

SHOW #9

GROOVE

is in the



Showcase 2021

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH 4:30PM
MISSOURI BAPTIST UNIVERSITY



Dear RJ's Dance Family,

This year has truly brought a new meaning to the term "RJ Dance Family"! I hate to say it but as awful as Covid has been, it has truly taught us a lot and made us stronger. In the 29 years I have owned this studio, we have faced different difficult times, but none ever to this level. We are so lucky right now that we get to be here and perform live for our family and friends.

Although, we know Showcase 2021 will be a little different this year, what holds true is our passion for dance... The GROOVE truly is in our HEART! These dancers are beyond excited to get on the stage for you today, so please applaud them and praise them for their passion.

The RJ's Dance Family is truly like no other. We have heard people say the studio runs like a well oiled machine at this point. While it may look like that on the surface, behind the scenes is much different. The love and dedication of the faculty is what has made this machine work this year. Daily we were stressed trying to lay out procedures and protocols to follow guidelines and mandates only to have things switch with little notice. Our very first goal going into the season was to create a SAFE environment for our dancers where they get to feel something normal and routine and hopefully get an end of year performance. While we have had to pivot and rethink things many times over again, I believe my team handled everything with grace and we achieved that goal to get everyone here today! We believe we are role models to our students and it was important to myself and that we did things the right way and followed the necessary guidelines regardless of the inconvenience to our normal way of work.

I want to give a BIG thank you to Gretchen, Debbie and Brooke for being my core team in helping to put this all together. Many other faculty members helped too, but the endless hours put in by these ladies has been amazing and very appreciated!

Mr. Bill, thank you for always be RJ's #1 fan and being available to run any errand thrown at you with a smile and an "Okie Dokie"! Madison and Sydney, even though you are not in town for this recital, your presence at RJ's and with the RJ's Dance Family is huge!

To all of our parents, dancers, and audience members, THANK YOU for believing in us and supporting us through this difficult time. It is not lost on us that there are other studios and activities that you your dancers could be a part of, so we thank you for choosing us and being our RJ Dance Family. Thank you for rolling with the punches and being flexible this year. And most importantly, thank you for being your dancer's #1 fans!

With a very grateful heart,

Miss Renee



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Theater Etiquette

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES!

NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY IS PERMITTED!

NO FOOD OR DRINK IS ALLOWED IN THE THEATRE AT ANY TIME.
NO EXCEPTIONS!

PLEASE DO NOT TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS DURING THE
PERFORMANCES!

PLEASE ONLY ENTER AND EXIT BETWEEN ROUTINES IF YOU MUST!
OUR USHERS HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO KEEP THE DOORS
CLOSED DURING THE PERFORMANCE.

APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE! APPLAUSE!
SHOW ALL OUR PERFORMERS YOUR APPRECIATION WITH
APPROPRIATE APPLAUSE AND CHEER.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR SEATS UNTIL ALL OF OUR
SENIORS, DANCERS, & FACULTY HAVE TAKEN THEIR FINAL BOW!

RENEE'S STAFF AS WELL AS THE PERFORMERS APPRECIATE
YOUR COOPERATION & RESPECT!



Graduating Seniors

Malea Baldwin



MALEA BALDWIN Is graduating from Marquette High School where she was a member of Marquette Mystique for one year and Center Stage Show Choir for 3 years. Malea has been dancing at RJ's for 4 years and was a member of Elite for 1 year and the High School Competition Team for 1 year. Malea plans on attending University of Kansas in the fall to study Architecture with an emphasis on restoration and modernization of beautiful older buildings. She also hopes to continue dancing recreationally while away at school.

From Malea: Dance has taught me perseverance. Don't ever give up on your dreams. Dance will ease the pathway. Dance has matched me with some of the best people ever. My best memories are crying over chocolate shakes - meaning bonding with incredible girls. These teammates have become my friends for life as we've grown together and shared over long practices and late night bonding sessions. I am truly grateful for all my amazing coaches and teachers, Miss Gretchen, Miss Maggie, Miss Mistie, Nikki and Marcus that have trained, motivated, and encouraged me throughout my dance years. I love all of my dance experiences and can't imagine my life without these wonderful people and memories.

