

Monroe Dance Academy February Newsletter

February 28, 2021

We LOVE to DANCE!

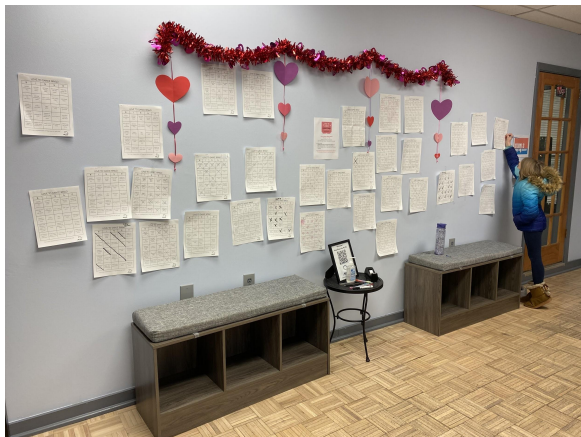
The LOVE of dance shined through this month. Many exciting things happened in February at Monroe Dance Academy. Here are a few!



MONROE DANCE ACADEMY

Love to Dance Bingo

MDA's first bingo challenge was a huge success! Dancers were challenged to complete every *square* on the Bingo board by February 11th.



**Congratulations to Lainey Grumet,
our bingo board WINNER!**

Valentine's Apparel Week

All our dancers helped spread the love this Valentine's Day!



Bring-A-Friend Beach Dance Party

We are thrilled to announce our winner for the **BRING A FRIEND BEACH DANCE PARTY** raffle from January! All dancers who brought a friend were put into a raffle!

And the winner is.....

Maya and Leila Fisher!



Monroe Dance Company

Winter Showcase

Monroe Dance Company proudly presented our 3rd Annual Winter Showcase! While things looked different this year, dancers were thrilled to perform again! Dancers showed their families and friends all they have learned since August in a Zoom performance. We had many family members from all over the country tune in to watch our company dancers. We are so proud of them!

StarQuest Dance Competition

Monroe Dance Company was overjoyed to be competing once again! It has been a full year since our dancers were able to perform on a stage. StarQuest Dance Competition took place on Saturday, February 20th at the Palace Theater in Waterbury. MDC took home many platinum high scores as well as first place overalls. We had the best time performing, building friendships, and doing what we love to do, dance!



Interested in joining MDC next year?

What is Monroe Dance Company?

Monroe Dance Company is an advanced, competitive performance company consisting of talented, well-rounded dancers. Dancers participate in dance competitions, conventions, professional master classes, perform in local events, and experience live dance performances to enhance and deepen their understanding of the art form.

Who can join?

Anyone! Every dancer - any age and technical level - is welcome! We have multiple companies that are specific to age and offer both recreational and competitive commitment levels.

How do I join?

Auditions are Saturday, May 8th, 2021; chosen students are issued a formal invitation within a few days of the actual audition. More details coming soon!

Why should I join?

Participation in MDC provides a fun and exciting opportunity for dancers to work towards a common goal and to gain a sense of pride in their artistry. It fosters teamwork, responsibility, community, and a higher level of performance skills.



[Click here](#) for more details about MDC!

Theater Connection

Proudly Presents



What is *mdaVision*?

MDA's Theater Connection is proud to present ***mdaVision***! Inspired by Marvel's hit show *WandaVision*, available on Disney Plus, *mdaVision* will take performers through the decades of movies and TV shows! Our show will open in the 50's and conclude with material current to today! This production will feature students dancing, singing, acting, and more as they showcase their talent and versatility... ON LOCATION! That's right. Performances will be videoed in different locations... the park, the gazebo, the lake, and more! (Don't worry, we won't stray too far from the studio!) Performers will cultivate solo & ensemble performance skills, acting technique, character development, theatricality, vocal direction, and choreography in a safe, socially distanced environment.

Rehearsals begin in March!

