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A NOTE FROM

Happy Recital Day...the most exciting day of the dance season! Years ago, our family "adopted" the saying "Be the Light". In fact, my husband wrote a book about it. Not only is it important

for dancers to "Shine" onstage, but carrying that same presence out into the world is one of the things I like to instill in my students. In class, we've been focussing on those "stage smiles" and carrying that bright light into their everyday lives.

#### My first love is **DANCE!**

Growing up, I loved dance class. I started when I was 2 1/2 years old and never stopped. Dance has allowed me to travel all over the world. It's allowed me to meet so many fabulous people I wouldn't have otherwise met (including my husband). It allowed me to perform onstage nightly for 17 years. And it led me to all of YOU. I sooooo love teaching your children, and when you think about it, it's all because of that very first dance class. Who knows where dance will lead your dancer? It may be his or her passion, like it is mine...or it may be a temporary bridge to another passion. Either way, I'm grateful to have them in class and to be a small part of their journey!

Congrats Dancers...on a job well done this dance season. You should be so very proud of yourselves. Ms. Lydia, Ms. Hailey and I certainly are!

Now Go Shinell

wner & instructor

ennifer Ross

# TEACHER SPOTLIGHT



#### **JENNIFER ROSS ★** Owner, Director & Instructor

lennifer Ross is Owner & Director of Let's Dance! She started dancing at her Grandmother's studio, in Ottawa, Canada at the age of 3. She studied Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Modern & Musical Theatre and continued her studies in the Theatre-Dance program at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada. After college, Jennifer began her career teaching Creative Movement, Ballet, Jazz and Modern in Toronto before deciding to pursue a professional career onstage. She performed in Dinner Theaters in Toronto and Tokyo Japan which led to featured roles on Celebrity and Holland America Cruise Lines. In addition, she performed in Reno, Lake Tahoe, Laughlin and eventually ended up settling in Las Vegas for a 10 year stretch as a Principal Dancer on the famous Las Vegas strip. Jennifer was Company Manager and Dance Captain and was thrilled to work with award winning choreographers such as Anita Mann, Cris Judd, Tiger Martina & Eddie Garcia. While working in Las Vegas, she also had the opportunity to choreograph for many charity and corporate events. After thoroughly enjoying every moment of her 15+ years onstage, lennifer returned to her love of teaching dance to children of all ages. She has since been teaching for 12 years and is excited to bring her performing and teaching experience into her curriculum. lennifer is passionate about working with children and sharing her love of dance with her students.



#### LYDIA ¥ Instructor

Ms. Lydia, originally from Puerto Rico, has been dancing for as long as she can remember! Growing up, she she studied Ballet, Jazz and Theater. While in Puerto Rico, she owned a dance studio for 10 years and taught all forms of dance, with Hip Hop and Latin Rhythms being her absolute favorite to teach. Besides being a dance teacher for both kids and adults, she is a Zumba and Zumba Kids instructor. She truly enjoys teaching, being creative and watching her students grow to be more confident and amazing dancers in their own way! Lydia has an 11 year old son who recently started middle school. She and her son love being a part of the Horizon West community!

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#### **HalleY** ¥ Instructor

Ms. Hailey started dancing at the age of three, focusing primarily on Ballet and eventually adding Jazz, Lyrical and Musical Theater into the mix. She trained at Dancing Images Dance Center in Moreno Valley California, and at the Murreita Dance Project. Hailey competed in many dance competitions all over Southern California and Nevada. Her teaching career began in 2017 where she taught Jazz, Contemporary, Ballet, Pointe, Cheer and Acro. She's proud that her teaching and coaching has led to many first and second place overall wins! In 2023, Ms. Hailey moved to Florida to participate in the Disney College Program where she worked at the Yacht and Beach Club. Since settling in, she's now super excited to dive back into the world of teaching dance, as it's one of her true passions!



#### MS. **2SHLYN** ★ Teaching Assistant

Ms. Ashlyn started dancing in New Jersey when she was three. After moving to Winter Garden, she continued taking Ballet and Jazz with Ms. Jennifer and developed a true love for the stage! She also loves working with children, so when given the opportunity to assist with the Princess Ballerina class at Waterleigh, she eagerly accepted and has done an amazing job with the dancers! In the Fall of 2023, she was cast as Charlie in the production of Willy Wonka Jr. Since developing the "theater bug", Ashlyn plans to pursue more theater, where she'll have an opportunity to act, sing and dance!