From Mom: We put Malea in dance because she loved princesses, she loved to perform, and she loved watching her cousins' dance recitals. She couldn't wait to be on the stage in her own costumes! Every one of her dances has a special place in my heart. Each one fills me with happiness. When I see Malea step onto the stage, and her face lights up as the music begins, I feel joyful. I am so proud of her. I will miss all of it - the beautiful and the fun dances, the sparkly costumes, the stinky shoes, the warm talks on the way to and from practices, the excitement of competitions and the pride of dancing in the recital. It makes us happy and thankful that she can do what she loves day after day. Malea has grown into the amazing person that she is today because of dance. She has learned discipline, grace, confidence, strength, and determination. She can express herself through the music and movements. Dance is her joy and her inspiration. It can be her release when she is stressed or anxious. It is through dance that she feels confident and energized. Malea has made some of her best friends through dance classes and dance teams as they work toward the same goals.

From Miss Leah: Malea is every teacher's dream student. She has an incredible work ethic and puts all of her heart into her training and performances. She is focused and goal-oriented. She is a firecracker on stage and leaves it all on the floor. She has a killer sense of humor and it has been a joy to watch her grow into a confident dancer. Good luck, Malea!

Olivia Bauer



OLIVIA BAUER is graduating from Westminster Christian Academy where she was a member of the varsity dance team all four years. She has been dancing at RJ's for 3 years and was a part of the High School Competition Team all 3 years. Olivia will be attending Miami University-Ohio where she will be continuing to dance with the Dance Team while studying Nursing!

From Olivia: I would like to thank everyone at RJ's for welcoming me with open arms and helping me grow as a dancer and a person. I'm so thankful for the amazing opportunities, people, and memories this studio has given me. Dance has been such a huge part of my life since I was two and it's taught me so many important lessons. Thank you to my parents for signing me up for dance in the first place and being there every step of the way. You are my biggest supporters and I can't thank you enough!

From Mom: I put Olivia in dance when she was two because I thought she would have so much fun and look adorable in a tutu! My favorite dance memory was

watching her first solo and admiring how brave she was to perform in front of so many people. We will miss dance, but thankfully she will continue dancing for her college team, Miami University- Ohio! Dance has shaped her by stretching her abilities, growing her confidence, and allowing her to pour herself into something she loves.

From Miss Jessie: Olivia is such a sweet student to have in class. While she never needs to be the center of attention in a piece, she always contributes so much and gives 110%. She's always attentive and has a very careful eye for details and is dedicated. I am so excited that she is going to be continuing to dance with her college team. She will do big things! CONGRATS, Olivia!

Maddie Bee



MADDIE BEE is graduating from Eureka High School where she was a part of Varsity Golden Line all four years. Maddie has been dancing at RJ's for 15 years and was a member of the competition team for 6 years. She plans on attending Penn State in the fall to study Public Relations.

From Maddie: First off I'd love to thank all the teachers that helped me throughout the years. Specifically Miss Gretchen and Miss Maggie, who always pushed me to be a stronger dancer and taught me to persevere in the face of adversity. This studio has also helped shape my life by giving me life long friendships with girls who are now like family to me. No matter what's going on in my life, the studio has always been a place where I can let everything go, and the girls and teachers find a way to lighten my spirit. They make me smile on my bad days, and make me laugh so hard my stomach hurts. For them I am forever grateful. Weirdly enough, my favorite memory of the studio is when we were at a competition in Collinsville and there was a tornado. All the lights went out and we were scared, but then all the girls on my line started playing games, coloring, goofing off, and really just doing anything to help pass the time. It was so fun and it helped prove that we weren't just a dance team, but we were all really good friends too! I'm definitely going to miss it!"

From Mom: We put Maddie in dance because she has two older sisters that had decided to dance. Maddie loved to watch them and wanted to join too! It has been a bond they have all enjoyed! One of our favorite memories of Maddie dancing is a competition dance called Bell Bottom Blues. It is when we realized she was a born performer! Her facial expressions were amazing! Dance and RJ's have given Maddie poise, leadership opportunities, lots of friends and a home away from home!

From Miss Gretchen: Maddie is the last of the bee sisters to graduate RJ's... quite the legacy! Maddie had big shoes to fill following her sisters, but she managed to do it well. She is the best teammate anyone could have: she has a very calm and level head and an incredible ability to rally her classmates when the going gets tough. Her talent and positive sense of humor have made her such a fun student, and we will definitely miss her around the studio!