Walk The Red Carpet at your Premiere Party

Students will ALSO celebrate their hard work and talent at our very own Premiere Party! Their performance will be presented in a Pre-Recorded Video! Performers will walk a red carpet alongside fellow cast members - let's get fancy! Parents and families are invited to join us at our socially distanced Premiere Party of *mdaVision*.

mdaVision info packets are available in MDA's office or by email to monroedance11@gmail.com.



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Read what our families said about last year's Theater Connection show, *A Magical Cabaret*...



The Premiere Party and show video was simply fantastic! The creative team did a terrific job, and it was wonderful to see the kids excited about a performance again. In such a weird time for theater this was done exactly right.

- Shannon Grumet, parent

A HUGE thank you for putting together such a fun and safe experience for the kids. My girls were so excited to see their hard work displayed on the big screen! They loved watching their friends too! Thanks again for such an amazing experience!

- Jennifer Fisher, parent



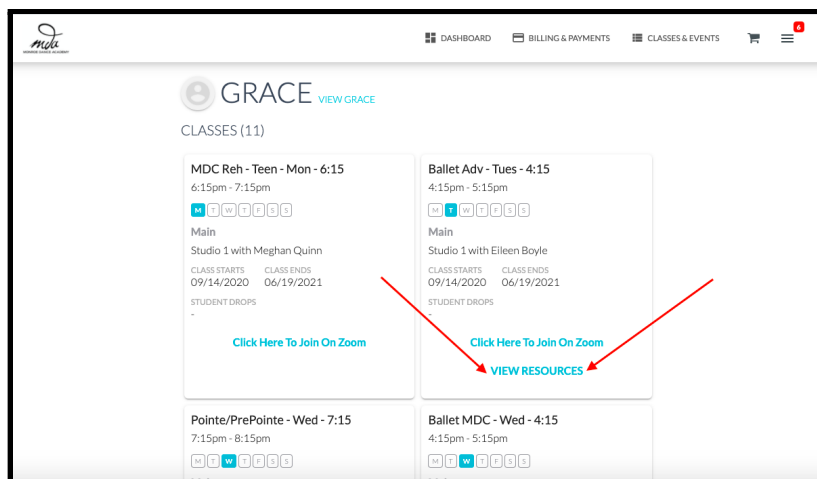
I had two kids in the show, and they both had a blast! It is so difficult to find something for the kids to do during this pandemic, and MDA taking on this big project and doing it SO WELL is a credit to Jayme & the Theater Connection team! I liked the commitment factor of this project; it had teeth, but the teeth weren't too sharp! The kids felt like they were part of a real musical production without having to spend 24/7, tech week, etc., of their lives in a complete musical production. The touches MDA provided at the conclusion with the red carpet, the photos, show posters, program, candy - made us all feel so proud of our children and made them feel proud about themselves. Not A MAGICAL CABARET... A MAGICAL COLLABORATION. Thank you for producing a quality project with a do-able schedule. I AM SOOOOOO IMPRESSED!!

- Tom Stepkoski, parent



RESOURCES for Practicing Gala Dances

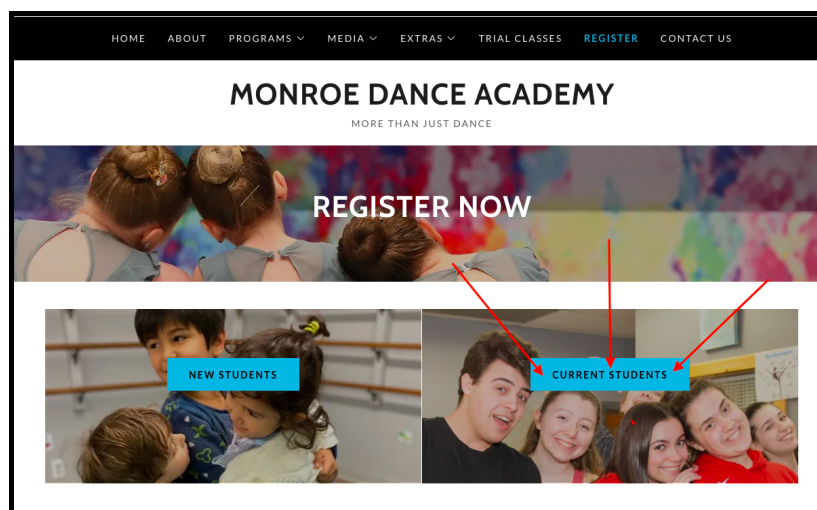
Does your dancer want to practice their Gala dance at home? We have the resources you are looking for! In your parent portal, you will now find dancers gala music and videos! These folders will be updated weekly for your convenience. Watch the video below on how to find the resources button in your parent portal!



