

Monroe Dance Academy

May Newsletter

May 30th, 2020

Stronger Together!

As we continue to socially distance and flatten the curve, we are humbled by the support and dedication of our dancers. MDA's Virtual Studio will celebrate twelve full weeks of online learning! Wow! A huge thank you to you, our MDA family, for making our virtual dreams a reality!



MONROE DANCE ACADEMY

Staff Updates

Assistants and Wingman Youth Leaders



Emily Cavaliere

Emily has been doing a lot to stay busy and active during this crazy time! Along with taking dance classes through MDA's virtual studio, she has been stretching daily and taking classes through Instagram Live at ABT, NYC Ballet, and Bolshoi Ballet. Emily has been getting outside a lot while still practicing social distancing. She's been doing a lot of hiking, boating, biking, and gardening with her family. When she's inside, Emily can usually be found rewatching her favorite show, *The Office*, working on schoolwork, or taking a bath. Friday family game night is her favorite part of the week, although she always ends up losing at Monopoly!

Tina Piacentini

Tina is an essential worker and has been working full time at her job as a medical assistant. When not working, she finds time to squeeze in a quick walk or a trip to the grocery store. Tina's favorite part of social distancing is having her daughter home from college! She can't wait to get back to MDA and dance! Tina is so proud of all the dancers who have been so committed and dedicated to MDA. Tina is grateful the fabulous teachers who put all this together!



Staff Updates (Cont.)

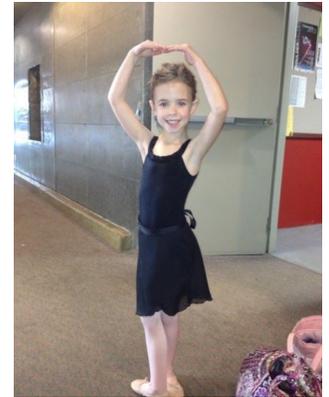


Eliza Brakeman

Eliza has been taking a ton of classes through MDA's virtual studio! They are keeping her active and busy! Eliza has been spending her free time FaceTiming with friends, hanging out with family, working out, watching YouTube, and binge watching the show *Outer Banks* (her new favorite!!). Eliza is so grateful for everyone at MDA who have made the virtual studio possible, allowing us to continue to dance. She feels she has been improving even when not at the studio. Eliza misses everyone and is excited to return to in-person classes at the studio this summer!

Nora Hurley

At home, Nora has been busily packing to move into a new house (still in Monroe) and taking Monroe Dance Academy online dance classes every day. She's enjoyed trying new dance styles and new teachers! In the mornings, Nora has to do the dreaded online classes for school. But when not packing, dancing, or doing schoolwork, Nora has been bingeing the Netflix series, *Outer Banks*, and FaceTiming her cousins, Ian and Maggie, who live in Colorado. She has also been baking very often, usually cookies or cakes, and making guacamole. She's now earned the coveted title of 'Best Guacamole Maker' in her household. At night, Nora likes to do 1,000 piece puzzles with her family, play board games such as Monopoly and Brain Games, and snuggle with her dog, Shamrock.

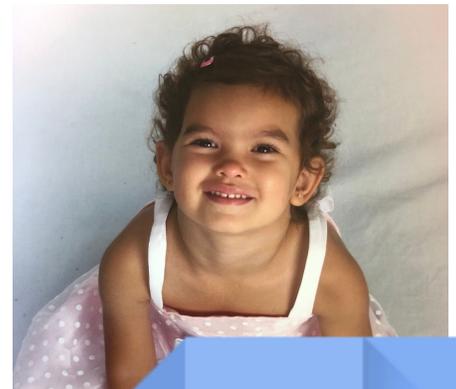


Madison Julian

To stay busy at home, Maddie has been taking MDA'S Zoom classes. She has also been working tremendously on her schoolwork and homework. Aside from her studies, she enjoys hanging out with her friends on FaceTime. Maddie loves to bake so she's utilized much of her quarantine time in the kitchen. Her favorite bakes include strawberry cake, brownies, and, of course, chocolate chip cookies. She misses everyone at the studio, but is excited for the day when we are all reunited in person!

Gabby Pena

Gabby has been spending a lot of time with her parents during quarantine. They have been watching many "radical" old 80s movies and new TV shows. Favorites include *Police Academy*, *Prodigal Son*, *9-1-1*. Gabby has started a new workout regimen to tone her body and build up her muscles! When the weather allows, she and



her family enjoy nature by taking mountain hikes, walking along the many boardwalks on the coastline, and completing “fun-filled” yard work. Gabby continues to spend rainy days reading the series, *Red Queen*. To keep in sync with her friends, Gabby does many Zoom calls! She takes dance classes, catches up with the latest news, and plays Jackbox all virtually. One can't forget, she spends her mornings completing Distance Online Learning. She is looking forward to brighter, warmer, and adventurous days!



Dylan Pinto

During this time of socially distancing, Dylan has been doing online yoga, watching a lot of Netflix and Disney+, and baking a variety of cookies! She feels lucky to have some bonfires in her backyard (socially distanced) with her neighbors! Dylan misses her dance family and all of her friends greatly so she can't wait to get back into the studio! She wants to thank her mom, who is a nurse, for all her hard work and dedication to helping her patients during this time.

