

Fall 2012



# WELCOME BACK DANCERS

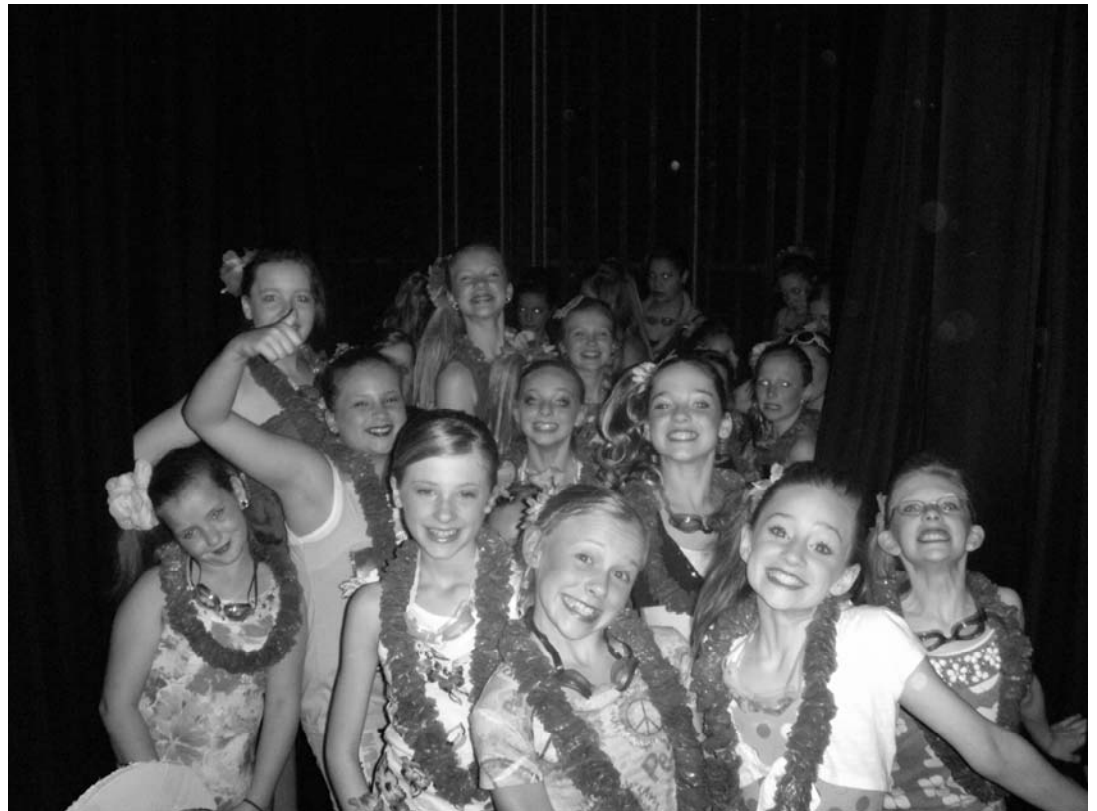
Dance Expressions is celebrating its FIFTEENTH year and we are SO EXCITED!

Here's to a great 2011-2012 season

Miss Lori, Miss Sarah, Miss Samantha, Miss Amy,  
Miss Chelsea, Miss Margo, Miss April & Miss Kayla

DANCE EXPRESSIONS

## Fall Newsletter



Dancers Excited for the 2011 Recital

# 2011 Students of the Year

~Presented at the May recital~

Lauren Stueve ~ Torre Romano ~ Kayla Thompson

Please see our Student of the Year bio's and pictures on our website [www.danceexpressions.com](http://www.danceexpressions.com)

## Soloists

Good Luck to all of our soloists this season.

**Primary:** Elaina Burley, Logan Druck, Lauren Sass, Taryn Smith, Lauren Stueve & Alaina Titley~ current title holder; 2011 Primary Miss Dance Power

**Elementary:** Kaylynn Buckner, Jenna Dietz, Mia Dues, Haleigh Gross, Avery Gunderson, Savannah Mattice, Kayli Paugh, Jessica Sacks, Anna Sciarretti, Sally Slaton, Julia Staub, Kaili Titley

**Junior:** Hope Barlow, Cassidy Bledsoe, Ke-Shawn Deam-Debraux, Abbey Flemming, Emily Hoagland, Taylor Imwalle, Hannah Koehl, Nicole Lange, Haley Lermond, Justine Liptak, Madison Matthew, Rachael McGraw, Claudia Pinson, Samantha Peters, Torre Romano, Haley Sands, Margo, Claire VanHoose, Lauren Verdes

**Senior:** Paige Barlow, Meredith Coughlin, Chelsea Hoagland, Mallory Kesler, Allie McMahon, Margo Shining~current title holder; 2011 Junior Miss Dance Power, Kayla Thompson.

