



**Dancing**  
**through the**  
**Decades**

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*Miss Dee's School of Dance*  
*Spring Recital 2024*

# *Miss Dee's School of Dance* *Celebrating*

*38*  
*Years*



*Quality*  
*Dance*  
*Instruction*

Dear Parents & Guardians:

We would like to take a moment to thank all of you for another wonderful year. We recognize and appreciate that when a dancer takes classes their parents or guardians spend time and resources taking them to and from the studio. We have a wonderful group of dedicated families here at the studio that help make our jobs easier. Thirty-eight years ago when I started Miss Dee's School of Dance, I had great visions of what it would become. Through all of you, I have surpassed those ideas. What started out in my parents' basement has become a school full of students with the wonderful potential to become anything they decide to be. Our goal as teachers has always been to teach not only dance, but confidence and self-assurance in our students, as well as discipline. Thank you for allowing us to play a small role in the development of your children. We look forward to see what the next years will bring. See you in class!

*Miss Dee,*  
*Miss Robyn, Miss Kristen,*  
*Miss Izzy, Miss Shay & Mr Zach*

## Meet Your Miss Dee's School of Dance Staff



Miss Dee

My name is Dionne Luxford and I started dancing when I was 2 years old and have been dancing all my life. I have studied with many different dance instructors from around the world and I am a certified dance instructor from Dance Educators of America. I have traveled to many different places to perform including Spain, Universal Studios, Disney, Mexico and the Bahamas. In Spain I was able to perform for celebrity guests and international royalty. I

have performed aboard the Big Red Boat & Carnival Cruise lines. Teaching dance is more than a job to me, it is my passion. Watching children grow and learn in the art of dance while becoming more confident and disciplined in themselves is a very rewarding experience. Over the past 38 years of teaching I have enjoyed sharing my energies and abilities with over 1400 students and know that through dance they have become more confident and stronger individuals no matter what occupation they pursue.



Miss Robyn

My name is Robyn Christensen and I started dancing when I was in the second grade at Miss Dee's School of Dance and continued on for 7 years. I took some time off to start a family and came back in 2011. During my time at Miss Dee's School of Dance, I have danced with Dancimation in places like Disney, Universal Studios, aboard The Big Red Boat, in the Bahamas and Chicago to name a few. I was trained by Miss Dee in Tap, Jazz, Lyrical and Ballet, all of which I love.



Miss Izzy

I have been attending Miss Dee's for 17 years and have been a part of the Dancimation team for 8 of those years. I have also been an assistant teacher for 6 years and an instructor for 5 years. I have studied tap, jazz, lyrical, and contemporary dance.



Miss Kristen

For the past 22 years I have had the privilege of learning the art of dance at Miss Dee's. I have taken classes in pointe, tap, ballet, lyrical, jazz, hip hop and contemporary. I have also been a part of the Dancimation competitive team. Dance has given me opportunities that have allowed me to broaden my horizons. One of those experiences was assistant teaching and eventually teaching classes on my own. Through teaching I have been able to grow in my own dancing as well.



Mr. Zach

I have been dancing for 14 years, all of which were at Miss Dee's. As a member of the Dancimation Performing Company I have enjoyed traveling to a number of dance competitions in and out of state and performed at Universal Studios in 2019 and 2022. I have been assistant teaching for the past 4 years and teaching for 2 years.



Miss Shay

I have been dancing for 12 years at Miss Dee's. My main focus is on Hip hop but I have also studied Lyrical and Jazz as well. I am a member of the Dancimation Performing Company and have performed at Universal Studios and competitions in and out of Michigan. I have been assistant teaching for the past 4 years and now enjoy teaching classes on my own.

Special Thanks for providing the Dancimation prop trailer and float transportation for the Danish Festival Parade.



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Miss Dee's School of Dance 2024 Graduating Seniors

Natalie Wirtz

I have been dancing at Miss Dee's for 15 years. I have taken ballet/tap, jazz/tap, hip-hop, lyrical, and finally jazz. This spring I am graduating from Cedar Springs High School and in the fall, I will be attending the University of Evansville to get my Bachelor of Arts in Archeology. I would like to thank my parents for supporting me through the years and for putting me in dance class when I was only 3, and my best friend Alyssa, for just about everything.



