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STEP UP
AND STAND OUT



RECITAL 2025



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AAD RECITAL HISTORY

1991 - Living In America
1992 - Fairy Tales & Nursery Rhymes
1993 - Christmas in June
1994 - Swan Lake
1995 - Hansel & Gretyl
1996 - Magic Carpet Ride
1997 - Peter Pan
1998 - Cinderella
1999 - Lion King
2000 - Oz & the Humpbacked Horse
2001 - Long & Winding Road
2002 - Shazaam & Three Rings
2003 - Color of Poetry
2004 - Black Tie Affair
2005 - Rising Choreographers & Precious Jewels Ballet
2006 - Don't Touch That Dial
2007 - School Rocks
2008 - Once Upon A Time
2009 - Extra! Extra! Dance All About It.
2010 - Celebrating the Past...Dancing Into The Future
2011 - Making Dreams Come True
2012 - Silver Screen Spectacular
2013 - Peace, Love, & Dance
2014 - Be YOUnique
2015 - We Are Family
2016 - A Night at the Museum
2017 - I Am
2018 - Dance Is My Voice
2019 - Don't Stop Me Now
2020 - 30th Anniversary Celebration
2021 - Better Together
2022 - Adventure Awaits
2023 - Vintage Vibes & Classic Jives
2024 - From the Page to the Stage
2025 - Step Up and Stand Out

STEP UP AND STAND OUT

12:00 Performance

Speak Out

Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

Own the Power

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Aislynn Broyhill, Ellie Burton, Scarlet Couch, Harmony Dahle, Clara Edwards, Savanna Faust, Maisie Furr, Zaniyah Garretson, Peyton Huneycutt, Daniela Islas, Leilani King, Amara Kyle, Sierra Lee, Mary-Parks Lipcsak, Lillian Lowder, Blake Salyer, Ava Senter, Mia Talbert

Acting Boldly: Opening Night

Thora Kilde, Emma Salyer

All Eyes on Me

Issabella Alston, Alayna Avery, Ava Bartrug, Madalynn Beachum, Blakely Bonds, Melissa Bonhomme, Kali Bradley, Madeline Dunston, Audrey Edwards, Isabella Huneycutt, Shiloh Kirkland, Avery McCallum, Saylor Nance, Madelyn Sides, Haisley Simpson, Scarlett Smith, Ora Tarlton

Acting Boldly: E-I-E-I-Oh No

Ada Claire Almond, Aislynn Broyhill, Harmony Dahle, Clara Edwards, Savanna Faust, Peyton Huneycutt

Élan Vital

Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

Upward

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Mattiegrace Brewer, Clara Edwards, Anniston Horton, Leilani King, Mary-Parks Lipcsak, Alayna Lowder, Harper McSwain, Blake Salyer, Sadie Sullivan

Acting Boldly: Bowl of Soup Part 1

Makenzie Bushnoe, Jayla Cole, Millie Klauder, Arayah Preston, Jadyn Salyer

Yes I Can

Ryker Almond, Clara Edwards, Mary-Parks Lipcsak, Brook Milano, Willow Springer, Beverly Strother

Undaunted

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

Roar

Ryker Almond, Ellie Burton, Clara Edwards, Maisie Furr, Brook Milano, Blake Salyer, Ava Senter, Willow Springer

Acting Boldly: Bowl of Soup Part 2

Makenzie Bushnoe, Jayla Cole, Millie Klauder, Arayah Preston, Jadyn Salyer

Freedom

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Joely Hinson, Leilani King, Mary-Parks Lipcsak, Harper McSwain, Sadie Sullivan

Midnight Bloom

Ryker Almond, Aislynn Broyhill, Ellie Burton, Scarlet Couch, Harmony Dahle, Clara Edwards, Savanna Faust, Maisie Furr, Sierra Lee, Lillian Lowder, Brook Milano, Blake Salyer, Ava Senter, Mia Senter, Willow Springer, Mia Talbert, Bellarose Tracy

