

Dance Gallery Show Theme “Game Night”

Celebrates the JLDG family and their bond created through dance

Annual Recital June 12 at Scottish Rite Cathedral

Cutline for Photos (Pic 1. Dancers dressed in black. Pic 2. Younger girls dressed in gold and green.)

(Pic 1) JLDG Opening Performance “Clue” featuring Competitive Level Classes (ages 11 to 18) with more than 60 students

(Pic 2) Competitive Level Classes ages 6 to 10 to perform in “Monopoly” at JLDG “Game Night” recital

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Jennifer Leigh’s Dance Gallery recognizes the important bond created between the students, teachers, families, and the community through the enjoyment of dance with their 2022 recital “Game Night!” at their annual recital 1 PM Sunday at the Scottish Rite Cathedral.

“After a stressful two years of Covid-19 restrictions, our main goal when planning our show was to come up with an idea that would be fun and enjoyable for our students,” said Jennifer Grimes, Owner and Artistic Director of the dance company. “What better way than with a Family Game Night? Games help ground emotional concepts like fair play, how to deal with being attacked, and understanding the difference between a friendly competition and the real world. They help us learn how to lose gracefully and, more importantly, how to win with grace. This is a valuable lesson we instill in our dancers that follows them throughout their lives. “

The recital kicks off “Game Night” with mystery favorite “Clue” as their showstopping opening number performed by the Competitive Level Classes ages 11 to 18: **Emeralds A** - Taylor Anderson, Kelcey Avau, Brianna Bailey, Madalyn Gorgacz, Marlie Ioanilli, Madison King, Chloe Maalouf, Graecyn Pastore, Viviana Rocca, Marisa Saad, Aleigha Slagle, Sophia Tinstman, Danika Wagner; **Emeralds B** - Emma DeVivo, Rylee Glenn, Abigail Less, Mary Morelli, Halie Stoner, Aadyson Sumner; **Diamonds** - Carmella Bautti, Katelyn Cameron, Rylei Clark, Nevaeh Grimes, Mackenzie Hazi, Payton Lynch, Jackie Morrone, Emma Wilt, Ella Wittmann; **Sapphires** - Alina Carson, Alayna Garove, Addison Houston, Gia Joseph, Ava Meredith, Sadie Moses, Brooklyn Pastore, Shania Reighert, Ainsley Saad, Ava Sokoloski, Adrienne Wilt; and **Rubies** - Samantha Confer, Lily Crasilli, Ava Johns, Alexis McConahy, Addison McLaren-Lane, Addilyn Mitcheltree, Lily Nebel, Ava Popa, Mya Stoner.

The opener also includes performances by Ameer Boughter as The Butler; Hannah Grippo as Mrs. Peacock; Sydney Kolas as Professor Plum; Ashleigh Rubis as Mrs. White; Madison Miller as Miss Scarlett; Chelsea Haybarger as Colonel Mustard and Emily Ruggieri as Mr. Green.

Next up is “Monopoly”: which features the Competitive Level Classes ages 6 to 10 with the: **Sparkling Gems** - Aria D’Angelo, Danika Dando, Sydney Flohr, Adalynn Reiter, Jenarosa Trott, Meadow Yemma and Paris Zarlingo; **Shining Stars** - Kenley Angelo, Johanna Gordon, Haivyn Macri, Haylee Mastropietro, Melita Presnar, Charlee Sidorchuk and Melanie Watterson; **Glitzy Girls B** - Theresa Bautti, Adalyn Cameron, Faith Drenning, Chandler Herman, Avani Mastrantuoni, Braxtyn Overton, Audrey Plyler, Sophia Popa and Lily Sokoloski; **Glitzy Girls A** - Adriana Bruno, Kaitlyn Cox, Kinley Ferraro, Aubrey Hardisky, Tessa Kissick, Alaina Smarrelli, Aubriana Torres and Harper Wilson; **Jammin Jewels** - Aubrey Fulton, Sophia Lombardo, Andrea McEwen, Fallon Mitchell, Frankie Mitcheltree, Caterina Pacchioni, Ava Robison, Raegan Stuble and Ava Wilson; **Dazzlin Divas** - Carli Amato, Melia Bruno, Lilliana Cain, Neelah Grimes, Abby Gruber, Zoey Harcar, Kayli Hardisky, Brooklyn Latcheran, Addison Sansone, Angelina Torres, Aubrey Wilt and Jillian Wittmann plus Kase Smith as Monopoly Man!