Payton Brown



PAYTON BROWN is graduating from Lafayette High School where she was a part of Escadrille for all four years. Payton has been dancing at RJ's for 12 years and was a member of the Hip Hop Crew and the Competitive Teams. Even when her senior year was cut short by injury, she always kept her positive attitude and cheered her teammates on. She will be attending University of Arkansas in the fall to study Marketing and would love to become a real estate agent one day. She also hopes to find a studio to continue her dance training and may try out for the dance team her sophomore year.

From Payton: Dance is a special thing that comes with the best friends and special bonds. My dance friends will be my friends for the rest of my life! The best moments at the studio were taking class and learning fun combos with my friends! My favorite memories on the dance team was definitely placing 13th and 14th in the nation at our Disney Nationals! I will never forget that moment!

From Mom: We put Payton in dance class because Because we noticed her love for music at a very young age. Payton danced for the studio but also for her high school team at Lafayette. Watching Escadrille perform at Nationals in 2020 was a huge highlight. The team made it to finals in both Pom and Jazz. Seeing the pure happiness and excitement on the girls faces is something I will never forget. We will miss seeing Payton's beautiful smile and emotion while performing on stage. Dancing has brought so much happiness to Payton's life over the last 15 years. She has learned that hard work can give you such a feeling of accomplishment.

From Miss Ari: Miss Payton is such a ray of sunshine. No matter what is thrown her way or how big the obstacle (this year a leg injury) she always has a smile on her face and that is infectious. She is also a beautiful dancer and mover and knows how to work a stage. Her positivity and ability to lead her classmates make her the ultimate role model. We will miss you, Payton!

Carissa Campbell



CARISSA CAMPBELL is graduating from Francis Howell High School. She has been dancing at RJ's for four years and spent all four of those years on the competitive team. Carissa is known for being a fierce competitor and a technical perfectionist. Carissa plans on attending the University of Arizona to pursue a BFA in Dance.

From Carissa: I will cherish the fun times and memories I've made with my friends at the studio (the diamonds) for the rest of my life. Thank you to my teachers for the outstanding training and life lessons you've taught me. I'm excited to see what the future holds in Arizona!

From Mom & Dad: Mom always loved dance and was so excited to put Carissa in her first class when she was 3 years old. It's hard to believe how fast the years have flown by, but we couldn't be more proud of the young lady Carissa has become. We knew early on dance was going to be a major part of her life (especially after one season of soccer - hahaha!), but she has truly made it

her passion! We have a countless number of fond memories over the years being a part of the dance world that we will cherish forever. The experiences, friends and teachers have helped shape her into the person she is today, and for that we're forever grateful. As this chapter comes to a close, we are so excited to see her continue to pursue her passion at the University of Arizona next year. Carissa, you are an amazing young woman who is courageous, driven and determined to be the best you can be in everything you do, and we are so proud of you!! We love you and although it is really hard to let you go after all these years, we know you are ready and so excited to see what the next chapter holds.

From Mr. Tommy: Carissa has been a student of tap with me for a handful of years. This year, I really noticed her step up and fill the role of being a role model. In class, she gives such great effort on the task at hand, whether it be learning a new exercise, choreography, or improvisation. Carissa is also very supportive of her classmates and never hesitant to provide them with a helping hand or a word of encouragement and praise. Dance aside, she has a very bright personality. She is a joy to work with in the classroom and I am so happy to have had her as a student. Wishing her all the best in the next chapter of her life!

Abby Cook



ABBY COOK is graduating from Marquette High School where she was a part of Color Guard for 3 years. Abby has been dancing at RJ's for 15 years. She plans on attending South Eastern Missouri State University to study Special Education.

From Abby: I liked dancing because it taught me a lot about balance and self-control.

From Mom: We put Abby into dance because my mother and I both danced and loved it. We wanted Abby to share the same experience. We felt excited and proud watching her perform in her first recital at 3. Since then she has expanded her dance knowledge. It was fun watching her first hip hop performance with only 4 other performers. We will miss the joy of watching Abby growing up on stage and missing yearly dance recitals, they were always our favorite! Abby's self confidence is amazing because of RJ's and dance. Her skills learned at RJ's helped her succeed in Color Guard, Winter Guard, and speaking in front of crowds. Thanks to all her teachers over the years for their guidance and support.

From Miss Renee: I always remember Abby when she first started taking classes, always in that baby blue leotard and always determined to put her feet on the studio wall when she became a senior! She's finally a senior... YAY, Abby, you made it! Even though she became involved in other activities later on and in high school, she was always determined to keep coming to dance classes with us and we are so happy she always made the time make RJ's her dance home. I know her mom and grandma are proud and so are we!

