

Monroe Dance Academy

Summer Newsletter

August 31st, 2020

Stronger Together!

As we continue to socially distance and flatten the curve, we are humbled by the support and dedication of our dancers and families. Fall Registration is in full swing and we are so thankful for your continued commitment to Monroe Dance Academy!



MONROE DANCE ACADEMY

New Ownership

Monroe Dance Academy is proud to announce and present the new owner,
JAYME WAPPEL!

In case you missed it, read on to hear from Jayme herself, learn more about Jayme's journey, and her plans for the studio!

My parents fostered my love for movement and put me in dance at age four while I was growing up in North Carolina. (Cue impromptu living room dance parties with me dancing to "Just Around The Riverbend"!) I trained extensively in all genres of dance and intensified my dance education at Point Park University's Conservatory of Performing Arts. Favorite professional performance credits include *Guys & Dolls* at Goodspeed Opera House, *West Side Story* at the Tony Award winning Paper Mill Playhouse, flying high as an aerialist aboard Royal Caribbean Cruiselines, and performing on the Broadway National Tour of *Finding Neverland*. I've thoroughly enjoyed teaching for dance studios and theatre programs across the nation, coaching high school seniors in preparation for college auditions, judging for multiple dance competitions, and choreographing for dance teams, dance studios, and theatrical productions. (Learn more about Jayme's background [here](#).)

New Ownership (continued)

Jayme's plans for the future of MDA:

- Classes specifically targeted to skill level and progress
- Professional instructors currently working in the dance and theater industry
- New studio software - You will have your own Parent Portal!
 - Itemized Statements
 - Easy ePayments
 - You can review your dancer(s)'s attendance records in real time and more!
- Simpler pricing structures:
 - i.e. Flat Fee Recital Costumes - You will know the price of your child(ren)'s costume when you register in the fall!
- Studio lobby cosmetic enhancements
- Online registration
- Plus, more to come...

Studio 'Glow Up' Project

New owner, Jayme Wappel, and Artistic Manager, Meghan Quinn, spent countless hours renovating the studio lobby and office! Three tubs of spackle later we are proud to display our freshly painted lobby and office!

Have you checked out our newly redesigned website? www.monroedance.com

The website now features fun facts about the staff, COVID-19 updates, class descriptions, and the 2020-2021 fall schedule. You can also now register for dance ONLINE! We are so excited to roll out all these new features!

Monroe Dance Company

We are thrilled to welcome new dancers to our team as well as some familiar faces! We are so proud of our dancers for stepping up and committing to our company amongst the chaos of COVID-19. Keep up the good work!

Missed auditions but still interested? Email directorsmdc@gmail.com for more information!

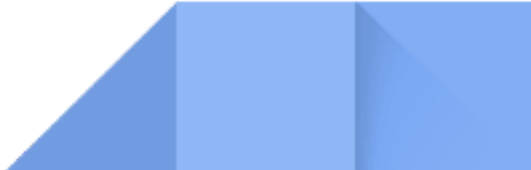


Now Enrolling for Fall

Fall Registration is OPEN! Registration officially opened on Saturday, August 1st and is now online using our new studio software, Jackrabbit Dance. You may register online in the comfort of your home, or come visit us in person and we will help you through it!

- Open Registration: Schedule an appointment today!
 - Call the studio (203-268-1200) or email monroedance11@gmail.com to reserve your appointment time.
- Class Recommendations: Class recommendations and placements were emailed on July 29th. We also have copies in-studio!
NOTE - In previous years, this was handed to your child in person at the end of their dance year in June.
- Limited Space: Due to COVID, every class has a limited capacity to maintain 6 feet between students and the teacher. DON'T WORRY... We will have a waitlist for classes that reach capacity.
- MDA COVID Updates and Safety Precautions: [Click Here](#)
- MDA Fall Schedule: [Click here](#)

How to Register Online:

1. Visit www.monroedance.com
 2. Scroll to the right tab and click "Register"
 3. Click "Register Here"
 4. A new window will open, please create a parent portal (takes 5-10 minutes)
 5. Remember to input your electronic payment information (credit card or bank draft)
 6. Once you have completed online registration, email monroedance11@gmail.com and an MDA staff member will enroll your dancer in the desired class(s).
 7. Get ready for the 2020-2021 dance year!
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Meet Your MDA Staff

Announcing our 2020-2021 rockstar team!