#### Hip Hop 2 - Waterleigh

Pilar Actis, Sophia Bektas, Ava Boyt, Ana Victoria Cardenas-Gibbs, Amelia Gonzalez, Julianna Herrera, Valentina Ochoa, Giuliana Rodriguez, Amber Torres, Reese Wochholz

#### **BALLERINA GETS FUNKY**

Princess Ballerina - Waterleigh

Holland Emery, Lily Gonzalez, Selah Johnson, Antonia Rodriguez, Arabella Sanchez, Dacey Smith, Darcy Smith, Hadleigh Stiefeld

#### ONE KISS

Jazz/Hip Hop 1 - WSE

Isabelle Capello, Joana Coe dos Santos Vallado, Noa Nicole Contreras, Ajaha Davis, Melissa De Souza Vaz, Iris Deng, Anna Djuro, Maria Valentina Eccard, Lia Lantigua, Isabella Murature, Melissa Neto, Aiyla Qureshi

#### SHAKE IT OFF

Jazz/Hip Hop 2 - WSE

Rayssa Ferro, Maya Guerra, Anna Judd, Ara Lantigua, Isabella Lentini Fogo, Anahi Patel, Kayla Peterson, Layla Peterson, Sophia Sussman, Victoria Vasquez

#### I ENJOY BEING A GIRL

5/6 Ballet/Tap Combo - Watermark

Vanessa Barch, Victoria Borbon, Antonella Dudus, Liliana Kissam, Lilianna Mann, Lyla McCracken, Brynn Miller, Carina Persaud, Taylor Reed, Ellie Schrimsher

#### PINK BALLOON

5/7 Ballet/Jazz Combo - Waterleigh

Lauren Blackard, Everly Colangelo, Charlotte Cole, Luna De Silva, April Fortuna, Maddy Hasenfang, Madelyn Kirkpatrick, Emma Lennon, Londyn McIntosh, Nora Messenger, Skylar Robinson, Kylie White

#### **LET'S GET LOUD**

8/10 Ballet/Jazz Combo - Watermark

Mary Briggs, Ava Hackney, Alexis Hidle, Kaia Lebled, Ava Persaud, Kennedy Reed, Curie Yuhasz

#### MIX IT UP!

Hip Hop 1 - Waterleigh

Cora Allen, Alyce Amorim, Wrena Angle, Lorena Bergamin Ribas, Luna Borjas, Grayson Nazarian, Nicholas Preciado, Victoria Silva, Jahnita Vanegas, Zoe Wochholz



#### PINK CADILLAC

8/10 Ballet/Jazz Combo - Waterleigh

Sophia Bektas, Rayssa Ferro, Eloise Kellough, Sofia Liao, Kourtney Messenger, Iuliette Mojica, Rachel Probst, Dagny Smith, Sadie Tennant, Madison Yard

#### **ROCK STAR!**

3/4 Ballet/Tap Combo - Watermark

Isla Brennan, Cecilia Briggs, Stella Dudus, Aislinn Griffith, Charlotte Harris, Skyler Ray, Lina Vazquez

#### RETTER WHEN I'M DANCING

lazz/Hip Hop 2 - PLE

Sofia Alieva, Madeline Artis, Audrey Betz, Ornella Bissoli, Everly Einhorn, Brenda Hermes Bastos, Nora Johnson, Rose Pereira, Sarah Pereira, Penelope Quinones Ortiz, Aria Rascoe, Poppy Siggard, Emili Ushanly

#### **ICE CREAM FREEZE**

Jazz/Hip Hop 1 - PLE

Breanna Alesiano, Emily Bauer, Victoria Borbon, Olivia Cabral, Eliana Cavalcanti, Lidia Garcia, Emilia Hmielewski, Isabella Mendez, McKenna Mills, Zoe Pinnelli, Isla Torres

#### THE BALLERINA

7/8 Ballet/Jazz Combo - Watermark

Maria Clara Amm, Reese Brennan, Skyler Buchynski, Hailey Griffith, Riley Harrison, Giovanna Lima, Brooklynn Nunez, Addison Potter, Addilyn Winget

#### I Want you "Bach"

8/10 Ballet/Jazz Combo - Watermark

Gia Ballone, Zoey Fabijanic, Lexi Peñate, Kallie Sapienza, Kenzie Sapienza, Cora Smith

#### Barbie's best day!

Jazz/Hip Hip 1 - WSE

Sophie Costa, Ajaha Davis, Gianna Demelo, Penelope Estep, Addison Houston, Aliyah Mejias, Daniela Reis, Kyra Salvador, Harper Stinson, Luiza Szuch Correa Pina, Lily Turner, Kristen Vielma, Faye Wane



Great job **Brynn**! So proud of you! Love Mom, Dad, Ava & Easton

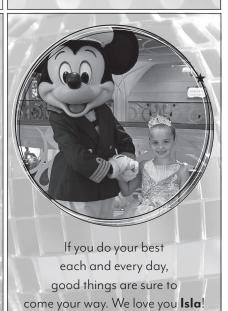


Keep dancing sweet girl!!
Stay strong, sweet and sassy.
We are so proud of you

Sophia!