MDA's Virtual Studio

Eleven weeks and counting! MDA's Virtual Studio offers live classes through Zoom six days a week. This keeps your dancer moving, learning, interacting with their friends, and having fun! MDA's Virtual Studio is password protected and specifically catered to MDA dancers and families with classes taught by your favorite MDA teachers. We update our class schedule weekly, listening to your feedback to continually improve our class times and dance styles to best suit you! The best part... MDA's Virtual Studio is included in your enrollment! Please email monroedance11@gmail.com for login and password information.

Movie Game Night

Meghan Quinn and Jayme Wappel hosted MDA's second virtual game night! This month was movie themed! The night started out with a scavenger hunt where dancers had to run through their house to find items needed for Jeopardy! Next was an intense Jeopardy game where the dancers were placed into teams. We had three teams: The Chicken Nuggets, Team Dance Party, and the Rainbow Trolls. Luisa Friend, Lenie Urbina, and Maya Fisher had the honor of being captains for their respective teams! Overall, more than 20 MDA dancers, siblings, parents, and other staff members joined us for a night to remember!

Monroe Dance Company Auditions

Auditions were held **virtually!** 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!

Costume Curbside

Costume Curbside was a huge success! Thank you to all the families who came to pick up their costumes. Your cooperation is very appreciated. We loved seeing you all (from afar) and can't wait to see you in your costumes on Picture Day!



MDA Staff Game Night!

Monroe Dance Academy's staff hung out, virtually, for a fun filled night of games and laughter.



Baking with Jayme!

All MDA chefs including dancers, siblings, and parents joined Jayme Wappel for a chocolate chip cookie baking demo! The outcome was DELICIOUS!



Coming Soon...

Picture Day

Monroe Dance Academy will be having an "At Home" Picture Day! Dancers are encouraged to put their costumes on, do their hair and makeup, and take pictures! Send your pictures to directorsmdc@gmail.com. **At Home Picture Day is June 14th!** We can't wait to see you in your costumes!



Virtual Recital Party!

Meghan Quinn and Jayme Wappel will be hosting a Virtual Recital Party on Saturday, June 13th to celebrate the 2019-2020 Dance Year! Dancers, siblings, and parents are encouraged to join us via Zoom on **Saturday, June 13th at 12:30pm**. Make sure to wear your costume and celebrate an amazing year of dance!

We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Summer Camps

Virtual AND In-Studio Options

Wake Up & Dance!

June 29th - July 3rd

Location: Virtually on Zoom

9:30-11:00am ~ \$55 ~ Ages 9+

Includes a 45-min warm up followed by a 45-min class with a new guest artist in a new genre each day! Keep moving during summer!



Following all CDC rules and regulations, Monroe Dance Academy will be ready to open on July 6th (Phase 2). Space is limited for each camp and proper sanitation and CDC guidelines will be followed.

Dancing Unicorns

July 6th - July 9th

Location: Monroe Dance Academy (in studio)

9:00am-11:00am ~ \$75 ~ ages 3-7 ~

Get ready to put your true colors on and show the world who you are! This is a magic vibes only mini camp. The week will be filled with nonstop fun, glittering moments, dancing, games all while running free with the unicorns!

Summer Dance Intensive

Monday, July 13th – Thursday, July 16th

Location: Monroe Dance Academy (in studio)

9:30am – 3:00pm ~ \$375.00 ~ ages 9+ ~

Experience 4 days of jam packed classes! Students will take a variety of classes with various outside artists! Each day will start with conditioning/pilates for dancers with our favorite Tammy Gruber, followed by classes in ballet, modern, contemporary, hip hop, jazz, musical theater and more.

Princess Adventures

Monday, July 13th – Friday, July 17th

Location: Monroe Dance Academy (in studio)

9:00am – 11:00am ~ \$99.00 ~ Ages 3-7 ~

Young dancers will learn all of the basics of ballet, tap & jazz, and become a true princess by the end of the week. Dancers will play dress up, make princess crafts, dance to fairytale music, and invent their own happy ending. A special fairytale performance will be held on the last day of camp for parents.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, DANCE!

Monday, July 27th – Friday, July 31st

Location: Monroe Dance Academy (in studio)

9:00am – 3:00pm ~ \$299.00 ~ Ages 7-12 ~

A Tik Tok inspired camp, "Inspiring Creativity & Sparking Joy!" This week blends dance instruction with creative freedom. It allows the dancers to explore various styles of dance, student choreography, music selection creating short videos. Dancers will learn some of the hottest Tik Tok dances, take on challenges and create dances!

MONROE DANCE ACADEMY THEATER CONNECTION
presents:

MDA Summer Theater Camp

Monday, August 10th – Friday, August 14th
Location: Monroe Dance Academy (in studio)

Morning Session: Ages 7-12

9:00am – 12:00pm ~ \$169

Afternoon Session: Ages 13+

1:00pm-5:00pm ~ \$215.00



We are excited to offer MDA's Theater Connection's first Musical Theater Summer week! Dance your shoes off, create characters, scene study, improvisation, voice work, and more. This week will build confidence, provide performance and audition skills all in a safe and non judgmental environment. Everyone will have a chance to shine!

[Read more on our website](#)

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