Filtered Reality

Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

Acting Boldly: Bowl of Soup Part 3

Makenzie Bushnoe, Jayla Cole, Millie Klauder, Arayah Preston, Jadyn Salyer

Taking My Shot

Ada Claire Almond, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

15-Minute Intermission**We The Voice**

Mattiegrace Brewer, Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Anniston Horton, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Harper McSwain, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

Seize the Day

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Clara Edwards, Savanna Faust, Daniela Islas, Arabella Jacobs, Leilani King, Sierra Lee, Mary-Parks Lipcsak, Alayna Lowder, Lillian Lowder, Harper McSwain, Blake Salyer, Ava Senter, Mia Senter, Willow Springer, Kinsley Taylor, Bellarose Tracy, Eve Walters

Tapped In

Maddie Culp, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

Acting Boldly: Bowl of Soup Part 4

Makenzie Bushnoe, Jayla Cole, Millie Klauder, Arayah Preston, Jadyn Salyer

Lift and Light

Ada Claire Almond, Jayla Cole, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Alayna Lowder

Acting Boldly: Bowl of Soup Part 5

Makenzie Bushnoe, Jayla Cole, Millie Klauder, Arayah Preston, Jadyn Salyer

Becoming Me

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Jayla Cole, Anniston Horton, Karmyn Huneycutt, Leilani King, Alayna Lowder, Harper McSwain

No Dream Too Big

Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

Curtain Call & Awards Presentation

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Summer Session starts July 8
Fall/Winter starts September 8



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STEP UP AND STAND OUT

6:00 Performance

Speak Out

Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

Untouchable

Ryker Almond, Maddie Averette, Gracelyn Banemanivong, Etta Bowers, Nalah Currie, Liz Emerson, Amilia Hale, Lillian Huneycutt, Bella Lambert, Lanie Lentz, Brook Milano, Ella Pope, Laiken Shields, Willow Springer, Beverly Strother, Remi Sullivan, Bellarose Tracy

Acting Boldly: Opening Night

Thora Kilde, Emma Salyer

Beautiful Emergence

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Mattiegrace Brewer, Ellie Burton, Jayla Cole, Joely Hinson, Anniston Horton, Karmyn Huneycutt, Leilani King, Alayna Lowder, Harper McSwain

Free to be Me

Hadlee Allen, Everly Alvarado, Rosemary Andringa, Hayden Birmingham, Elsie Carlton, Everleigh Culp, Charlotte Fairfield, Riley Greene, Giannah Gugliotti, Teryn Lowder, Presley Nance, Jaycie Owen, Ana Smith

Acting Boldly: The Race Part 1

Ella Averette, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Leilani King, Makynlie Mills

You Belong Here

Aislynn Broyhill, Harmony Dahle, Clara Edwards, Savanna Faust

Tapped In

Maddie Culp, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

Acting Boldly: The Race Part 2

Ella Averette, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Leilani King, Makynlie Mills

Next Stop: Hero!

Ryker Almond, Maddie Averette, Amilia Hale, Lila Hartsell, Lillian Huneycutt, Lanie Lentz, Ella Pope, Remi Sullivan

We The Voice

Mattiegrace Brewer, Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Anniston Horton, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Harper McSwain, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

15-Minute Intermission**Leave Your Mark - Senior Presentation**

Emma Salyer

Acting Boldly: The Race Part 3

Ella Averette, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Leilani King, Makynlie Mills

Gotta Be Me

Hadlee Allen, Madalynn Beachum, Kali Bradley, Elsie Carlton, Everleigh Culp, Madeline Dunston, Riley Greene, Teryn Lowder, Avery McCallum, Presley Nance, Madelyn Sides, Ana Smith, Scarlett Smith

Undaunted

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

L'Ensemble en Lumière

Maddie Averette, Gracelyn Banemanivong, Riley Birmingham, Etta Bowers, Nalah Currie, Mollie Dunston, Liz Emerson, Makayla Garretson, Amilia Hale, Lila Hartsell, Arabella Jacobs, Lanie Lentz, Ella Pope, Laiken Shields, Beverly Strother, Remi Sullivan, Kinsley Taylor, Skylar Williams

Acting Boldly: The Race Part 4

Ella Averette, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Leilani King, Makynlie Mills

