

Rise 30 Soar

RECITAL SHOWCASE 2021

June 10–11–12 I-Hotel & Conference Center Champaign, IL



To The Parents...



Reaching this milestone in the AIM journey is one weve talked about for many years.

Never did I think that our 30th season would accompany a once in a century pandemic, paralyzing in person instruction, and forcing us to build an entirely different way of teaching dance. Thursday, March 12, 2020 we said goodbye to the students to what we thought was just a spring break. We had no idea the twists & turns that were ahead. We were transferred into a different world of separation, silence, panic, and zoom. The challenges have been overwhelming, terrifying, eye opening, and life changing.

All these months later, as I am able to reflect and observe the terrain we traveled through, it becomes clearer than ever just how extraordinary our AIM family truly is. As I look back, I see endless amounts of perseverance. The students clung to dance as if it was their life preserver, and I clung to the students, knowing they were mine. We learned, we laughed, we cried, we loved...

Now that we are almost through the exit door of this hardship, my mind has somehow jumped over the gate of this past year's memories & back to where we first began. I have received reminders from so many alumni students, with pictures and remembrances from as far back as 1991. It has filled my heart with indescribable joy and taken my eyes back to viewing the landscape of where it started and the longevity we have managed to sustain. I had no idea the journey that was ahead when Chad & I followed Mr. Albert Schnepp through the doors to that old Clinton Daily Journal Building in the summer of 1991. The moment he handed me the key is precisely when AIM came to life. What began as pure imagination has endured because of loads of encouragement, loyalty, and blessings from God. I am overwhelmed at how He has used this landscape to grow so much more than dance.

May all of us grasp the reason to stop the frantic pace, take our children in our arms and for a few moments hold them and the music. Dance truly is a magical gift that you have given them. Our children carve so much onto our hearts before they are suddenly all grown up. May watching them on stage, showing their hard work and dedication unfold, transport you into a moment of pure happiness, appreciation, and pride for their precious performance.

May it also be discovered on this journey of life that the purpose is the same as it has been since time began... that we are all alike, with arms to embrace with hugs, mouths to speak words of encouragement, and hearts to love unconditionally. That we all are in need of love on a daily basis regardless of our position, race, religion, or any other difference. I pray that AIM is a place where your children

can feel this purpose alongside their dance training. That is the true legacy that will hold true in their hearts for years to come.

It is not possible to express the deep gratitude I feel for each and every one of you, as well as those who have journeyed this path with us for many years, and those from the very beginning. Words do not exist that can express my thankfulness for your loyalty, trust, and support in my love for teaching dance and my dream that has come to pass of making AIM a place of comfort, acceptance, happiness, and love. May you be blessed this special day, and may it be a wonderful memory that your family will always have. Thank you for this journey... thank you for every new mile.

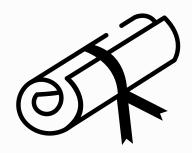
> Abundant Blessings, Tricia Trimble

Chad & Tricia's Thank Yous...

Above all, thanks to God, the choreographer of life, who has given us the gift of dance, passion for teaching, and blessing of working together. We pray that we might have the incredible opportunity to use this for Him all the days of our lives.

Mom (Miss Barb) ... for the gift of dance & so much more, Skylee, Symphony, AIM Staff, Hunter Petersen, Dad (Bob Trimble), Dad (Bill Leischner), Matt Dalton, Erin Krouse & Jill Rapier, Jeff & Bonita Amenda, Jennifer Liagridonis & Shelly Tangen (Watercan Designs), Mark & Nancy Woods (Woods Photography), The prop dads, Mary Oltean, Carolyn Farren (Farrens Pub & Eatery), Sam Ambler (Ambler Productions), iHotel & Conference Center Staff (especially Susan Estergard), University Catering, Benjamin Khachaturian, Jared Miller & Nick Jukes (MMS Production & Audio), AIM assistants, AIM 2021 SENIORS!
(Ella Shafer, Emily Fuentes, Georgia Liagridonis, Jalynn Bugaj), parents of 2021 AIM SENIORS (Rob & Michelle Shafer, Victor & Lupe Fuentes, Loui & Jennifer Liagridonis, & Wayne & Cheryl Bugaj), The AIM Company Dancers & Parents, Taylor Knott,
Grace Sumitro, Grace Terstriep, & Abbey Vieth, all of the recital helpers, EACH AND EVERY AIM STUDENT, & to those we may have not mentioned but have not forgotten.. thank you for everything!