[Click here](#) to watch a 15 second video on how to find the RESOURCES button!

How do you log in to the Parent Portal?

You will find the link on MDA's website [here](#). We highly recommend bookmarking this for quick access!



Welcome New Families

February brought many new families to MDA!
Help us in welcoming the following families to Monroe Dance Academy:

Nina Battagliotti
Katie Bender
Anna Bobek
Isabelle Dodge
Leeanna Espinal
Suvindh Gowda
Lucy Matalanis
Maria Rocha-Reaes
Leonardo Somerville
Levi Somerville

COVID-19 Update

Click [here](#) to read about MDA's latest Covid-19 Update.



COMING IN MARCH...



The poster for Family Trivia Night features a light blue background with a pink MDA logo in the top left. The title 'FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT' is written in large, colorful, block letters. A 'VIA ZOOM' badge is in the top right, and a 'Win Prizes!' badge is in the middle right. Below the title, a colorful striped bar contains the text 'SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH 6:00PM'. At the bottom, a dark blue bar says 'JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION!'.

FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH 6:00PM

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN AND FRIENDLY COMPETITION!

Family Trivia Night

March 7th at 6:00pm

via Zoom

All dancers and families are welcome to join us via zoom for our family trivia night, a night filled with laughter, friendly competition, and fun! Brush up on your knowledge of the staff, dance terminology, and more! We can't wait to play trivia!

*The winning family wins a
BIG PRIZE!*

Spirit Week

March 15th - 20th

- Monday - MDA Apparel Day
- Tuesday - Crazy Sock Day
- Wednesday - St. Patrick's Day
- Thursday - Theatre Thursday
- Saturday - Crazy Hair Day

Show us your MDA spirit!



The Spirit Week schedule is a vertical stack of five colored boxes, each representing a day. Each box contains a description of the day's theme, the day of the week, and the name of the day. The MDA logo is in the top right corner of the first box.

SPirit WEEK
MARCH 15th - 20th

Wear your FAVORITE MDA apparel or rock the MDA colors, blue and white! **MONDAY**
MDA APPAREL DAY

Show us your CRAZY SOCKS!! **TUESDAY**
CRAZY SOCK DAY

Help us celebrate St. Patrick's Day! Weare green and gold! **WEDNESDAY**
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

A broadway inspired night! Wear your favorite musical t-shirt. **THURSDAY**
THEATRE THURSDAY

The crazier, the better! **SATURDAY**
CRAZY HAIR DAY



Starting March 3rd... MDA will announce a **NEW Summer Camp** every day on social media. Turn your notifications ON to see everything we are offering this summer for your dancer!

Summer Registration Dates

Priority Registration Opens (Current Families) - Saturday, March 13th

Public Registration Opens - Saturday, March 20th

Spring Apparel

Stay tuned for an announcement regarding Spring Apparel! You won't want to miss it!

Free Trial Class

Interested in trying a **NEW** class? Monroe Dance Academy offers a free trial program where dancers can try as many free classes as they want for one week! We encourage dancers to try new styles and teachers. Your new favorite class might be just around the corner! 😊

Studio Closings

MDA is open the entire month of March!

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