

ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

2022



Granite State
Dance Center

Welcome Back



Dear Parents & Students,

Can you believe this is our 4th season ?
Time flies when you dance!

We accomplished so much this year from regular classes to special performances. What I love most about the dance center is you can do as much as you want to ! One class a week or a bunch of classes and special programs in between.



This year just happened to be the best one yet and that's due to our incredible teachers. These ladies go over and beyond each week in class and behind the scenes. I'm beyond blessed to dance along side them. Miss Amy is such an amazing lyrical instructor which takes our lyrical program to the next level. Miss Emilia excels at a variety of strong styles and produces great choreography. Miss Danielle has developed the strongest ballet program we have ever had and directs the GSDC Company which will be going onto its third year. Miss BellaMae, in just a year of teaching, is developing into an excellent instructor.

Thank you to our entire dance family for your continued support and trust with your kids every day ! We are able to accomplish all we do because of our amazing families .

I would like to take a moment and welcome everyone back, back to the beautiful Stockbridge Theater at Pinkerton Academy, back to indoor performances and back to normalcy.

I would also like to recognize Demers Garden Center for their generosity allowing us to use their grounds in 2020 and 2021 when numerous studios couldn't perform .

Can't wait for summer programs and our 2022-2023 dance season !
Congratulations and LOVE to our class of 2022 !

Love always,
Miss Cathy

Class of 2022

I have been dancing for 13 years, and in my time here, I have found a love for dance that I never would have otherwise. When I first came to the studio for a friend's birthday party, I knew that I wanted to start dancing here and have not looked back since. My very first class I was so nervous since I had never done tap before, but when I put on my little patent leather tap shoes, I knew that dance was definitely for me. Since then, I have learned so much here, all different steps and choreography that I didn't even know were possible. I have taken classes from so many incredible instructors, past and present, and would like to thank all of them for everything they have taught me. To Miss Emelia, it is crazy



Samantha Baril
Dancing 13 years

to think that it has been 9 years since I first started contemporary with you dancing beside me, and 4 years since I started taking a class from you. You have taught me so much and have been one of my greatest inspirations since I was only 8-9 years old, and I appreciate everything you have done for me and the rest of the dance family since we have been there. You are an incredible dancer, and learning from your classes and dancing with you all these years has truly been such a rewarding experience. To Miss Cathy, thank you for showing me so many impressive tap steps all of these years and encouraging my growth as a dancer. Your knowledge of tap is impressive, and I have always loved watching you do the most mind-blowing tap rhythms in class. Finally, I would also like to express my appreciation for my dance family that have always been by my side all this time. You all are such incredible people, and I am so thankful that dance brought us all together. And to my fellow seniors, we have been together since I can remember, and am so beyond thankful to have you all in my life. All of you will accomplish greatness, and I cannot wait to see what happens as we all move into our next chapter of our lives. From barrel jumps in contemporary to one-footed pullbacks in tap, to even dancing in high heels in jazz, I have learned here that anything is possible as long as you put your mind to it, and that nothing is stronger than a dance family bond.

Love,

Samantha Baril

Class of 2022

The time I have spent at this dance studio has shaped me into the person I am today. I will forever be thankful for the memories, teachers, and students that I have met along the way. I have grown up at the studio, and it has turned into a second home for me, and everyone within it has become family. The people I have gotten to know here are friends that I will hold onto for the rest of my life and I will always cherish the memories we made. This goodbye is going to be one of the hardest I have ever made, but I know it won't be goodbye forever.



Sarah Bradley
Dancing 15 years

First off, I would like to especially thank all my teachers, past and present. Wednesday nights with Miss Emilia always put me into a good mood and I'm going to miss the one day a week where we could talk about anything and have dance parties to Halloween music. I have known Miss Emilia since I was in second grade and she has always and will continue to be a huge role model for me. Miss Danielle has given me the confidence I never knew I needed in ballet, and I have become an all around better dancer because of her. She always has new and exciting ideas and has enough faith in me to work with me until I get it right. I am extremely grateful for the time and energy she has put in to make me a better dancer. Lastly, Ms. Cathy has been teaching me since I was only five years old and has become such a huge part of my life. She always encourages me to try new things and has put the belief into me that nothing is impossible.