Congratulations 2021 High School Graduates!





Ella Shafer

I have been dancing since I was 4 years old and have been at AIM for 8 years. Im going to Butler University, Indiana for Communication Sciences and Disorders to become a Speech Pathologist. I want to thank all of the AIM teachers for pouring their time and passion into teaching me not only about dance, but about life. A huge thank you to my parents and family for blessing me with the chance to dance. Much love, Ella

Emily Fuentes

I have been dancing at Art In Motion for 16 years. i will be attending Michigan State University and majoring in Biomedical Laboratory Science to hopefully be on the premed route. i am so lucky to have been able to be a part of something that has taught be more than i could ever imagine. i am so grateful to the staff and everyone else at AIM for making the last 16 years so great





Georgia Liagridonis

Hello my name is Georgia Liagridonis, and I have been dancing at AIM for 15 years. III be attending the University of Arizona and will be majoring in Dance. I am so excited for what is to come, but will really miss my AIM family. Thank you so much to everyone for always supporting and believing in me.

Jalynn Bugaj

I have been dancing at AIM for 15 years. Im going to college at the University of Illinois where Im currently undecided. I hope to eventually major in business on either management or marketing route. Im so grateful to the AIM staff for all the hard work and long hours they have put into making this recital possible. Being able to have a recital as a senior despite this crazy pandemic year is such a blessing. Recital is one of the most special times of the year for everyone involved. I feel so lucky to be a part of such a loving environment where your friends are more like family and you know that everyone will always be there to support and help you.





Congratulations Miss Alyssa!

Alyssa Trelz is an alumni from the class of 2016 & currently teaches at AIM. She will be moving to Nashville, Tennessee in August to begin her 1L year at Belmont University College of Law! She plans to get her Juris Doctor as well as pursue a certificate specializing in Entertainment Law. We are so proud of you Miss Alyssa & will miss you dearly!



Congratulations College Graduates!

Kaylee Barba



Kaylee is an AIM alumni from the class of 2017. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bradley University with her Bachelors in Kinesiology and Health Science. In her time at Bradley she worked in the Campus Rec Office, was the President of the Red Sea (student cheering section) and of Vitality (hip hop dance team), was a member of AED (health professionals honor society), active in Campus Outreach (a Christ-centered ministry based organization) and made unforgettable memories. Next, shell be attending Midwestern University to pursue her doctorate in physical therapy. She is excited to move to the Downers Grove area with her husband, Max, and their dog Mickey and kitties Trixie and Nala.



Annabeth Cowsert

Hello! My name is Annabeth Cowsert and I am an AIM Alum from the class of 2017. I just finished my Bachelor of Arts in Dance from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

My focus for my degree was to discover how dance and somatic practices can assist patients in the world of occupational therapy. My research entitled "Occupational Therapy and the Missing Link of the Mind-Body Connection", shows the possibilities that dance can have in OT. I have been accepted to the University of Mary Occupational Therapy Doctorate program which I will start in the fall of 2021. I will be moving to Bismarck, ND. I plan to further my dance degree by teaching at Northern Plains Dance Studio in Bismarck.

Tori is an AIM alumni from the class of 2017. She decided to further her training at the University of Missouri-Kansas City Conservatory after high school graduation. While at the UMKC Conservatory, Tori had the opportunity to work with Broadway artist Ray Mercer and former New York City Ballet principal dancer Nilas Martins. Her junior year, she performed a solo choreographed by Leni Wylliams at the Conservatory's largest annual fundraiser in the Kauffman Center for Performing Arts. Additionally, Tori was one of three dancers selected to travel to Edinburgh, Scotland and perform in the 2019 Fringe Festival. She also performed professionally with the Wylliams Henry Contemporary Dance Company and Tristian Griffin Dance Company. This year, Tori graduated with her Bachelor of Fines Arts degree in Dance Performance and Choreography magna cum laude with a minor in psychology. Tori plans to move to Chicago this fall to continue pursuing her dance career.