Maya Frank



MAYA FRANK is graduating from Lafayette High School where she was a member of Escadrille for all four years. She has been dancing at RJ's for 11 years and was a part of our Performance Team for 5 years and the High School Competition Team for 4 years. Maya will be heading to University of Arkansas this fall to study nursing in hopes of becoming a nurse practitioner.

From Maya: I'm super grateful for my many years at Renee's. I would like to thank all of my teachers for pushing me to be the best I can be. I also want to thank my family for always believing in and supporting me. I'm so thankful for all of the fun memories at the studio and I'm so glad I've made forever friends.

From Mom: We put Maya in dance because when she was little she was always dancing around the house and she took a ballet class that was offered at her school in Kindergarten and she fell in love with it! My favorite memory is watching her on the Onyx Team dancing to "Only Love Could Hurt Like This"... So beautiful! We're going to miss everything about dance! The teachers, the

other students and parents, the craziness before competitions and recitals.....Wouldn't trade this experience for anything else! Dancing at RJ's has helped her grow into a confident young woman.

From Miss Gretchen: I have to mention that Maya has had some amazing attendance the last few years at the studio. I say this because it is not easy being involved in high school activities, a varsity dance team AND a studio competition team. Maya is an extremely hard worker, very determined and has a dry sense of humor that keeps us all on our toes.

Hailey Kimack



HAILEY KIMACK is graduating from Lafayette high school where she was a part of Escadrille for two years. Miss Hailey has been dancing at RJ's for 16 years and on the competition team for 12. In the fall she will be attending the University of Arkansas to major in biology on the pre-med track to pursue her dream of becoming a dermatologist one day. She also hopes to continue dancing recreationally and maybe try out for the dance team in the future.

From Hailey: To my RJ's family, words cannot explain how much you have given me. From giving me my unconditional love for dance, to lifelong friendships, to unforgettable memories, this studio has and will forever be my second home. Miss Gretchen, thank you is an understatement. You gave me endless opportunities, support, and love that will forever be unmatched by anyone else. You have been my second mom, biggest fan, and most influential teacher I have ever had. Ari, you are seriously one of the most talented and loving people I have ever met. You have pushed me to be the best I can be, and I can not imagine my life without you. Miss Renee, I can not even remember a time where I didn't have you in my life as a role model and one of my biggest supporters. I could not thank you enough for everything you have done for me and continue to do. For the past almost 16 years, you two have been my rocks. Without you giving me this experience, I would not be the person I am today. To my Diamonds, you guys will always hold such a special place in my heart. From all the

laughs to all the tears, you guys have given me some of the best memories that I will cherish for the rest of my life. I cannot even believe I won't be a part of this program next year, so cherish each and every moment you have in this studio because in the blink of an eye, you will be walking out those doors one last time. I love this studio, these people, and this experience more than anything in the world. I'll be back!

From Mom: We put her in dance because our neighbor, Kathy McQuillan, said her daughters LOVED to dance at Renee's. My favorite memory is the very first time she performed her first solo... I cried just watching her dance. I am going to miss watching her on stage doing what she loves with the people she loves the most. And of course, going to the competitions and all of the fun dance friends and moms. We love that RJ's has given her confidence and stage presence as well as the ability to be herself and express her feelings.

From Miss Gretchen: Hailey is a super fun-loving and silly dancer. She is always genuinely happy and is ALWAYS smiling. We like to give her trouble because she is so forgetful, but always in a very charming way. I have always loved teaching Hailey because she is so positive and driven. She can laugh at herself which is hard for a lot of people and she is extremely resilient. She came back from a major ankle injury that most dancers wouldn't have. She was determined to get stronger and back to dance. I am so glad she joined us on the competition team for her senior year and will miss her presence on our team so m

Juliet MacMurray



JULIET MACMURRAY Is graduating from Marquette High School where she was a member of the Mystique Dance Team all four years. Juliet has been dancing at RJ's for 15 years and was a part of the Performance Team for 3 years, Elite for 1 year, and the Competition Team for 4 years. Juliet plans on attending University of Kansas to study Architecture and Interior Design.

From Juliet: The most important thing I learned at Renee's was that practice doesn't make perfect, practice makes permanent. My best memories from studio would have to be recital every year and going to competitions and conventions with my team. I would like to thank Mrs. Gretchen for always being there for me and pushing me to be my best for the past 4 years.