Choreographers for the various solo competitors include: Ms. Lori, Miss Sarah, Miss Sami, Miss Amy, Miss Morgan Robbins, Miss Christen Ruff, Miss Kim Owen, Miss Ali Romano, Miss Margo Shining, Miss Kayla Thompson, Miss Lauren Daidone

Come out and supporter the dancers at Centerville H.S. Saturday Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> or at Northridge H.S. for the Vantasia solo contest on Saturday, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>



Several Award-Winning Soloists from Nov. 20th Competition

## Students of the Month

**September** - Eva Wissman is a 2<sup>nd</sup> grader at St. Christopher School. Her favorite subject is Art. She is seven years old and she says she is "loving her jazz class." When she is not dancing she loves to draw and is in a Brownie Troop. Her favorite food is Chicken McNuggets from McDonalds. When she grows up she wants to be a dancer!

**October** - Arianna Hardisty is a 4 year old attending Salem Christian Academy. Her favorite subject is coloring She loves to dance & is enjoying he pre-ballet and pre-acrobats classes. She loves to play with barbies! When she grows up she wants to work at a grocery store!

**November** - Mckenzie Abrams is 13 years old and is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade in West Milton. Her favorite subject is Art and she is an honor roll student. Her favorite place to go on vacation to is Disneyland. She plans to attend college after High School but is undecided as to where. She is very much involved in activities with her church!

**WAY TO GO Students of the Month~!**

## Room Mom's

We are looking for one "volunteer mom" per class (2 for pre-classes and level I). This is primarily for keeping all other parents in that class up to date on any major information. Things that the position may include are 1. Letting parents know details regarding recital costumes; Such as where to tie bows, what to wear as an undergarment, how to sew straps, hairstyle and tights color. 2. Reminding each parent of the in-studio rehearsal schedule as it is different than regular class times. 3. Depending on age level, assistance will be needed at the dress rehearsal/recital overseeing the kids in the holding area (cafeteria). A huge thank you for those that helped at the recital in May of 2011!!!

Each volunteer will be provided a roster after the break. Please seek out the teacher once the costumes come in for accessory details. Making a little note (per dancer) for the teacher to pass out in March/April (prior to pictures) seems to work best. Please let myself or a receptionist know if you are interested in being a room mom. Thanks to all you wonderful moms ahead of time!!!

## Costume Ordering

Ordering costumes is just right around the corner **for the May 11th 2012 Recital**. Why so early? Most studios will place orders with costume companies prior to the beginning of a new year for various reasons. To keep costs down is one. Catalogs offer a lower rate if orders are placed early to avoid the huge rush they always receive in mid-January. Ordering early also allows time for delivery in March or April. This way any sizing problems, back orders or defects can be dealt with prior to pictures and recital. **Once ordered the costumes are non-refundable. Please note that the deadline for costume payment is Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. No exceptions can be made & your child's costume will not be ordered.**

## Picture Date

This year the picture date will be FRIDAY, MAY 4th at the studio. A schedule will be sent home in mid-April. We ask that each child be photographed individually as well as with the class so we can hang their picture on the picture board.

Picture envelopes and prices will be sent home in early May. Different this year will be pictures NOT being handed out at the in-studio rehearsal due to quick turnaround this year so look for them at the DRESS rehearsal at N-Mont H.S. on that Friday!

## Recital News (Saturday, May 11th 2012)

**Please note this is Mother's Day Weekend & earlier than usual so April is VERY important so besides the studio's spring break we really need the kids in class!**

As we prepare for the 2012 recital I wanted to bring up THREE important things to prepare for:

First: Like last year we will have our dress rehearsal on Friday, May 10th beginning at 4:00 p.m. at Northmont H.S. Approximate time 4p.m. -10 p.m. The dress rehearsal usually takes longer than the actual show night due to working out kinks and first time "stage jitters"! You only have to be a dress rehearsal for your child's number/s. This schedule will be posted in April. I am approximating the show to last 4-5 hours. A few classes will be combining once again for production type routines.