Tori Knox



Monica Clapp

Monica is an AIM alumni from the class of 2016. She graduated last May from Kansas State University with a degree in Business Management with an emphasis in Operations and Supply Chain. She now works as a Refined Fuels Product Analyst!



Melissa Luttrell

I am an AIM alumni from the class of 2017. I went to ASU for my Bachelors, double majoring in Early Childhood and Early Childhood Special Education. I now am moving to Tennessee to Purse my Teaching Degree in a Self Contained Special Education Program.



SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 6:00 PM SENIOR SHOW

Note: In parentheses is given the class level and teacher/choreographer

competition routine = *****

Here We Go

 Ruby Adams, Jalynn Bugaj, Abby Crane, Kathryn Crowe, Sophia Crowe, Kamryn Edenburn, Harper Farrell, Kash Farrell, Charley Farren, Katharina Fleck, Emily Fuentes, McKenna Garcia, Alyx Gardner, Makenna Gray, Bella Griffiths,
 Addy Hale, Arwen Handel, Mallory Hobbs, Kaelyn Holmes, Kamryn Holmes, Sarah Jacobs, Addison Jones, Chloe Jung, Olivia Kamerer, Cassidy Keller, Penelope Kemna, Georgia Liagridonis, Katherine Liagridonis, Julianna Monterroyo,
 Avery Neiswender, Eliza Noonan, Katie Orgler, Ella Parastaran, Reese Phillips, Neely Pulkstenis, Ella Shafer, Taylor Szymoniak, Momoe Tanaka, Ella Tangen, Brynn Thornsbrough, Lillian Tira, Olivia Tirey, Brynn Tsiakals, Sadie Tsiakals, Laila Wells (Advanced Jazz...Tricia, Jacey, & Emmaline)

***Paint Your Picture**

McKenna Garcia & Ella Shafer (Contemporary Duet...Tricia & Jen)

Jalynn Bugaj

(Senior Solo...Skylee)

*Then & Now

Charly Farren, Emily Fuentes, Kaelyn Holmes, Georgia Liagridonis, Katherine Liagridonis, Ella Shafer, Ella Tangen (Contemporary Group...Skylee)

*Lost A Friend

Jalynn Bugaj & Brynn Tsiakals (Contemporary Duet...Skylee)

Emily Fuentes

(Senior Solo...Skylee)

*Courage

Ruby Adams, Mckenna Bellamy, Jalynn Bugaj, Abby Crane, Kathryn Crowe, Sophia Crowe, Emma Dunn, Kamryn Edenburn, Harper Farrell, Kash Farrell, Charley Farren, Katharina Fleck, Emily Fuentes, McKenna Garcia, Alyx Gardner, Makenna Gray, Bella Griffiths, Addy Hale, Mallory Hobbs, Kaelyn Holmes, Kamryn Holmes, Sarah Jacobs, Addison Jones, Chloe Jung, Olivia Kamerer, Cassidy Keller, Penelope Kemna, Georgia Liagridonis, Katherine Liagridonis, Julianna Monterroyo, Avery Neiswender, Katie Orgler, Ella Parastaran, Reese Phillips, Neely Pulkstenis, Ella Shafer, Taylor Szymoniak, Momoe Tanaka, Ella Tangen, Brynn Thornsbrough, Lillian Tira, Olivia Tirey, Brynn Tsiakals, Sadie Tsiakals, Laila Wells (Lyrical Group...Tricia & Skylee)

***Closed Doors**

Georgia & Katherine Liagridonis (Lyrical Duet...Skylee)