I don't remember a point in my life where I didn't enjoy dancing. From branching out and trying new forms of dance, to counseling the younger girls at dance camp, every memory here has been a pivotal moment in my life that has made me into a better person. I love everyone at the studio and I'm so thankful to have gotten the opportunity to have danced with so many people throughout my fifteen years here. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these memories, I wouldn't change them for the world. I love you guys!

-Sarah <3

Class of 2022

I remember the only reason I ever started dancing in the first place was because I wanted to stand on my toes. We were only at the open house because my sister wanted to do a tap class, but as soon as I saw the ballerinas, I knew I had to take a class too. Little did I know that it would mean so much more to me than just being able to stand on my toes. I don't really know what I was expecting from that first class, but it was more than anything I could have hoped for. I loved the style of dance, I loved Ms Karen, I loved learning about all the different ballets, and I loved my classmates. Those girls quickly became my family. Some of them I haven't danced with in years but we still keep in touch. That was such a pivotal moment for me, because that was the year I fell in love with dance, and a year later I would start the class that really changed my life, tap.



Reece DesRochers
Dancing 13 years

Now that was a class I really connected with. As someone who can't keep still in school, I loved being able to dance and make noise with my feet in class. The tap girls welcomed me with open arms and they too have had a big impact on me. It just fit and I could tell this was the class for me. I remember there was one year where I had another commitment that was going to conflict with the class time. I was devastated and almost had to quit, but Ms Cathy would never let me miss out on something I was passionate about. I can still hear her saying, "No we can't do that! We'll find a way." We did and I am forever thankful.

Ms Cathy has always been there for me and pushed me to challenge myself. From jumping up a level in class or helping a couple girls choreograph in dance camp, she inspired me to step out of my comfort zone a bit. Then came the summer day when I got a text from her asking if I wanted to choreograph a dance for a group of girls in dance camp all on my own. I must have thought about that question over in my mind a thousand times, and I almost said no, but something was telling me that this was a really important opportunity. I could tell she believed in me too, so I said yes. I'm thankful every day that she asked me. That was by far one of the best summers of my life. I really got a chance to break out of my shell, and there is no greater compliment than having Ms Cathy walk by and say, "Wow, you sound just like me!" I absolutely loved choreographing and the dance was so fun, but it wouldn't have been anything without the girls in my group. I want to take a moment to thank all the girls who have been in my dance camp groups over the years. All of you have inspired me and changed my life. I love each and every one of you. You've all been so fun to dance with over the years and I'm forever thankful for you. It's also because of you that I want to become a teacher.

So thank you to Ms Cathy, and everyone I've danced with over the years. You've been a family to me, and in times where I've felt I had no one, you were all there. Thank you for inspiring my love of music and dance. Most importantly, thank you for giving me 13 years' worth of wonderful memories and my life a great direction. I love you all and will miss you, until we see each other again.

-Reece DesRochers

Class of 2022



Gillian Hunt
Dancing 14 years

My name is Gillian Hunt, and I am a senior at Manchester Memorial High School. I have been dancing at Granite State Dance Center for 14 years. GSDC is like a second home to me, and I could not imagine my life without it. I've never really stuck to one type of dance, and over my many years here, I have tried out almost every style at the studio, and no matter what class I was in, all my teachers were always so accommodating, and I never felt out of place in any of my classes, even if I was new to the style. GSDC is the highlight of my week because whenever I go there I forget everything else and just dance for hours.

I also want to thank GSDC for giving me such special people in my life. Without GSDC, I would have never met my best friend. Thank you for the past 14 years of nothing but good memories, laughter, and the best friend I could ever ask for.

I have been a dancer since I was six years old, starting in a ballet class. There, I met my best friend. As I grew, I explored many more styles, leading me to even more blessings in the form of friendships. I am able to use dance as an outlet to release everyday stress, and there is no better feeling than being surrounded by people who understand you, support you, and love you. The highlight of my week is always sharing the same space as these creative and upbeat people. It is necessary to give my full thanks to Emilia Morrissette. She is an exceptional teacher, and an even better friend. She is a gorgeous dancer, too. She has helped me to grow in every way possible; from always keeping my technique in great shape, making it known that I can do anything I set my mind to, and even attending musicals at my school. She encourages me, inspires me, pushes me to never give up, and so much more. Over the past twelve years, these experiences have made me who I am today, and who I will continue to be. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Cathy for providing me with a number of once in a lifetime opportunities, as well as a studio space to express my creativity and pursue my passions.