Second: Due to the seating situation and number of fans the kids all have, we will once again not be able to allow any performer in the audience until Act III. All students will remain in the cafeteria (dressing room) until either their performance or Act III. The performers (older girls) will not be permitted to run in and out of the dressing rooms and into the audience during this time either. The highest volume of traffic occurs in the first act and then many families with younger performers sometimes leave. The cafeteria will have 1-2 TV's with the recital playing LIVE. As in the past each class has a designated area for them to get ready in so that the groups will stay together. Coloring books/reading material/DS games may be a good idea for those younger performers while waiting in the cafeteria.

Three: In the past, dress rehearsal was closed and only the performer and one parent were permitted. Three years ago we opened up the dress rehearsal to grandparents that would rather avoid the high volume of traffic of the Saturday performance. All Ticket prices (dress rehearsal and show) will be the same, \$10.00. This Friday night show will be for grandparents/elderly only. Otherwise the dress rehearsal is for parent/performer only. Moms do not need a ticket for the dress rehearsal but do need a ticket for the actual Saturday show. Programs are free and only given to ticket holders during dress rehearsal (please remember to take your "in-studio rehearsal" schedule with you so you have the order of appearance on hand.) Ticket sales help defray the cost of the wonderful facility that Northmont has to offer.

**More information on the Recital will be sent home in the spring newsletters and on fee statements.**

# Congratulations to the Dance Expressions competition teams

We are proud to announce the 2011-12 primary & elementary competition dance teams. The Tiny team consists of 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> graders & our Mini team consists of 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> graders. New members were selected through an audition held in the summer. Both groups will be competing in March at various dance team competitions. Many girls are currently competing in the solo division as well. Good Luck Ladies!

***Tiny Expressions***- Captain: Alaina Titley, Co-Captains: Logan Druck & Taryn Smith, Officers: Claire Leingang, Lauren Sass, Martiza Scott, Team: Sydney Aller, Elaina Burley, Haley Casey, Selah Early, Madison Evans, Olivia Follick, Madeline Frasure, Lauren Holderman, Makayla Hopper, Sydney Lawler, Scarlet Mattice, Heather McBride, Emma Moore, Hannah Schuh, Sophia Shively, Julia Stapleton, Lauren Stueve, Courtney Thompson, Serena Uloho

***Mini Expressions***- Captain: Avery Gunderson, Co-Captains: Sally Slaton & Grace Swarts, Officers: Kayli Paugh, Emma Ney, Anna Sciarretti, Julia Staub, Team: Molly Armentrout, Cassandra Black, Grace Boman, Rachel Burton, Anna Def-fet, Makenzie Detrick, Jenna Dietz, Makenzie Dietz, Mia Dues, Haleigh Gross, Kailyn Larger, Brianna Lytle, Savannah Mattice, Taylor Puckett, Emil Ringo, Madelyn Scott, Sydney Thomas, Kaili Titley, Lindsey Viskup, Kayla Wall

## Bad Weather

As we get closer to the winter season let's talk about snow! When bad weather occurs please watch your local TV stations to find out if your child's class has been cancelled or the TV stations websites. TV stations will prioritize who gets on TV & when they get too many they have to just rely on their website. We will also do our best to get it on our studio website. Sometimes crazy snow prevents me from getting to the studio to change the answering machine so please use the websites or TV or the Dance Expressions Facebook page. Just because school may cancel doesn't mean the studio will close. This will depend on the salt trucks and afternoon conditions. One cancelled day due to snow & one day off per chosen holiday (Thanksgiving Wed/Thurs. & Presidents Day on a Monday) are already considered in your yearly sum of fees.

## Miss Amy

Miss Amy Jones is in her 4th year teaching with us and she is a member of the Dayton Contemporary Dance Company. DCDC puts on various performances throughout the year so mark your calendar for:

*Familiar Crossings*  
SATURDAY, February 4, 2012 at 7:30pm  
SUNDAY, February 5, 2012 at 3:00pm at  
Stivers School for the Arts  
1313 East 5th Street  
Dayton, OH 45402

You will truly enjoy yourself!!! They put on a fabulous show! Visit [www.dcdc.org](http://www.dcdc.org) for further information.

## 5, 10 & 15 Year Awards

Congratulations to those of you celebrating your 5th, 10th, or 15th year with us.

We will post this list after the first of the year. We go by what you filled out on your registration form. Please double check by looking at your pictures from years past or think through your costumes etc to research this. Again we depend only on what you say on the registration form so if you put a question mark you may get left out..

## Check out Our Website

Our website has additions almost every day. Check out the fun! Special thanks to Paula Reed for such a fantastic job on the site!!!

## No Classes

December 13<sup>th</sup> through January 1st –Holiday Break  
**Classes will resume Monday, January 2nd 2012**

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