*Natalie,*

*Where has the time gone? Has it really been 15 years since your first dance recital with your cute little pink tutu? You have kept us busy over the years with dance, piano, and choir, and we have enjoyed it all. You have become such a beautiful and talented young woman.*

*We can't wait to see what you will accomplish in the future.*

*We love you so much!*

*Mom and Dad*

Alyssa Williams

I have been dancing at Miss Dee's for 15 years. I just graduated from Lakeview High School, and am attending Grand Valley State University starting this fall. I am majoring in recreational therapy with hopes of one day working at Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids. Dance is something I have always loved and will continue to love, and I am so happy I learned it all from Miss Dee. I am so lucky to have had this opportunity, all thanks to my parents, family, friends, and especially Miss Dee.



*Alyssa,*

*From the first time you ever put a pair of dance shoes on and now 15 years later we are so proud of you. We love watching you dance. You light up a room and always have a smile on your face. You have never given up in life and you are going to go far. Thru good times and bad you have made the most of every situation. Sad to see this stage of your life end but excited to see what your future holds. You are an amazing daughter, sister and friend. We love you so much.*

*Mom, Dad, Alayna and Ayden*

We would like to congratulate Alyssa & Natalie as they continue on their path. Always remember

Life is a Dance and The World is Your Stage. Go For It!

MDSD Staff



*Miss Bee's  
School  
Of Dance  
Students of  
the Month  
2023–2024*



Xena  
Mathews  
Oct 2023



Gracelynn  
Thomas  
Nov 2023



Karmyn  
Freeman  
Nov 2023



Jaelyn  
Christensen  
Dec 2023



Alyssa  
Williams  
Jan 2024



Natalie  
Wirtz  
Jan 2024



Chyler  
Brough  
Feb 2024



Ayleen  
Trujillo-Baeza  
Feb 2024



Alexandria  
Dykstra  
March 2024



Tatum  
Anderson  
March 2024



Olivea  
Lake  
March 2024



Nyla  
Schnautz  
April 2024



Chyler  
Brough  
May 2024



Harley  
Fields  
May 2024



*Vayda  
Reidt  
Memorial  
Scholarship*

A few winters ago, one of our shining stars took her place in the Heavens. Vayda had a bright smile, a charismatic attitude and a love of music and dance that showed everyday in class. We have created this \$75 scholarship in her honor to be given to a young dancer who shows the same traits as Vayda did. This year's scholarship winner is Xena Mathews. Her name will appear on a plaque that will hang in the lobby along with past and future scholarship winners.



*Xena  
Mathews*

# *Most Improved Class 2024*

*This year we are giving this recognition award to a class that we feel has improved the most, and sets a great example of positive attitudes.*

*Each student in the class will receive a gift certificate for \$40 off their next class session.*

*This year's award is going to the Wednesday 7 pm Ballet Tap Class. They have worked diligently on their skills this year in class and at home to improve their technique and skills. They totally commit themselves to their performance.*



## *Ballet/Tap Combination class*

*Ayleen Trujillo-Baeza*

*Harper Gray*

*Arrabella Johnson*

*Lydia Johnson*

*Gracelynn Thomas*

*Charlotte Wisniski*



Special thanks to our prop builders and dressers Priscilla Dowsett, Mathew Thomas, Michelle Turley, Cassie Young and Brandon Gray for making the sets I dream up a reality.



# *Miss Dee's School Of Dance*

## *Most Improved Dancers*

This year we have had so many students that have worked hard to achieve these scholarships. The two age divisions are 11 and under and 12 and older. They will each receive a scholarship of \$75 toward next year's lesson fees.

*11 And Under Scholarship Winner.*

### *Ayleen Trujillo-Baeza*

Ayleen has shown great improvement this year. She always comes to her classes with a smile on her face and is ready to work hard in both her tumbling and dance classes. She practices at home to master new stunts and techniques. She is always ready to help one of her classmates or give a hug of encouragement. She is excited about performing and truly loves to dance.



*12 And Older Scholarship Winner.*

### *Emma Tyslenko*

Emma has shown great improvement in her classes this year. She had worked hard to learning the increasingly difficult technique that both Tap and Jazz requires. She strives to overcome any adversity that come up. She is excited about performing and loves to dance.



**1. BACK TO THE 80's** – Tatum Anderson, Hazel Araujo, Vyla Bohner, Chyler Brough, Talia Case, Jaelyn Christensen, Rosalie Christensen, Miss Robyn Christensen, Miss Kristen Cripe, Hailey Crooke, Kemina Damaso, Jersey Dickinson, Kaydance Dowsett, Priscilla Dowsett, Alexandria Dykstra, Harley Fields, Alyssa Fields, Karmyn Freeman, Eastlyn Gorby, Harper Gray, Vada Helias, Zach Houghton, Isabelle Houghton, Harper Husted, Shaylee Hunter, Arrabella Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Greta Kinser, Olivea Lake, Bonnie Leys, Mel Leys, Maggie Maxwell, Whisper McClain, Tia McQueen, Jade Mollo, Emma Morano, Khloe Narloch, Sophie Neal, Caitlyn Pair, Holly Reitsma, Fayth Renneberg, Meg Reynolds, Nyla Schnautz, Alexis Shackelford, Skylar Sherwood, Maibelle Sleight, Lexus Stalbaum, Clara Jayne Stewart, Nora Stokely, Gracelynn Thomas, Alexis Thomas, Ayleen Trujillo-Baeza, Emma Tyslenko, Alyssa Williams, Carlie Willingham, Natalie Wirtz, Charlotte Wisniski, Cassie Young