Tempered

Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jadyn Salyer

Rise Every Time

Ada Claire Almond, Danni Culp, Joely Hinson, Anniston Horton, Karmyn Huneycutt, Leilani King, Mary-Parks Lipcsak, Harper McSwain, Sadie Sullivan, Eve Walters

A Little Extra

Ryker Almond, Everly Alvarado, Maddie Averette, Gracelyn Banemanivong, Mollie Dunston, Makayla Garretson, Lanie Lentz, Jaycie Owen, Ella Pope, Laiken Shields

No Apologies

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Jayla Cole, Karmyn Huneycutt, Leilani King, Alayna Lowder, Harper McSwain

No Dream Too Big

Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Makynlie Mills, Emma Salyer, Jady Salyer

Curtain Call & Awards Presentation

SHOUT OUTS

Harmony, we are so proud of you! <3 Mom, Dad, Abyl

Brook Cherith Milano - Dance your heart out, baby girl! We love you, and we are so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad and Daniel

Emma, your talent, dedication, and heart have brought you this far, and this is just the beginning. Keep shining, keep dancing, and keep chasing your dreams. The stage is bigger now, and you're more than ready for it! We Love You, Mamaw & Papaw Knott

Jady, never know what you will say or do. But your energy, humor, and heart is one of a kind. You have grown so much as a dancer. Keep working, keep laughing, and keep dancing your way to greatness. We Love You, Mamaw & Papaw Knott

Blake, you may be the little brother, but you have the biggest smile and the brightest spirit! Your joy lights up every room, and your moves are full of heart and courage. Keep smiling and keep showing the world how awesome you are! We Love you, Mamaw & Papaw Knott

Etta Bowers and Presley and Saylor Nance. Granna and "Mimmy" are so proud of you girls. You are doing a fantastic job with dance and we couldn't be more excited to watch you show off your hard work. We love you very much!!!

Haisley Simpson, You will do so awesome in your very FIRST recital! We are so excited for you to show your sparkle! We love you! Mama and Daddy

Ella and Maddie, we are so proud of you and your many years of dedication to dance. Enjoy today, have fun, smile big and we know you will both shine on stage! We love you very much, mom and dad

SHOUT OUTS

Ella, We are so excited to watch you dance! We are so proud of you and love you so much! Gigi and NahNah

Ella Ray, We are super proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We love you so so much and love to see you dance!"

Ella, You have always been such a star and it's been such a joy watching you shine so bright. We love you so much! Nannie and Papa"

Joely, Never stop dancing! Love Neeny & Poppy

Sierra, Smile Big and Shine Bright Baby Girl! We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished this season!! Love, Dad, Mom, Papa, Jared, Sydney, Smokey and Lee"

Etta, I am so so proud of you and ready to see you rock out baby girl, and do you're thing! Love you so much, Nana

Ava B - Happy First Recital! We love watching you dance and blossom into such an amazing little girl. We love you "to your heart". Love - Mom, Dad, Ayden, and Archie

Clara Grace

WOW! What a year!

Your resilience in starting over at a new school, making new friends, and exceeding growth and goals both on and off the stage leaves us speechless.

Love,



Your biggest fans :)



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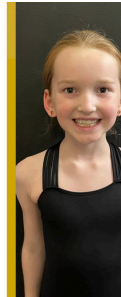
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STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Clara Edwards

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Brook Cherith Milano

The world is your stage.
Dance your heart out,
baby girl!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Daniel



Leilani

We are so proud of you and all your hard work over the past 5 years!
Your energy, creativity, and big smile light up every stage. Keep dancing
with all your heart — we love you so much!

Love - Mom, Dad & Sissy



To Eve:
Wishing you the best
at your first recital!



Ada Claire

Ada Claire & Ryker,
We are so proud of you!