*Wave

Ruby Adams, Jalynn Bugaj, Emily Fuentes, Georgia Liagridonis, Ella Shafer, Brynn Tsiakals (*Jazz Group...Jared Baker*)

*If The World Was A Movie

Hannah Bustetter, Emma Dunn, Katharina Fleck, McKenna Garcia, Makenna Gray, Bella Griffiths, Mallory Hobbs, Kamryn Holmes, Sarah Jacobs, Olivia Kamerer, Cassidy Keller, Penelope Kemna, Cami McElroy, Avery Neiswender, Momoe Tanaka, Brynn Thornsbrough, Halle Trainor, Sophia Vega, Laila Wells (Contemporary Group...Skylee)

Ella Shafer

(Senior Solo...Skylee)

***The Corner**

Ruby Adams & Emily Fuentes (Contemporary *Duet...Skylee*)

*Small

Jalynn Bugaj & Hannah Bustetter

(Contemporary *Duet...Thomas*)

Senior Memories Video

(Skylee)

***The Healing Process**

Ruby Adams, Jalynn Bugaj, Kamryn Edenburn, Harper Farrell, Charley Farren, Emily Fuentes, Alyx Gardner, Kaelyn Holmes, Chloe Jung, Cassidy Keller, Georgia Liagridonis, Katherine Liagridonis, Katie Orgler, Neely Pulkstenis, Ella Shafer, Ella Tangen, Olivia Tirey, Brynn Tsiakals, Sadie Tsiakals (Contemporary Group...Jared Baker)

Georgia Liagridonis

(Senior Solo...Jared Baker)

Senior Dad Dance

Wayne & Jalynn Bugaj, Victor & Emily Fuentes, Loui & Georgia Liagridonis, Rob & Ella Shafer (Senior Dad Dance...*Chad*)

*AIM Love

Ruby Adams, Lauren Albrecht, McKinley Ames-Emrick, Morgan Bates, Aubrey Baylis, Mckenna Bellamy, Jalynn Bugaj, Kolbie Busboom, Hannah Bustetter, Abby Crane, Kathryn Crowe, Sophia Crowe, Reese Donsbach, Emma Dunn, Kamryn Edenburn, Harper Farrell, Kash Farrell, Charley Farren, Aubrey Fisher, Katharina Fleck, Emily Fuentes, Macie Garcia, McKenna Garcia, Alyx Gardner, Makenna Gray, Bella Griffiths, Addy Hale, Mallory Hobbs, Kaelyn Holmes, Kamryn Holmes, Sarah Jacobs, Addison Jones, Chloe Jung, Olivia Kamerer, Cassidy Keller, Penelope Kemna Rachel Lechene-Ondo, Georgia Liagridonis, Katherine Liagridonis, Scarlett McCleary, Ali McElroy, Cami McElroy, Julianna Monterroyo, Avery Neiswender, Katie Orgler, Aria Pape, Ella Parastaran, Nyla Patterson, Amelia Petrilli, Campbell Phillips, Reese Phillips, Neely Pulkstenis, Ella Shafer, Avery Szymoniak, Taylor Szymoniak, Momoe Tanaka, Ella Tangen, Brynn Thornsbrough, Paige Thornsbrough, Lillian Tira, Olivia Tirey, Halle Trainor, Brynn Tsiakals, Sadie Tsiakals, Sophia Vega, Laila Wells *(Company Production...AIM Staff)*

Finale Video

Love

Ruby Adams, Jalynn Bugaj, Kamryn Edenburn, Harper Farrell, Charley Farren, Emily Fuentes, Alyx Gardner,

Nicholas Gilbert, Arwen Handel, Kaelyn Holmes, Chloe Jung, Cassidy Keller, Georgia Liagridonis, Katherine Liagridonis, Eliza Noonan, Katie Orgler, Ella Parastaran, Reese Phillips, Neely Pulkstenis, Ella Shafer, Ella Tangen, Lillian Tira, Olivia Tirey, Brynn Tsiakals *(Hip Hop 5...Emmaline)*

Thank you for coming!