Elizabeth Stalker
Dancing 12 years

Class of 2022

Farewell: Almost all of my earliest memories revolve around dance—I remember Miss Karen complimenting my nail polish during ballet classes, Taylor Swift dance camp, buying my first pair of nice tap shoes, and, embarrassingly, falling on stage. For almost fifteen years, dance has been a constant in my life. Even though I only spend one night at the dance studio each week, it has consistently been an inviting place filled with some of the kindest people I've ever met. I cannot believe my time here is coming to an end. I will forever be grateful for the amazing teachers and students at Granite State Dance Center. Thank you so much to everyone at GSDC!



Anna Steele
Dancing 14 years



**Opportunities available for
ballet dancers age eight and older.**



Class of 2022

I have been dancing for the past 12 years, and throughout these years, I have come to realize that the things I remember most were not the hours I spent practicing, the costume fees, or even many of the performances. Rather, I remember all the times I came into class on a rough day and was cheered up by my peers. I remember laughing at Ms. Cathy's animal stories and I remember the interest my dance mates took in each other's daily lives. It's almost as if we had built a little sisterhood within one another, even if we only saw each other once a week for a few hours. I had grown up with these girls. We watched each other go through phases, get their licenses, graduate elementary and middle school, have first kisses, have first breakups, and everything in between. We grew up, just like that, and it slipped right under our noses. But we did it together. I don't have to be close with every girl in these classes to know that I could go to any of them if I needed anything. It's an unspoken, sacred bond we all share, and I wouldn't want it any other way.



Hana Suljevic
Dancing 12 years

And to the dance teacher that brought us all together, who showed us the steps and how to execute them, who showed us how to work as a team, and who taught us to have compassion and care for one another, from the bottom of my heart, thank you. Thank you for tolerating the years of interruptions in class, for all the times I lied when I said I practiced at home, for the times I didn't show up and you still taught me the steps, and for all the years you allowed us to be who we were without consequence. You've been a great role model, and we all love and appreciate what you've done for us.

And to all the girls I danced with, there's nothing more to say than thank you, I love you all very much, and "I'll see you next week". Much love and best wishes to you all.

Forever grateful,
Hana Suljevic

Class of 2022

I've been dancing at the studio for 15 years. It felt like so long while I was there but now that I'm leaving it seems crazy. 15 years of laughing from nothing but a look at each other in the mirrors, inside jokes, finding my chosen family, and of course doing what I love most. I'm going to miss all of the friends I've been lucky enough to make, my campers, my mentor classes, and of course my teachers. Thank you to all of you. You have all helped me get to where I am today. Thank you to all of my teachers for never giving up on me when I was struggling and wanted to give up myself. All of you were always there for me to help me figure out how to fix what I was doing wrong and help me be the best dancer I can be. I wouldn't have been able to push through some of the stuff we learned if it weren't for you.



Julia Vattes
Dancing 15 years

I've had so many amazing opportunities here. I was able to take classes and dance with former Rockettes, and Broadway dancers. I don't think I'll ever forget the day I was taking a class with Jody Reynard and he picked me to do the combination we learned with him. I remember how scared I was, and then when the music started all of that fear disappeared. That's what dancing has always been for me. I could be going through something outside of the studio and not know how to get through it, but the second the music starts for class that all fades away.