Maddy, We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, and Albert



Mom. Dad & Ethan



McKenna we are so proud of you!
You are a talented and amazing girl!



We're so proud of you,

Liliana,

our little star!

Keep shining bright!



We are so proud of you
Sophia!
Love, Mommy, Daddy
& Jayden



We are so proud of you,
Faye!
Love, Mom, Dad, and
Callie



Audrey, Keep Sparkling! - Love, Mom, Dad, & Sissy



**Kayla**,
You are awesome!!!
You made it with flying colors.
Keeping soaring for greatness!!



You are awesome!!!
You made it with flying colors.
Keeping soaring for greatness!!

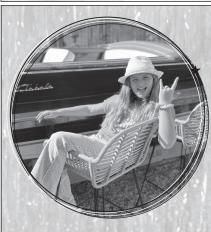




Breanna and Olivia, keep shining bright! We love you both so much!



Way to go **Lyla**! We are so proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom, Maximus, Kyson, and Zeke



**Pili**, You are amazing, kind, and a great dancer. We love you!



You are our sassy little star and we couldn't be more proud! Keep Shining! Love, Mom, Dad, Emma & Penny



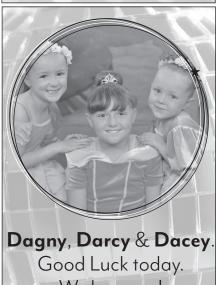
Congratulations "Miss Ashlyn"! We are so proud! Love, Daddy, Mommy, and Lauren



We are so very proud of you Aiyla! Keep Dancing!!! - Love your family!



Shine bright, Lauren! We are so proud! Love, Daddy, Mommy, and Ashlyn



We love you! Mom & Dad



Congratulations **Kylie**! Another sparkling year complete.

- Love, Mom and Dad



Keep shinning

Ara & Lia.

Love Mom and Dad

#### THIS YEAR'S 5 YEAR TROPHY RECIPIENTS...

Sophia Bektas, Gia Ballone, Leah Dykstra, Madelyn Kirkpatrick, Ava Persaud, Addison Potter, Kallie Sapienza, Kenzie Sapienza, Addilyn Winget

#### FORMER 5 YEAR TROPHY RECIPIENTS...

Mary Briggs, Zoey Fabijanic, Hailey Griffith, Kaia Lebled, Lexi Peñate, Jazmine Ross

#### Cora Smith -

We are so proud
of you Cora!
You have worked
so hard all year.
Have fun on
the big stage.
You will shine bright!
Love, Mom, Dad,
Donnie, William &

#### Aria Rascoe -

You inspire us everyday
with your curiosity,
kindness, and talents.
Keep being you, **Aria**.
You shine bright
like a star.
Love you!
Mommy & Daddy

#### Luiza -

Keep reaching
for the stars, Luiza,
because you are
destined for
greatness.
We couldn't be
prouder of you.
With all our love,
Mom, Dad, and Felipe

#### Lexi Peñate -

You continue to amaze us with your talent, dedication, and passion for dance. Keep shining and keep believing in yourself. Keep inspiring us with your beautiful performances.

Love, Mom, Dad, Jayden, & Chase

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PLE - Ms. Shaw, Ms. Singer & Ms. Xenias

My Amazing Instructors - Ms. Lydia & Ms. Hailey

Teaching Assistant (Waterleigh) - Ms. Ashlyn

All Around Awesome Assistant - Jazmine Ross

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Backstage Volunteer Leader - Shannon Peikert

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Waterleigh - Registration NOW OPEN
Watermark - Registration NOW OPEN
Elementary Schools - July

- Enrollment for Watermark and Waterleigh is NOW OPEN for currently enrolled families! Registration will open to ALL in June.
- For WSE and PLE, an email will be sent out to currently enrolled families for priority registration, once enrollment opens in July.

  Registration will open to ALL in August.

FOR MORE UPDATES, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT: WWW.LETSDANCEKIDZ.COM/REGISTRATION

# **★** CONGRATULATIONS ★

on a job well done!

You rocked it!!!

Congratulations to all the Let's Dance Dancers! I am so excited to see you Turn it Up on the stage!

from

Melissa Griffith
Mom to Aislinn & Hailey
&
Local Travel Planner

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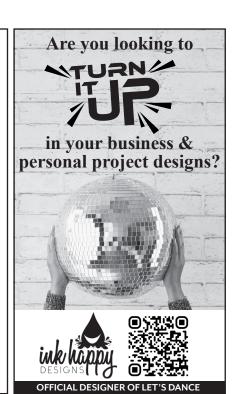
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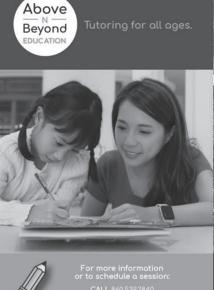
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