From Mom: I put Juliet in dance because I was a dancer growing up too. I have loved watching Juliet perform on stage at recitals each year and seeing her grow. We will miss those memories. Juliet has learned so many skills through Dance. She has learned determination, precision, team work, talent, and most of all self confidence!!

From Miss Gretchen: Juliet is a music lover through and through who keeps everyone up to date. I am so proud of her progress and journey through the teams at the studio over the years. I am even more proud that she continued to dance competitively her senior year when involved in so many other activities including her high school varsity dance team.

Julia Manning



JULIA MANNING is graduating from Lafayette High School where she was on Escadrille for two years. She has been dancing at RJ's for 11 years and on the competitive team for all of them. Julia will be attending the University of Arkansas in the fall to study nursing and hopes to become a nurse practitioner ENT. In her spare time she also hopes to dance recreationally.

From Julia: Dance has taught me so much. Through dance I have learned not to take anything for granted, crucial time management skills, what it means to be a part of something bigger than myself and most importantly It gave me an outlet outside of school life and worldly problems. I want to thank RJ's for giving me my second family. I would also like to thank all my teachers, Miss. Gretchen, Miss Maggie, Mr. Gary, Miss Chelsea, and Miss Jessie for shaping me into the person and dancer I am today. BIG shoutout to all my teammates I love you guys!

From Mom: Julia was on a competition team at Nolte Academy when we lived in Iowa. She was going into 2nd grade when we moved to St.Louis and she really enjoyed the social side of dance as well as performing on stage and we wanted to continue to support this. My favorite memories of Julia performing always include her beautiful smile and how she lights up the stage with every performance that she is in.

I am going to miss the community feeling of the dance families and watching all of the dancers grow from one year to the next. Dance has taught Julia time management and perseverance. She understands that you don't always get what you want in life but it is up to you to make the most of each experience. Also, to never give up and always be a good teammate and friend.

From Miss Jessie: Julia is a lovely dancer and person. She possesses a natural understanding of movement and expression, which makes her dancing feel authentic and effortless. She is a joy to watch in class and on the stage. She is also exceptionally funny and brings a bright personality to class that keeps everyone around her smiling!

Monica May



MONICA MAY is graduating from Eureka High School. She has been dancing at RJ's for 7 years and was a member of the Performance Team for 1 year and the Competition Team for 2 years where she is known for being an excellent teammate. Monica will be continuing her education at Missouri State University where she will study business and be a member of the The Diamond Girls.

From Monica: I originally went to a different dance studio until I switched to RJ's since it was closer to where my family was moving. The atmosphere here was completely different compared to my old studio, and it was a refreshing change. I also met some amazing teachers who helped instill the confidence in me that was very much needed. Miss Ashley was my ballet and pointe teacher for my first few years at RJ's, and she completely changed my feelings towards ballet. I had never liked ballet until I moved to RJ's, and that was where I fell in love with it and grew a much deeper appreciation for it. Miss Ashley was a wonderful and inspiring teacher who helped me grow into the dancer I am today. I also took ballet classes with Marcus, and in those classes I felt like I was truly noticed. Being a very quiet person I tend to get overlooked by teachers, but Marcus took the time to appreciate what I had to offer in class, and I greatly appreciate that.

From Mom: We put Monica in dance when she was 4 years old so that she could have an activity with her younger sister outside of the home. My favorite memories are just seeing my shy, reserved girl come out of her shell once she hits the stage. Monica joined RJ's when she was in 6th grade and the studio was very welcoming to her. She never liked ballet before she came to RJ's and RJ's showed her a different side to ballet and she learned to love it.

From Miss Gretchen: It has been so amazing to see Monica grow into a confident dancer and performer. She is shy in class and doesn't make waves but she comes alive on stage. Her genuine love for dance and her reliability make her the best teammate. We are so proud of you, Monica!

Josie Nishimura



JOSIE NISHIMURA is graduating from Marquette High School where she was a member of Center Stage Show Choir for 3 years. Josie has been dancing at RJ's for 13 years and was a part of Elite for 1 year and the Performance Team for 1 year. Josie plans on attending Mizzou and wants to continue taking dance classes at the Mizzou Rec Center and dancing with a sorority. While not hot in the pursuit of dance, Josie wants to study Pre-Professional Physical Therapy so she can help dancers and athletes recover from injuries and work on strength training.