**2. SINGING IN THE RAIN** - Cynthia Stevenson

**3. ALL IS FOUND** – Brealynn Bowen, Sunshine Ewalt, Olivia Manor, Kathryn McClain, Addison Olejnik

**4. ROCKIN' ROBIN** – Theadosia Dora, Kamela Johnson, Vera Pimentel, Charlotte Waite, Klovir Wuelfing

**5. WELCOME TO NEW YORK** – Caitlyn Pair

**6. DANCE WITH ME-** Holly Reitsma

**7. KEEP HOLDING ON** - Chyler Brough, Jaelyn Christensen, Greta Kinser, Olivea Lake, Fayth Renneberg, Lexus Stalbaum

**8. DESPERADO-** Emma Tyslenko

**9. SHAKE YOUR TAIL FEATHER** – Alyssa Fields, Eastlyn Gorby, Nyla Schnautz

**10. ME AND MY SHADOW** – Jaelyn Christensen, Kaydance Dowsett

**11. LIFE HEREAFTER-** Ayleen Trujillo-Baeza, Harper Gray, Arabella Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Gracelynn Thomas, Charlotte Wisniski

**12. BREATHE AGAIN** – Hailey Crooke

**13. AINT NO OTHER MAN BUT YOU-** Jaelyn Christensen, Holly Reitsma

**14. CRITICAL** – Hazel Araujo, Talia Case, Rosalie Christensen, Karmyn Freeman, Harley Fields, Emmalyne Olejnik, Gracelynn Thomas, Clara Jayne Stewart

**15. RISE** – Zach Houghton

**16. I'M A LADY** – Priscilla Dowsett, Kaydance Dowsett, Mel Leys, Bonnie Leys, Robyn Christensen, Jaelyn Christensen

**17. WHEN I GROW UP** - Eloise Brokaw, Ellie Brower, Mila Burtenshaw, Charley Duby, Rowen Kizer, Hannah Marshall, Aubrey Marshall, Xena Mathews, Ella Shotko, Amina VanDyke, Olive West

**18. THE LOTTO** - Charlotte Anderson

**19. DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY-** Alyssa Williams, Natalie Wirtz

**20. LETS GET LOUD** – Jaelyn Christensen, Holly Reitsma, Alexis Shackelford, Shaylee Hunter

**21. MAMBO #5** - Priscilla Dowsett, Kaydance Dowsett, Alexis Thomas, Cassie Young

**22. WHAT I WAS MADE FOR** – Maggie Maxwell

**23. FRIEND LIKE ME-** Brealynn Bowen, Sunshine Ewalt, Olivia Manor, Kathryn McClain, Addison Olejnik

**24. FUNKY TOWN** – Talia Case, Harper Gray, Sophie Neal, Skylar Sherwood, Maibelle Sleight, Nora Stokely

**25. BOY BANDS FOREVER** – Ayleen Trujillo-Baeza, Vyla Bohner, Jersey Dickinson, Kaydance Dowsett, Alex Dykstra, Vada Helias, Khloe Narloch

**26. FIERCE-** Charlotte Anderson, Holly Reitsma

### **15 Minute Intermission**

**27. PIRATES** - Charlotte Anderson, Tatum Anderson, Hazel Araujo, Ayleen Trujillo-Baeza, Vyla Bohner, Chyler Brough, Jaelyn Christensen, Hailey Crooke, Kemina Damaso, Kaydance Dowsett, Alexandria Dykstra, Harley Fields, Harper Gray, Vada Helias, Harper Husted, Shaylee Hunter, Tia McQueen, Holly Reitsma, Nyla Schnautz, Alexis Shackelford, Alexis Thomas, Gracelynn Thomas, Emma Tyslenko, Carlie Willingham

