

Spring 2025



DANCE EXPRESSIONS

Spring Newsletter



2024-2025 Competition Cast

Dance Expressions Competition Cast Takes Top Honors

Dancers have been competing all over Ohio & Indiana during the last several months. All of our teams have had much success. Just a few of our highlights for the season include our Tiny, Mini and Junior Elite Expressions winning Showcase Grand Champion at the Cincy Regional competition. Jr. Elite & the Senior team were then named Grand Champs at the State contest. Highest Scoring routines at both contests were "Mambo Italiano", "People Help the People" & "Big Noise", then adding "It's About that Walk" to those elite awards at the State contest. Choreography awards going to Mini Jazz (choreo by Miss Lori & Miss Reagan) & Senior Open (choreo by Miss Lori) plus the "Best Technique" award going to Junior Elite open one weekend & Senior Open the following weekend.

At the Groove Competition in Indiana, the Jr. Elite/Senior teams were awarded the "Inspired by Passion" award at the conclusion of the event. They also snagged a "ONEBEAT" Standout award for their lyrical "Summer in New York". At the Columbus Ultra competition, receiving the "Power Performance" acknowledgment from the judges went to the trio of Emma, Reagan, Alyssa as well as "Summer in New York" and top soloist Hayden. Winning an IDA Nominee award was the senior jazz group (choreo by Miss Sarah and Miss Torre). At the Van Wert Platinum dance competition, the whole studio came away with the "Top ELITE Studio" of the weekend. A big shoutout to "Mambo Italiano" our Tiny Open routine being recognized with the highest score of level I the entire weekend while also snagging a choreography award for Miss Torre. Soloist Fable Walton was then recognized with the highest score of all level III routines. Miss Sarah came away with a 12 & Over Choreographer of the Year finalist award for "People Help the People". So many other great awards that we are proud of as well.

Adding to a successful competition season, our solo/duo/trio dancers have also had a great season with all our dancers achieving great ratings, judges special awards, scholarships, credit vouchers, cash awards and top overalls. Also, a big CONGRATS to Madelyn Slaton, Lauren McBride, Dawn Proffitt, Jordynn Dixon, Fable Walton, Reagan Downey on being crowned Miss Showcase of Stars 2025 Queens in their respective divisions in January at the Miss Showcase of Stars pageant.

Recital Videos

If you would like to pre-order a copy of the 2025 Recital, please click the link below for the digital order form. This year, you have 3 options of ways to receive your recital:

<https://form.jotform.com/250883784263164>

Option 1 - HD 1080p digital file - \$30 - you'll receive a link to download to the email of your choice

Option 2 - 4K digital file - \$35 - you'll receive a link to download to the email of your choice

Option 3 - USB Flash Drive with 4K file - \$40 - that you'll need to pick up from the studio on pickup from the studio on Tuesday, June 17th between 7:00-8:00 pm

Digital files will be sent to your email that you provide on the digital order form approximately 3 weeks after the recital date and the flash drives will be available for pickup at the studio. No optical media (DVDs & Blurays) are being offered this year to give you the best quality possible. You will need approximately 20GB free space for the 1080p video download and 35GB free for the 4K video download. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to our videographer, Matt Silver, at silverstudios.booking@gmail.com.

April/May Balances

In years past we combined the April/May payment. This year with the portal in place we will charge April on the 3rd and May on May 3rd. A reminder that your dance tuition is a lump sum divided evenly by 9 months, regardless of # of weeks.

Thank you...

to all who supported Reagan Downey and her iDance4aCURE fundraiser in February. Between the 2020 and 2025 events \$12,675.00 was raised for childhood cancer. We are so grateful for the dancers, dance families and dance fans that raised money for such an important cause.



2025 iDance4aCURE Dance/Fundraiser Marathon

Recital Tickets

“Live, Laugh, Dance 25” Recital Tickets will be on sale at the studio beginning April 14th during studio hours. \$16.00 pre-sale and \$20.00 at the door Saturday night. Please see the Recital Information Sheet for further details on Tickets.