From Josie: The studio has always been my second home. I have made so many lasting friendships, and RJ's has impacted my life so much. I want to thank everyone, especially Miss Renee and Miss Arianna, for giving me a place to call home these past 13 years. I also want to thank my parents for putting me into dance at three years old and believing in and supporting everything I've accomplished since.

From Mom: I put Josie in dance because I wanted her to have a way to express herself, develop confidence and a love of dance. I have so many wonderful memories, but the best was watching her

the first time she performed en pointe. Recital Season is always the most wonderful time of the year full of memories as well! Dance has given Josie so many gifts. She's learned to cherish her moments of success and press on in times of disappointment. She's developed excellent time management skills and a strong work ethic. It's given her so much joy for 15 years. RJ's has given her a home away from home, so many friendships and so much love from Miss Renee and her instructors over the years.

From Miss Ari: Josie's love for the dance studio overflows every time she steps foot in the building. I remember meeting little sophomore Josie and thinking "this kid is special." Josie has many commitments outside of dance, but somehow always comes to class focused and eager to move and perform. Josie is made for the stage! I can't wait to see where this sparkle takes her

Anna Savacool



ANNA SAVACOOOL is graduating from Lafayette High School where she was a captain of the JV Escadrille and Varsity Escadrille Dance Teams. Anna has been dancing at RJ's for 8 years and was on the Competition Team for all 8. Anna will be headed to Florida State University while studying Mass Media Communications/Marketing. In a recent development, Miss Anna was just chosen as a new member to the FSU Golden Girl Dance Team! It comes as no shock as she is performing 110% no matter if she is in the studio or on a stage. Her teachers all agree that she is one of the most determined and focused dancers. Her competitive edge really sets her apart.

From Anna: My time at RJ's has taught me that your dreams won't work unless you do. Natural talent can only take you so far, but it is ultimately your work ethic and determination that will send you on the path towards success. I am so thankful for the training I have gotten from the RJ's faculty and the support they have given me in everything I do. I truly have created some bonds that I know will last a lifetime. To all the teammates that I have been lucky enough to dance with over the years: thank you for pushing me to be the best I can be and for the passion you have brought to the studio. Thank you for taking on this

year of unknowns alongside me. I love each and every one of you and it has been so special to call you teammates. To all the RJ's faculty: thank you for welcoming me with open arms and for caring so much about my progression not only as a dancer but as a person. I will forever be grateful for how much you devote to your dancers and to this studio. A special thank you to Marcus, for being a guiding light for me throughout the years. And finally to Ms. Renee: Thank you for creating such an enriching environment for dancers to learn and grow. Your tireless energy, dedication, and love for dance are the true glue that holds us all together. I will truly miss coming to the studio and being greeted by all the warm faces there. Thank you for everything RJ's, you will not be forgotten."

From Miss Katey: It's been my pleasure to teach ANNA the last few seasons at Chesterfield and observe the strength and passion she brings to every part of her life. She is a good friend, a supportive team member, a leader with a strong voice and I wish for her that all of these skills will help guide her to continuing to impact every person she meets in a positive way. She is a very talented human, intuitive in mind and spirit and I will miss her energy, friendship and heart in class next year. Best of luck as the next chapter begins with a blank page and is just waiting to be written.

From Mom: Anna danced before she could walk! We put her in dance because she showed an early love for music and dance, so it was very clear that she needed to be in dance class. When she was 3 years old, she performed in her first recital. When her class finished their number, she was so excited and enraptured by the applause, that she stood center stage, blushing and giggling and waving to the audience, unaware that her class had exited the stage. Her teacher had to come out to retrieve her after a few minutes! I will miss Watching the dancers bring music to life. I will especially miss the magic of choreography season — the unveiling of the dances, seeing the artist's vision take shape through the dancers. It gave me chills (and sometimes tears) every year! RJ's has taught Anna much more than classic technique. She has learned discipline, professionalism, poise, teamwork, and responsibility. She has learned how to push through challenges and setbacks by digging deep, which in turn breeds confidence and belief in herself. RJ's has provided a "home away from home", a safe place for her.