- 28. I WUV A RABBIT** - Eloise Brokaw, Ellie Brower, Mila Burtenshaw, Charley Duby, Rowen Kizer, Hannah Marshall, Aubrey Marshall, Xena Mathews, Ella Shotko, Amina VanDyke, Olive West
- 29. WE WANNA ROCK** - Robyn Christensen, Priscilla Dowsett, Mel Leys, Whisper McClain, Meg Reynolds, Cassie Young
- 30. NO REGRETS** – Jade Mollo
- 31. FIREBALL** - Holly Reitsma
- 32. APPLAUSE** – Charlotte Anderson
- 33. THE FEELS** - Alexis Shackelford
- 34. BETTER WHEN IM DANCING** – Alyssa Fields, Eastlyn Gorby, Nyla Schnautz
- 35. ALL EYES ON ME** – Ayleen Trujillo-Baeza, Vyla Bohner, Kaydance Dowsett, Kemina Damaso, Alexandria Dykstra, Vada Helias, Harper Husted, Alexis Thomas
- 36. HOTLINE-** Tia McQueen
- 37. ONCE UPON A DREAM-** Emma Morano
- 38. WORK IT-** Chyler Brough, Jaelyn Christensen, Holly Reitsma
- 39. I PUT A SPELL ON YOU** - Ayleen Trujillo-Baeza, Harper Gray, Arabella Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Gracelynn Thomas, Charlotte Wisniski
- 40. SEVEN** – Caitlyn Pair
- 41. SCARS TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL-** Tatum Anderson
- 42. CIRCUS ESCAPE-** Shaylee Hunter
- 43. BIRDBOX-** Holly Reitsma
- 44. END GAME** –Emma Tyslenko
- 45. DIVA BARBIE** – Carlie Willingham
- 46. SAX** – Jaelyn Christensen
- 47. YOU’LL BE IN MY HEART-** Theadosia Dora, Kamela Johnson, Vera Pimentel, Charlotte Waite, Klovir Wuelfing
- 48. CARDIGAN** – Kristen Cripe
- 49. SIGN OF THE TIMES** – Charlotte Anderson, Holly Reitsma
- 50. HEARTS AND FLOWERS**– Miss Dee

## **AWARDS**

**1<sup>st</sup> Year**- Eloise Brokaw, Ellie Brower, Mila Burtenshaw, Talia Case, Rosalie Christensen, Charley Duby, Rowen Kizer, Mel Leys, Aubrey Marshall, Hannah Marshall, Xena Mathews, Khloe Narloch, Sophie Neal, Addison Olejnik, Skylar Sherwood, Ella Shotko, Lexus Stalbaum, Amina VanDyke, Olive West

**2<sup>nd</sup> Year** – Brealynn Bowen, Jersey Dickinson, Theadosia Dora, Alyssa Fields, Karmyn Freeman, Olivia Manor, Vera Pimentel, Nyla Schnautz, Charlotte Waite, Klovir Wuelfing

**3<sup>rd</sup> Year** – Kemina Damaso, Alexandria Dykstra, Sunshine Ewalt, Eastlyn Gorby, Harper Gray, Kathryn McClain, Maibelle Sleight, Cynthia Stephens, Nora Stokely, Klovir Wuelfing

**4<sup>th</sup> Year** - Ayleen Trujillo-Baeza, Kamela Johnson, Greta Kinser, Maggie Maxwell, Tia McQueen, Charlotte Wisniski

**5<sup>th</sup> Year** - Vyla Bohner, Arrabella Johnson, Lydia Johnson, Clara Jayne Stewart, Gracelynn Thomas

**6<sup>th</sup> Year** - Charlotte Anderson, Vada Helias

**7<sup>th</sup> Year** - Hazel Araujo, Harley Fields, Jade Mollo,

**8<sup>th</sup> Year** - Kaydance Dowsett, Megan Reynolds, Alexis Shackelford, Alexis Thomas

**9<sup>th</sup> Year** - Chyler Brough, Hailey Crooke, Harper Husted

**10<sup>th</sup> Year** - Anna Morano, Emma Morano

**11<sup>th</sup> Year** - Tatum Anderson, Olivea Lake, Fayth Renneberg, Carlie Willingham

**12<sup>th</sup> Year** - Jaelyn Christensen, Shaylee Hunter, Emma Tyslenko

**13<sup>th</sup> Year** - Holly Reitsma

**14<sup>th</sup> Year** - Zach Houghton, Whisper McClain, Caitlyn Pair

**15<sup>th</sup> Year** Alyssa Williams, Natalie Wirtz,

**17<sup>th</sup> Year** - Isabelle Houghton, Cassie Young

**18<sup>th</sup> Year** - Priscilla Dowsett

**22<sup>nd</sup> Year** - Kristen Cripe

**23<sup>rd</sup> Year** - Robyn Christensen



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