Although I'm excited for my next journey, I'm going to miss it here. It's my home away from home. The place I always look forward to coming to. I'll miss my dance family. All of the laughter, tears, hugs, good and bad days. I'm so thankful for all of the memories and everyone who was a part of my dance journey. I wouldn't change a thing. ~Julia <3

9:30 AM Performance

I Want To Be A Rockette

Isabella Beaupre, Lyla Bernard, Natalie Cavedon, Aubrey Duquette, Olivia Shea, Ella Struth

Wake Me Up Before You Go Go

Lacy Chiras, Sophia Jamrog, Raina Johnson, Gwenivere Cavanaugh, Alana Behm, Agoritsa Dejesus, Laila Podzic, Katherine Grandmaison, Laylama Caldejon

Rockin Robin

Autumn Aubuchont, Juliana Holt, Sicily Moscone, Jaelyn Vendrell, Zoe Jones, Nova Odongo, Elizabeth Barnard

Shake A Tail Feather

Paityn Lally, Lyla Bourque, Eisleigh Major, Olivia Beaudry, Sadie Burgess, Noa Ross

Sleeping Beauty

Josalyn Johnson, Renah Al-Jarah, Yaretzi Rivas, Alexis Rogers, Lila Twarog, Cleighianna Caldejon

Swan Lake

Autumn Aubuchont, Lacy Chiras, Elliana Torno, Nova Odongo, Majorie Knight, Alana Behm, Caelyn Jennerjohn

Run It Back Again

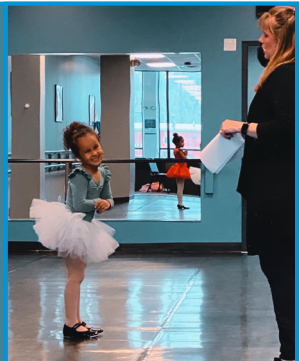
Lyla Bernard, Aubrey Duquette, Kayleigh Young, Audriannah Dunn, Brianna Zurek

Come Join The Fun!

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2022-23 Season

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Registration and class schedule information can be found under the forms tab!



11:30 AM Performance

I Just Want To Be Happy

(The Lab Intermediate 1- Choreography by Michelle Tolson)

Natalie Cavedon, Aubrey Duquette, Alison Martin, Kayleigh Young, Audriannah Dunn, Lyla Bernard, Olivia Shea, Payton Duquette, Brianna Zurek, Chloe Jennerjohn

Rockin Robin

Lana Ercha, Mila Williams, Yaana Variava, Genevieve Gardner, Nova Fredriksen, Leila Box

Can You Feel It

Brooke Marquis, Isabella Beaupre, Alison Martin, Ezekiel Rivera, Aubrey Duquette, Renah Al-Jarah, Alexis Rogers, Gracelyn Seavey

Boogie Shoes

Lyla Bernard, Natalie Cavedon, Payton Duquette, Josie Gibson, Olivia Shea, Isabella Tonge, Kayleigh Young

Hot Chocolate

Skylar Aubuchont, Riley Hallett, Elaina Lee, Caelyn Jennerjohn, Ailah Houle, Elaina Rivard

Swan Lake

Greer Howard, Kalysta Hill, Jaelyn Vendrell, Gwenivere Cavanaugh, Jasslyn Feeley

Sugar Plum Fairy

Brooke Marquis, Leila Box

Let's Hear It For The Boy

Jacob Barrasso, Sonny Barrasso, Lyla Bernard, Natalie Cavedon, Payton Duquette, Alison Martin, Melanie Martin, Olivia Shea, Chloe Jennerjohn, Madeline Bisset, Skylar Aubuchont, Zoe Jones



Dance





Camps



4:00 PM Performance

The Greatest Showman Mini Musical

Bella Andersen, Ava Bickford, Rylie DesRochers, Bree Ducharme, Molly Hewett, Caleigh Kelly, Aiyana Lones, Leah Morgan, Katie Otto, Ariya Schwartz, Ava Sampson, Emily Bettencourt, Sam Baril, Emma Berkeley, Sarah Bradley, Reece DesRochers, Lexie DeFreitas, Jayla Field, Sladjana Grgic, Julianna Gekas, Alyssa McCarthy, Rachel Otto, Sarah Stalker, Elizabeth Stalker, Anna Steele, Julia Vattes, Hana Suljevic, Jaylyn Pelletie, Sophie Basbas, Kenlee Caswell, Tori Chiras, Bayley Duquette, Ava Gallinaro, Molly Goodman, Kailee Lovell, Ella Struth, Sam Ellsworth

Good To Be Alive

Terri Byerly, Christina Bator, Christine Beauvais, Karen McGauley, Pam Moll, Karen Tebbenhoff, Heather Laroque