Next up is a tribute to Game Shows including “20,000 Pyramid Game” with **Sapphires Competitive Hip Hop** featuring Alina Carson, Alayna Garove, Addison Houston, Marissa Jackson, Gia Joseph, Ava Meredith, Sadie Moses, Brooklyn Pastore, Shania Reighert, Ava Sokoloski and Adrienne Wilt. Then “Deal or No Deal” featuring **Diamonds Competitive Hip Hop** with Carmella Bautti, Katelyn Cameron, Rylei Clark, Nevaeh Grimes, Mackenzie Hazi, Payton Lynch, Jackie Morrone, Emma Wilt and Ella Wittmann.

And who doesn’t love playing outdoor games such as “Cops and Robbers” featuring **Tiny Tots** Giavanna Gennaro, Noelle Geramita, Lorelai Hill, Bella Kennedy, Paisley McDanel, Maeve Sumner, Riley Sumner and Mila Trinch. Or “Farmer In The Dell” with **Glitzy Girls A Competitive Jazz** performers Adriana Bruno, Kaitlyn Cox, Kinley Ferraro, Aubrey Hardisky, Tessa Kissick, Alaina Smarrelli, Aubriana Torres and Harper Wilson.

And what’s “Game Night” without pizza delivery and the ever popular Father-Daughter dances! **First Ages 3-6** who perform with their dads to “That’s Amore” featuring Justin & Lina Boros, Marco & Allegra Bulisco, JR & Ava Canonge, Chuck & Danika Dando, DJ & Milana DiVieste, Richard & Jayde Duffy, Anthony & Noura Ferrese, Shane & Addison Kaufman, Gary, Bella & Lyham Kennedy, Mike & Jordyn Mastropietro, Seth & Adeline Plyler, Frank & Arianna Reino, Andrew & Quinn Richards, Tom & Vivienne Sabol, Corey & Lily Seyler, Cody & Mila Trinch, Connor & Raegan Trosky and Joe & Jenarosa Trott.

They are followed by **Fathers & Daughters (Ages 11-18)** who dance to “Mambo Italiano.” These performers include Bobby & Alexis Burnett, Kody & Lily Crasilli, Jeffrey & Nevaeh Grimes, Rich & Sophia Hoover, Brian & Abigail Less, Patrick & Addilyn Mitcheltree, Dan & Ava Popa, Ryan & Lily Nebel, Rick & Aleigha Slagle and Graduating Senior Mattison Chmielewski & her Father Matt.

The games continue with “Mancala” and a performance by the **Petite Ballet** including: Kenley Angelo, Aubrey Baxter, Adriana Bruno, Kinley Ferraro, Arabella Griffiths, Tessa Kissick, Haivyn Macri, Olivia Maiella, Haylee Mastropietro, Braxtyn Overton, Audrey Plyler, Charlee Sidorchuk, Alaina Smarrelli, Aubriana Torres, Ella Vickers, Nicolette Villani, Melanie Watterson and Harper Wilson. And check out “Atari” with **Glitzy Girls B Competitive Hip Hop** featuring Theresa Bautti, Adalyn Cameron, Faith Drenning, Chandler Herman, Avani Mastrantuoni, Braxtyn Overton, Sophia Popa and Lily Sokoloski. And try your hand at “Texas Hold'em” featuring the **Jazz/Tap Combo** of Gracyynn Guido, Taavia Jackson, Cagney McConnell, Teagan O’Linchy, Neena Petrella, Emelia Steele, Paisley Stoops, Marah Suszynski and Ella Tomon.