Show #9

Sunday, June 6th ... 4:30pm

Winter Winds Choreographed By Caroline Lewis-Jones

Kate Adam, Sophia Burns, Brooke Fleming, Georgia Fleming, Kaitlyn Gomez, Amanda Gubernik, Ari Johns, Laney Johnson, Jessie Kennington, Avery Mangnall, Elayna Melching, Jaden Mitchell

Under the Sea Choreographed By Debra Lacavich

Arya Griffin, Lola Hogg, Eva Krueger, Charlotte Nisbett

Your Song Choreographed By

Harper Allen, Mila Heisel, Madelyn Hill, Brynn Hobgood, Madison Lonnee, Madison Volansky

Friendship Song Choreographed By Gabrielle Nisbett

Lola Branson, Avery Easterby, McKinley Hannibal, Nora Hogg, Paige Jensen, Brynn Rogan, Abigail Volansky

Dawn Choreographed By Jessie Philbrick

Kate Adam, Sophia Burns, Brooke Fleming, Georgia Fleming, Kaitlyn Gomez, Amanda Gubernik, Ari Johns, Laney Johnson, Jessie Kennington, Avery Mangnall, Elayna Melching, Jaden Mitchell, Emily Warner

Faith Choreographed By Leah Kornucik

Katy Lawrence, Alexis Potthoff

My Favorite Things Choreographed By Gretchen Stanton

Charlotte Adam, Madison Bleeker, Drew Bottorff, Lucia Clark, Jacie Kennington, Brielle Peel

Party Girl Choreographed By Leah Kornucik

Sienna Berry, Emilia Burke, Jordan Farmer, Norah Gould, Lydia Moellering, Olivia Murray, Peyton Prior, Libby Puyear, Brooke Scheidler, Sophie Thurman, Ardynn Trower

Fly to Your Heart Choreographed By Gabrielle Nisbett

Lola Branson, Avery Easterby, McKinley Hannibal, Nora Hogg, Paige Jensen, Brynn Rogan, Abigail Volansky

Georgiana Choreographed By Jessie Philbrick

Brooke Fleming, Georgia Fleming, Laney Johnson, Jessie Kennington, Elayna Melching, Emily Warner

We're Dancing Choreographed By Leah Kornucik

Harper Allen, Mila Heisel, Madelyn Hill, Brynn Hobgood, Madison Lonnee, Madison Volansky

Jet Set Choreographed By Katey Winget

Madison Cowan, Eleanor Laue

Bare Necessities Choreographed By Debra Lacavich

Arya Griffin, Lola Hogg, Eva Krueger, Charlotte Nisbett

Guns and Ships Choreographed By Tommy Wasiuta

Sophia Burns, Brooke Fleming, Georgia Fleming, Kaitlyn Gomez, Amanda Gubernik, Ari Johns, Laney Johnson, Jessie Kennington, Avery Mangnall, Elayna Melching, Jaden Mitchell, Lia Peters, Emily Warner

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun Choreographed By Marcus Johnson

Madison Cowan, Kenzie Klohmann, Eleanor Laue, Katy Lawrence, Molly Pereles, Alexis Potthoff

Patch of Heaven Choreographed By Gretchen Stanton

Charlotte Adam, Madison Bleeker, Drew Bottorff, Lucia Clark, Jacie Kennington, Brielle Peel

When Can I See You Choreographed By Leah Kornucik

Harper Allen, Mila Heisel, Madelyn Hill, Brynn Hobgood, Madison Lonnee, Madison Volansky

Missy Choreographed By Jasmine Spencer

Rylie Fine, Dylan Gay, Allison Herman, Juliana Malpiedi, Lydia Moellering, Lia Peters, Gina Rattini, Avri Roth, Mia Smith, Azura Tiggs

Dancing Till The World Ends Choreographed By Gretchen Stanton

Kate Adam, Sophia Burns, Brooke Fleming, Georgia Fleming, Kaitlyn Gomez, Amanda Gubernik, Ari Johns, Laney Johnson, Jessie Kennington, Avery Mangnall, Elayna Melching, Jaden Mitchell, Emily Warner

Made for Now Choreographed By Jasmine Spencer

Molly Alderman, Ella Brooks, June Bustos, Mila Fehr, Teagan Fitzgerald, Addison Hoene, Evelyn Lowery, Hadley Morrison, Kylie Morrison, Annie Stadelman, Madison Volansky , Olivia Williamson

This Is What You Came For Choreographed By Nia Spencer

Charlotte Adam, Avery Easterby, Jacie Kennington

Bola Rebola Choreographed By Jasmine Spencer

Kate Adam, Sophia Burns, Brooke Fleming, Georgia Fleming, Kaitlyn Gomez, Amanda Gubernik, Ari Johns, Laney Johnson, Jessie Kennington, Avery Mangnall, Elayna Melching, Jaden Mitchell, Emily Warner

Final Bow & Senior Recognition All Cast

Audience Members, please remain seated till all of the dancers have exited the stage!