Frozen (Granite State Dance Center Company)

Rylie DesRochers, Abby Dopfer, Sara Durfee, Natalie Cavedon, Titi Latinwo, Molly Goodman, Kailee Lovell, Bella Andersen, Chloe JennerJohn, Olivia Shea, Emily Bettencourt, Julia Vattes, Alyssa McCarthy, Rachel Otto, Sladjana Grgic, Sarah Bradley, Ava Sampson, Emma Berkeley, BellaMae Stanley, Tori Chiras, Sam Ellsworth

Firework

Mariah Howard, Emma Tappin, Molly Tappin

Light That Fire

Melaina Brown, Kenlee Caswell, Tori Chiras, Sam Ellsworth, Sladjana Grgic, Emme Hunt, Kailee Lovell, Katie Otto, Ava Sampson, Bayley Duquette, Andreea Pascu

Disney Remixed!

Sam Baril, Sarah Bradley, Reece DesRochers, Paige Helmig, Emma Berkeley, Julia Vattes

Puttin On The Ritz

Ava Bickford, Bree Ducharme, Lexie DeFreitas, Sam Ellsworth, Sladjana Grgic, Julianna Gekas, Alyssa McCarthy, Rachel Otto, Jaylyn Pelletier, Sarah Stalker, Elizabeth Stalker

4:00 PM Performance Cont.

I Got You (I Feel Good)

Sophie Basbas, Kenlee Caswell, Tori Chiras, Bayley Duquette, Ava Gallinaro, Molly Goodman, Kailee Lovell, Ella Struth

Invisible

Emma Berkeley, Sarah Bradley, Lexie Defreitas, Sladjana Grgic, Alyssa McCarthy, Rachel Otto, Ava Sampson, BellaMae Stanley, Julia Vattes

Here Comes the Sun

Sam Ellsworth, Lyla Bernard, Natalie Cavedon, Molly Goodman, Isabella Tonge, Chloe Jennerjohn, Cambria Houle, Titi Latinwo, Olivia Shea

Black and Gold (The Lab - Choreographed by Michelle Tolson)

Emma Berkeley, Sladjana Grgic, Elizabeth Stalker, Julia Vattes, Alyssa McCarthy, Bella Andersen, Ava Sampson, BellaMae Stanley, Sarah Bradley

I'm Free (The Lab - Choreography By Michelle Tolson)

Kailee Lovell, Molly Hewett, Sam Ellsworth, Kenlee Caswell, Caleigh Kelly, Aiyana Lones, Bayley Duquette, Molly Goodman, Sarah Stalker, Sophie Basbas

Awoo

Emily Bell, Alyssa McCarthy, BellaMae Stanley, Zachary Bell

Let's Groove

Bella Andersen, Ava Bickford, Rylie DesRochers, Bree Ducharme, Molly Hewett, Caleigh Kelly, Aiyana Lones, Leah Morgan, Katie Otto, Ariya Schwartz, Ava Sampson, Emily Bettencourt

Don't Give Up On Me

Molly Goodman, Daisy Vazquez, Molly Tappin, Emma Tappin

Test Drive

Bella Andersen, Ava Bickford, Kenlee Caswell, Tori Chiras, Natalie Cavedon, Kailee Lovell, Melaina Brown, Emily Bell, Bree Ducharme, Sam Ellsworth

4:00 PM Performance Cont.

INTERMISSION – 15 Minutes

Symphony

Bella Andersen, Tori Chiras, Rylie DesRochers, Bayley Duquette, Kailee Lovell, Ava Sampson, Emily Bettencourt, Emma Berkeley, Sarah Bradley, Lexie DeFreitas, Sladjana Grgic, Alyssa McCarthy, Rachel Otto, Ava Sampson, BellaMae Stanley, Julia Vattes

I Hope You Dance

Melaina Brown, Abby Dopfer, Sara Durfee, Molly Hewett, Cali Allen

Cosmic Love

Tori Chiras, Bayley Duquette, Caleigh Kelly, Alyssa McCarthy, Rachel Otto, Elizabeth Stalker, Ava Sampson

Thunderstruck

Emma Berkeley, Reece DesRochers, Jayla Field, Anna Steele, Hana Suljevic

Grease Remixed!