Recital Program

A rough draft of the recital program will be hanging in the studio mid-April. Please check to make sure your child’s name is spelled correctly. It is important that each dancer & parent knows what Act and what performance number they are in, as well as the title.

Awards/Recognition

We will be acknowledging all 5, 10, 15, 20, 25-year students/staff from this season at the end of the entire show. We will recognize the 10/15/20/25-year awards at the end of the 1st Act as well. The “Students of the Year” recipients and staff recognition will be at the end of the show. Congrats to all!

Attendance

Is mandatory in April/May for participation in the recital. Please see your teacher if you have a school conflict. Our tumbling classes and Finale dancers, along with Ms. Chelle’s Ballet Production all have special rehearsal times in April and or May so please make sure you are aware of those times.

Pictures

The picture date, as previously announced is Friday, April 18th at the dance studio. If anyone is back-to-back on the picture schedule, please let us know. Schwabe Studio will once again take our pictures. There is a new, easy & exciting process in place for ordering your recital pictures please see the attached flyer. Your pictures will be ready for pick-up during our Dress Rehearsal Night at Northmont. IF you forget to pick-up, please call Schwabe Studio to pick up. The dance studio will not have your pictures.

Friday April 18th

Mark this day as very important:

- Picture Day (See schedule)
- Order your dancer a good luck flower bouquet
- Buy your tickets
- Order your recital video

For participation in the recital please make sure all balances are paid in full by May 3rd.

Thank you.



Pre-Ballerinas taking a break to pose for a picture

2025 Miss Showcase of Stars Queens

Students of the Month

January - Belle Jenkins is a 2nd grader at Concord Elementary. Her favorite subject is art. Belle has been dancing for two years, and her favorite style of dance is "pop". Her hobbies include dance, gymnastics, art, football & book writing. She loves ice cream & when she grows up she wants to be a dentist.

Also, for **January** - Serenity Rodgers is a 7th grader at East Dayton Christian where her favorite subject is history. She has been dancing for 6 years and her favorite style is lyrical. Besides of course dancing her other hobbies include reading and shopping. Serenity's favorite food is popcorn, and she wants to be a dance studio owner and to become a lawyer.

February - Eleanor Denny is in Kindergarten at Broadway Elementary and her favorite subject is Art. She has been dancing for two years, and she loves jazz. Eleanor's hobbies are dance and bike riding. She wants to be a babysitter when she grows up and her favorite food is cupcakes.

March - Aria Williams attends Morton Middle School and is in 6th grade. Her favorite subject is Reading. Aria has been dancing for 5 years, and she loves contemporary. Her hobbies include cheer, dance, playing the piano & baking. In fact, when she grows up, she wants to be a pastry chef. Aria's favorite food is pizza.

Also, for **March** - Aliyah Early, currently in 10th grade & homeschooled enjoys history most of all. She has been dancing for 13 years and loves ballet & contemporary. Aliyah's hobbies include guitar, piano and musical theater. She aspires to be a journalist after college and her favorite food is chick-fil-a.

Next Season

Coming soon... you can find information online and also in the studio: Summer Sampler class schedule, Tiny/Mini/Junior/Senior Expressions Competition Dance Team information, the 2025-2026 season schedule and all pertinent registration details.

Ask Us!!!

Please stop in the studio this next month to look around at reminder notifications and ask any questions at the desk. Sit in the lobby and chat with other veteran parents. We are not in the studio on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of the recital weekend to answer the phone, answer questions or to sell tickets. Please plan ahead so you & your family can have a great show experience. We appreciate your dedication to your dancer!

2025-2026 Competition Team Auditions

For those interested in being a part of the Dance Expressions Dance Teams please stop in the studio mid-April to pick up a handout and sign up for the audition. The audition date and all details/requirements will be included in the handouts.

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