****Because we have several shows today, we need to clean our dressing rooms, theater, and lobby immediately following the shows. Please be mindful of time after you pick up your dancer! ****



SAVE *the* DATES

JUNE 26TH & 27TH
PERFORMANCE TEAM & CREW AUDITION WORKSHOP

AUGUST 17TH
COMPETITION TEAM AUDITIONS

AUGUST 18TH & 19TH, 20TH & 21ST
SUMMER INTENSIVE

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June 15, 16 & 17 9:00 - 11:00am RJ's Ellisville	June 22, 23 & 24 9:00 - Noon RJ's Ellisville	June 29, 30 & 31 9:00 - Noon RJ's Ellisville
Ballet Musical Theatre Creative Movement	Tap & Ballet Musical Theatre Craft & Snack	Tap & Ballet Musical Theatre Craft & Snack
\$95	\$125	\$125

Join us as we dance to some of our favorite animated classics!

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Ballet Musical Theatre Creative Movement	Tap Ballet Musical Theatre Craft & Snack	Tap Ballet Musical Theatre Craft & Snack
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TIK TOK & Tie Dye

DANCE CAMP

DO YOU HAVE A TIC TOK OBSESSED PRETWEEN? IF YOUR DANCER CAN'T STOP MOVING & SHAKING TO THE BEAT, THIS CAMP FULL OF TIK TOK, HIP HOP, JAZZ & FAST PACED FUN IS JUST FOR THEM! DANCERS WILL BE ENGAGED WITH CRAFTS & KID FRIENDLY MOVES READY TO SHARE WITH THE WHOLE FAMILY!

2nd - 5th Graders

GRADES DANCERS ARE ENTERING FALL 2021

RJS ELLISVILLE
JULY 22, 23, 24
1:00-3:30PM
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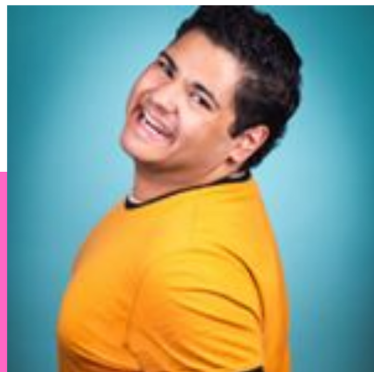
MUSICAL THEATRE

Triple Threat Camp w/ Mr. Michael

Dancers will be immersed in singing, dancing, and acting with STL native Michael Schimmele. His credentials include The Muny, Paper Mill Playhouse, Pioneer Theatre Company, North Carolina Theatre & amongst others!

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OPEN BALLET TECHNIQUE

OPEN JAZZ TECHNIQUE

OPEN HIP HOP

OPEN TAP

BALLET INTENSIVE

CONGRATULATIONS

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RJ'S DANCERS CHOSEN TO REPRESENT THEIR 2021-2022 SCHOOL TEAMS!

Addison B.
Annie A.
Campbell B.
Bella B.
Ella B.
Kate B.
Olivia B.
Natalie B.
Leah B.
Finley C.
Ellison C.
Caroline F.
Georgia F.
Maegan F.
Jillian F.
Gillian G.

Addison G.
Emerson G.
Gracie H.
Kate H.
Sydney H.
Ella H.
Bella I.
Ari J.
Laney J.
Katherine J.
Ashleigh K.
Jessie K.
Claire K.
Kenzie K.
Sydni K.

Sadi K.
Julie K.
McKinley K.
Olivia L.
Katelyn L.
Ellen L.
Allison M.
Lily M.
Alessandra M.
Milena M.
Jaden M.
Lauren M.
Lydia M.
Ainsley M.
Taryn M.
Sarah M.

Madison N.
Adyson R.
Ali R.
Reagan R.
Rachel S.
Anna S.
Abby S.
Kahley S.
Lexi S.
Ella T.
Megan T.
Azura T.
Brooke V.
Lydia W.
Paige W.

WE HOPE YOU

ENJOYED

THE SHOW!



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POST YOUR RECITAL & SUMMER DANCE PICS AND TAG THE STUDIO



WRITE US A REVIEW ON FACEBOOK & GOOGLE



SEND US A MESSAGE LETTING US KNOW WHAT YOU ENJOYED!