Jayne Wappel

Owner, Director, Co-Director of Company,
Jazz, Acro, Ballet

Meghan Quinn

Artistic Manager, Co-Director of Company,
Director of PreSchool program,
Musical Theater

Eileen Boyle

Ballet, Flip Hop

Freddy Munoz

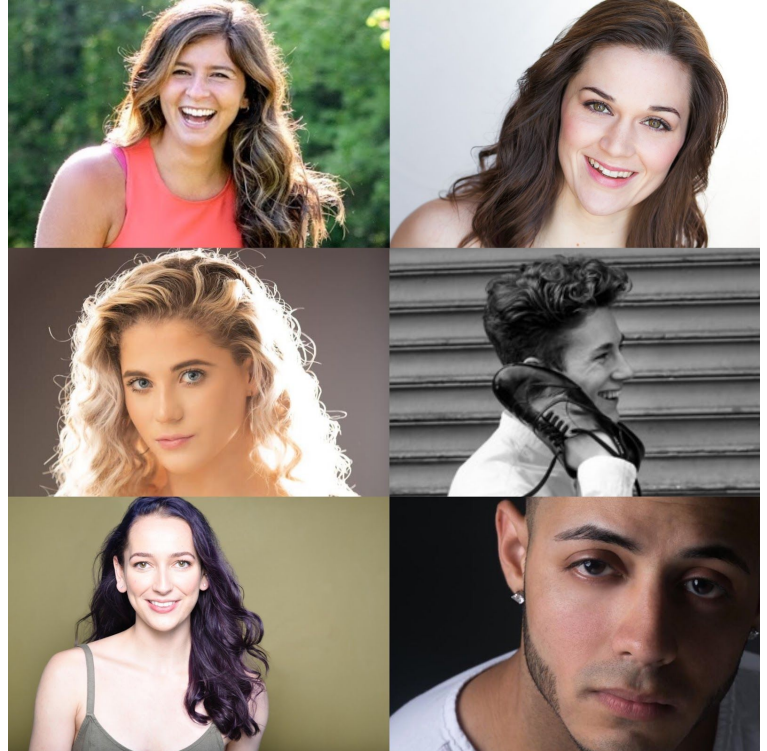
Boys Breakdancing, Hip Hop

Erika Citrin

Contemporary, Pointe

Jared Spraque

Tap



Learn more fun facts about our staff [here!](#)

Summertime Grooves

Monroe Dance Academy was beyond excited to get back into the studio this summer for dance! We hosted three summer camps in-studio and one dance camp online.

Wake Up & Dance

Our one and only virtual camp this summer ran the last week of June. Each day consisted of a vigorous warm up followed by a guest artist class specializing in tap, contemporary, musical theater, ballet, and street jazz!

Princess Adventures

Our first in-studio camp of the summer! These young dancers learned all of the basics of ballet, tap & jazz, and became a true princess by the end of the week. Dancers played dress up, made princess crafts, danced to fairytale music, and invented their own happy ending. A special fairytale performance was held on the last day of camp for parents.



Summer Dance Intensive

Dancers experienced 4 days of jam packed classes! Students enjoyed a variety of classes with various outside artists! Each day started with conditioning/pilates for dancers, followed by classes in ballet, modern, contemporary, hip hop, jazz, musical theater and more. This pre-professional camp had dancers working harder than ever.

Company Boot Camp

Monroe Dance Company's annual boot camp looked a little different this year! Dancers started learning choreography for the 2020-2021 dance year, socially distanced, and began bonding with one another creating lifelong friendships. MDC Directors, Jayme Wappel & Meghan Quinn, pushed dancers by providing new and innovative choreography for this upcoming dance season. A company photoshoot took place where dancers got their headshot taken as well as some dance dance poses! Way to go MDC!