9-14, MSSOD will participate in Fire Safety Week. I will do a short educational activity in all the Saturday classes. Reminders will also be given during the weekly classes.

Dance Masters of America

Dance Masters of America is holding two in person fall workshops. The first will be October 20th in Buffalo NY and the second is November 10th in Cicero, NY. There will be wonderful Master teachers from US and Canada teaching. All MSSOD dancers from age 6 and up are welcome to attend. See Marilyn if interested.

Weekly Themes

As part of offering our students "more than just great dancing" we will have an educational discussion each week on a variety of topics.

October 5-10 Fire Safety

October 12-17 Kindness – Spread like confetti

October 19-24 Halloween Spirit

October 25-31 Halloween Spirit

Annual Benefit for Journey Home

Sunday, December 22 is the date for annual Journal Home Benefit Show. We will soon be starting dances for this Holiday Show. It's important that students attend their classes on a regular basis so that they do not fall behind. We don't have a lot of time to learn these dances, so each class is important. Please make every effort to attend class. Due to the pandemic, we will not be performing at many nursing homes again this season.

REMINDER:

Tuition is due the first class of every month. After the 20th of the month, a \$10 late fee will be assessed to your



MSSOD Class Make-Up Policy:

You are always welcome to make up any class you miss. A make up lesson schedule will be hung on the bulletin board. You are also welcome to zoom class if proper notice is given.

Columbus Day
The studio is open
Mon Oct 14th

BANANA SPLIT CLUB:

All dancers who achieve 3 flat splits will be in our honorary Banana Split Club. A poster in our studio will display the names of all of our Split Club members. A coupon for a free ice cream cone will be awarded. Achieving 3 flat splits just got a little sweeter!



Why Dance?

Ask almost any three-year-old girl what she wants to be when she grows up and she will tell you, "I want to be a ballerina." Dancers dance because they love dancing. The value of dance is far greater than the awards, trophies, or honors. Whether it is ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, or hip hop, dance develops an individual sense of confidence as students experience the joys of physical activity and having fun. You can see it in the way a dancer walks and stands with grace and poise. In the youngest student, dance inspires creativity, develops a sense of musicality, and teaches specific movements that increase gross motor skills. In the older student, dance enhances time management skills, cooperation, discipline, and art appreciation. Self-expression through the art of dance can release stress and tension and can help students cope with problems while building greater self-esteem. From your child's first class to their graduation performance, MSSOD has a class for everyone. We specialize in beginners of all ages and offer training through pre-professional levels, but MSSOD is more than great dancing. Our dancers go beyond technique to developing important life skills, learning to be respectful, confident, and conscientious young people who share their gifts and talents with the community.

Faculty Spotlight



AMY GRAY has been involved at MSSOD since she was 3 years old. She was a student, Company Member, assistant teacher and has now been teaching at MSSOD for 23 years. She is a graduate of Penn State University and when she is not dancing, she is a full time Special Education teacher in Batavia.

This year she is Company Director for our Elite Division and Pee Wee Division. She is also teaching Lyrical, Jazz, Contemporary, and Tap. Her favorite area of dance is Lyrical, and her favorite workshop is Tremaine. Her favorite color is pink and loves reality shows on TV.

Amy's goal for this year is to push her students to their limits and motivate each student to their full potential.

TUTU WALK

I want to thank everyone who participated or donated to the huge success of our 5th Annual TUTU WALK to support our Scholarship Fund. Thank YOU to Amy Merica, Shauna Pelow, Tina Fella & Melinda Trippy for chairing this wonderful, fun event. If you missed it, check out the photos on our Facebook Page. We had participants ranging in age from 3 to senior citizens. Our prize winners were: Most Supporters – Rebecca Stibol, Youngest Walker – Addie Thomas, Best dog tutu – Sarah Litz. Scavenger Hunt raffle winners were Madi Boura & Olivia Falkner. We raised \$400 for our Scholarship Fund.

DANCE IS GOOD FOR ALL. IT'S FUN! *The top ten reasons why every child should dance:*

1. Develops self-confidence
2. Develops self-esteem
3. Fosters self-discipline
4. Develops leaders
5. Teaches social skills and team building skills
6. Enables children to create, express, and discover themselves
7. Encourages a healthy, active lifestyle
8. Includes all children regardless of physical ability
9. Develops rhythm, sense of musicality, and music appreciation
10. Energizes school programs

Disney DANCERS

In November, 20 of our dancers and families will be traveling to Walt Disney world to help Disney welcome in the Holiday Season!

We perform at Disney every 3 years, This is a fun and educational experience for the dancers and looks great on college resumes, as Disney only accepts pre-professional performances. Our performance is almost ready!

We will be performing at 4:00 pm on Sat November 30th

BREAK A LEG, DANCERS!

Our Dancers Have Talent!

Looking for Fall activities?

Some of our dancers will be performing in their school's Theatre Performances

Nov 1st & 2nd

Olivia Falkner will be performing at Arcadia High School in "MonsterSongs" She is a Freshman and has the lead role!

Nov 1st & 2nd

Nicholas Guarino will be performing in "The Odd Couple" at Bishop Kearny High School

Nov 22nd, 23rd, 29th & 30th

Korrie Kaufman and **Jayden Trafton** and **Cal Fetzner** will be performing in "Elf the Musical" at Greece Athena Middle School