Bella Andersen, Brianna Beaupre, Kenlee Caswell, Tori Chiras, Bayley Duquette, Sam Ellsworth, Ava Gallinaro, Emme Hunt, Kailee Lovell, Katie Otto, Ava Sampson

Madness

Sarah Bradley, Tori Chiras, Gillian Hunt, Alyssa McCarthy, Elizabeth Stalker, BellaMae Stanley, Julia Vattes

Sailing (The Lab - Choreography by Michelle Tolson)

Kailee Lovell, Molly Hewett, Sam Ellsworth, Kenlee Caswell, Caleigh Kelly, Aiyana Lones, Bayley Duquette, Molly Goodman, Sarah Stalker, Sophie Basbas

You Will Be Found (The Lab - Choreographed by Michelle Tolson)

Emma Berkeley, Sladjana Grgic, Elizabeth Stalker, Julia Vattes, Alyssa McCarthy, Bella Andersen, Ava Sampson, BellaMae Stanley, Sarah Bradley

4:00 PM Performance Cont.

Ladies Night

Christine Beauvas, Karen McGauley, Pam Moll, Karen Tebbenhoff, Allison Jacques

Dog Days Are Over

Emma Berkeley, Bayley Duquette, Sam Ellsworth, Sladjana Grgic, Alyssa McCarthy, Rachel Otto, BellaMae Stanley, Julia Vattes

Higher

Bella Andersen, Zachary Bell, Emily Bell, Brianna Beaupre, Andreea Pascu, Mackenzie Chapman

Shatter Me

Sam Baril, Sarah Bradley, Gillian Hunt, Alyssa McCarthy, Elizabeth Stalker, BellaMae Stanley, Julia Vattes

Part of Your World

Bella Andersen, Tori Chiras, Riley DesRochers, Bayley Duquette, Kailee Lovell, Emily Bettencourt, Ava Sampson

Together Again (2022 Seniors)

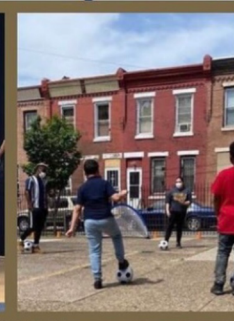
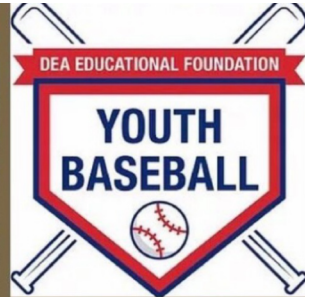
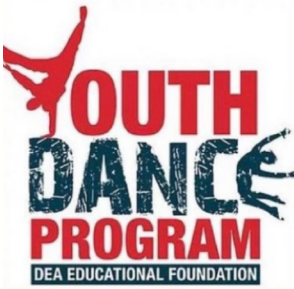
Julia Vattes, Elizabeth Stalker, Sam Baril, Anna Steele, Reece Desrochers, Gillina Hunt, Sarah Bradley, Hana Suljevic



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RECYCLED PERCUSSION





SUNDAYS AT THE DANCE CENTER

We are committed to expanding the education of our dancers by offering specialized classes taught by industry experts.

Dates:

January 15
February 19
March 19
April 16
May 21

Dates subject to change due to bad weather, etc.

Times/Cost:

Lab 1 - 9:00-10:30 \$40
PreTeen Tap Intensive - 10:30-11:30 \$30
Teen Tap Jam - 11:30 - 12:30 \$30
Lab 2 - 12:30 - 3:00 \$60

Payment due on the day of each class, payments still due if absent.

Class Descriptions:

PreTeen Tap Intensive

A deep dive into tap technique, rhythms and choreography. This class will challenge the dancers while working on picking up choreography quickly and musicality.

Teen Tap Jam

A fun class focused on both rhythm and Broadway tap. Combos will challenge the dancers with musicality and style.

The Lab

A five week course designed to introduce dancers to concepts of choreography in both jazz and lyrical/contemporary styles. This course also works on choreography and technique skill sets as well as team work and creativity.

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