

# Fall Newsletter

Thank you for celebrating 20 years with me! From the beginning to the end, it was a great summer. There were so many hard-working eager dancers at the program this year.

Dancers from Key West, FL to California all graced our stage in Vermont with enthusiasm and artistry.

Our master teachers, new ones and veterans created an atmosphere that supported the dancers hard work and fed their souls. It was great to have some master teachers return to our studios after breaks caused by covid and hear them say how amazing the program still is. Having a piece of my choreography on the program each week was a challenge that pushed me to be in the studio working with the dancers. The notes I received at the end of each week made it all worth it. I remembered why I do it, because I love it! With the help of the counselors, teachers, and staff I believe we sent each dancer back to their home studios ready share what they learned and tackle this next year. That makes me proud!



While no one can replace Lauren, Lori did a great job filling in with the in person office duties. Thanks to Lori we also had a smooth transition into the digital age with Dance Studio Pro. We hope things were easier to register and complete paperwork. Next year we hope to add pictures to your profile and maybe even start to sell some online merchandise in time for Christmas! Let us know what you like!



COUNSELOR UPDATE



Our Counselors this year did a great job supporting the dancers each day. We chose to have more counselors there for a shorter period of time in order to have as many Counselors attend as we can. It turned out to be a great thing for the students to get to meet and be mentored by so many dancers! Our counselors come from all over the world with different experiences in the dance world. From attending/ graduating college, professional dancing, guesting and teaching experiences.

We wish all of our counselors a great 2023-2024 season!

Here are some of the companies our Counselors are dancing at this year.



Ezra- Ballet Austin  
Jillian Kerr - Palmetto City

Taylor Petrowski- Cincinnati Ballet  
Ellie Dickson- Portland Ballet  
Christina Milne- Roanoke Ballet  
Gillian Letonoff- Central Illinois Ballet  
Alyssa Boswell- Avant Chamber Ballet  
Daniel Walley- Frontier Ballet



Elizabeth Shupe- Tiroler  
Landestheater



The production team of Shane Cassidy, Abby Grivalsky, Ian Boyan, Claire Whitehill, and James Whitehill all did an amazing job making the dancers and choreographers look great! Shane's creativity executed by everyone was an amazing asset to Burklyn this summer. Often times the production people get overlooked but they complete the dancers! Although they are not exactly part of the production department our pianists Kevin Carpenter & Jared Oaks also complete us as dancers. Jared Oaks went way above & beyond this summer! With the awarding the dancers of the musicality awards, playing Beethoven on stage, and performing on stage in Maria's piece he is anything but invisible. His presence is felt & heard. He bridges the gap between the studio and stage. We are so honored to have him feel comfortable enough to enjoy some stage time with us!





## 2023 weekly performance videos

We hope to have all the videos ready for purchase & to download soon! Not only do they make great holiday entertainment they are a great learning tool for the dancers! If you are looking to purchase videos from previous years email the office.

## The Intermediate Program



The Intermediate Program was swimming with dancers this summer. Their underwater ballet was a huge success! They all did a great job learning and performing a ton of choreography! Kira, Brianna and Jared all taught great classes as expected, but the dancers got a surprise when they got to do a tap class thanks to Sydney Hunnewell. I think that many of the youngest dancers inspired and impressed many of the dancers from the main program! It was a pleasure to have them in classes and our performances. We hope that many dancers will return next years and a few of them will even graduate to the main program!





# Summer 2024



We are scheduling our audition tour! Continue to check our website, your email and social media to find a studio near you to audition. We are excited to be adding more auditions at new studios.

You must audition each year! Come and say hello-take it as an audition or a master class. Make a day of it and bring your friends. Show us how much you have improved over the year! We love seeing alumni come to auditions. This audition season you will also have the chance to audition for the Edinburgh Connection.

## THE EDINBURGH CONNECTION

Edinburgh Connection returns! Join us for the trip of a lifetime. Take class and perform at Burklyn for four weeks then travel the world's largest arts festival- The Edinburgh Festival Fringe! Join the cast of Alice in wonderland for ten days of international performing and exploring a historic city.

Make new friends, travel, experience another culture. Whether you go as a dancer or a chaperone it's an adventure!

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