Dad, Mom
& Reagan





Eve,
*You are the
shining star
in our family
and we love
watching you do
what you love!*

Love,
*Mom, Dad, Charlie,
Brees, and Sophia*

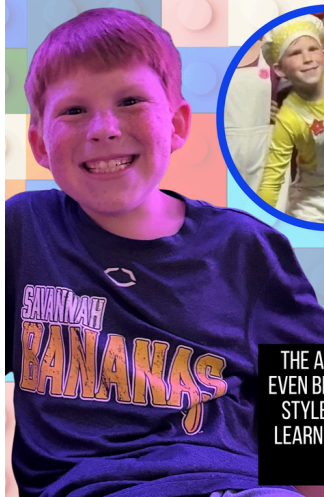
Thora Kilde

We love watching
you light up the
stage. We are so
proud of you!

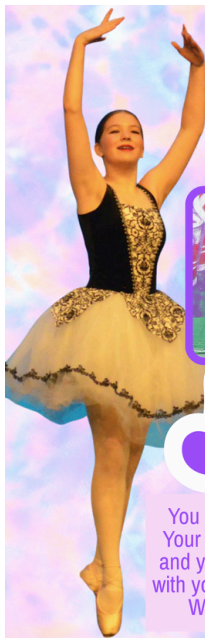
Love,
Mom, Dad, David, Leah,
Grandma, Grandpa, &
Grandpa Bob



BLAKE



THE AMAZING LITTLE BROTHER WITH BIG MOVES AND AN EVEN BIGGER HEART! YOU BRING SO MUCH JOY, ENERGY, AND STYLE EVERY TIME YOU DANCE. KEEP HAVING FUN, KEEP LEARNING, AND KEEP SHOWING EVERYONE HOW IT'S DONE!
WE LOVE YOU - DAD, MOM, EMMA & JADYN



JADYN

You bring both beauty and laughter to the stage!
Your grace is stunning, your humor is contagious,
and your spirit lights up every room. Keep dancing
with your heart and joy – you are truly one of a kind!
We love you - Dad, Mom, Emma and Blake



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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE DANCERS AND STAFF FOR ANOTHER GREAT YEAR! WE ARE PROUD OF YOU ALL, AND ESPECIALLY OUR GIRLS! FANTASTIC JOB LILA, LILLIAN & PEYTON!



*Abriella
Grace
Eckman*

CONGRATULATIONS &
THANK YOU FOR SHARING
YOUR LOVE OF DANCE.
LOVE - MOMMY, DADDY,
VICTORIA & JAMISON



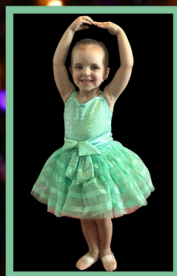
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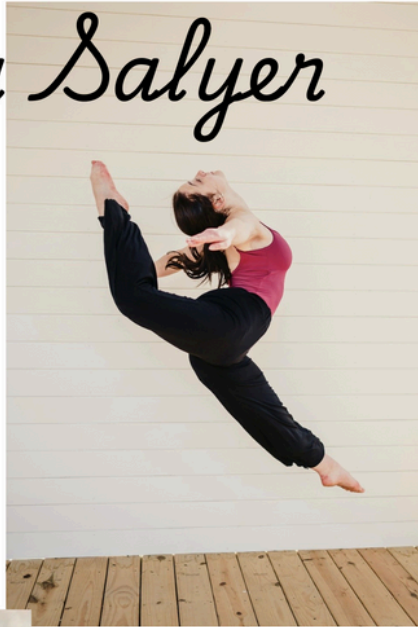


Joely,
We love watching you learn and grow.
Keep doing your best!
Love- Neeny, Poppy, Mama, Drew

Emma Salyer

We are so proud of
you Emma! Your
hard work and
dedication is
incredible. God has
truly blessed you
with many gifts and
talents.

Love, Dad, Mom,
Jadyn & Blake



Life is a Dance -
the world is your
stage. Embrace
every step, twirl
through your
challenges, and
never forget to
Dance... like
nobody's watching!

A photograph of two young women, Kamdyn and Karmyn, standing side-by-side and smiling. They are both wearing matching orange leotards and have their hair pulled back. The photo is slightly faded to allow the text to be read over it.

Kamdyn & Karmyn

Congrats on another
amazing year of
dance! We are so
proud of you both!!



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*Her feet are on the floor - but her spirit is soaring.
She's discovering boldness, joy,
and belief in herself.*



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DANCE
WITH US**