The First Half ends with an NSYNC mix as the **Fathers & Daughters (ages 7-11)** “Pop It!” Featuring Matt & Kenley Angelo, Dominic & Carli Amato, Michael, Adriana & Melia Bruno, Chris & Lilliana Cain, Clinton & Aubrey Fulton, Jeffrey & Neelah Grimes, Brian & Abby Gruber, Jerry, Aubrey & Kayli Hardisky, Bill & Maci Houk, Gary & Lylleiana Kennedy, Devin & Haivyn Macri, Mike & Haylee Mastropietro, Patrick & Frankie Mitcheltree, Seth & Audrey Plyler, Chris & Melita Presnar, Mark & Addison Sansone, Marco & Sofia Sibeto, Ryan & Charlee Sidorchuk, Jon & Alaina Smarrelli, Brandon & Raegan Stuble and Dan Wilson & Kinley Ferraro and of course “NSYNC” featuring Danielle Bruno, Nevaeh Grimes, Hannah Grippo, Emily Ruggieri and Emma Wilt! The finale closes with the entire children’s department!

The games continue in The Second Half with “Chess” featuring **Int/Adv Pointe** Brianna Bailey, Lena Grossman, Marlie Ioanilli, Madison King, Chloe Maalouf, Viviana Rocca, Halie Stoner, Aadyson Sumner, Sophia Tinstman, Adrienne Wilt, Emma Wilt and Ella Wittmann 50. And play Poker with **Beginner/Intermediate Jazz** performers Ally’Onna Calhoun, Izabel Difrischia, Maci Houk, Ava Joseph, Scarlett Metz, Paige Meyers, Hannah Tomon and Alasjia White.

The games continue with “Battleship with the **Musical Theater/Broadway Bound** dancers Lucy Bednar, Lainey Brucker, Brooke Dougherty, Allison Geary, Emmelyn Geary, Rylee Glenn, Loren Gramsky, Maria Grossman, Aleah Hannon, Madison King, Mary Morelli, Anistyn Price, Shania Reighert, Reagan Shay, Aadyson Sumner and Maddie Welsh.

Senior Solos are performed by Taylor Anderson, Marisa Saad, Mattison Chmielewski, Madalyn Gorgacz and Kelcey Avau.

The show closes with “Stop the Clock” and the **Emeralds A Ballet** featuring Taylor Anderson, Kelcey Avau, Brianna Bailey, Madalyn Gorgacz, Marlie Ioanilli, Madison King, Chloe Maalouf, Graecyn Pastore, Viviana Rocca, Marisa Saad, Aleigha Slagle, Sophia Tinstman and Danika Wagner and the finale featuring the Older Dancers Department!

“We believe that dance training plants a seed in our students that helps them grow,” said Grimes. “It teaches them in many ways to be resilient, strong, and able to commit to a purpose beyond themselves. During the past few years, we have seen this tenacity show its beautiful colors through our staff and students. We are extremely grateful for our JLDG Dance Community.”

Summer offerings include Summer Dance Camp July 11-14 which includes Fairy Garden Tiny Tots Camp; Encanto Kids Camp and Summer Dance Camp; plus Driven Dance Intensive. Jazz Techniques will be offered most Wednesday evenings throughout the summer starting June 22. Also Hip Hop & Jazz Workshop is offered July 22; Two-Day Contemporary Workshop is offered July 25 & 26; and a Three-Day Ballet Workshop will be offered Aug. 9 – 11. All of these must be pre-registered for by June 30 and are non-refundable.

For more details about the show or to purchase tickets visit <https://www.jenniferleighs.com/> or stop in at Jennifer Leigh’s Dance Gallery, 2710 Mercer Road, New Castle. A limited number of tickets will also be available the day of the show at the cathedral. For any additional information, email [jenniferleighsdg@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferleighsdg@gmail.com) or call 724.657.2977.