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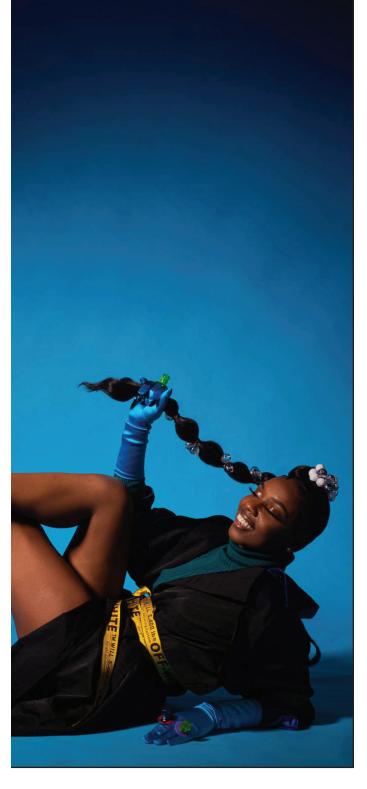


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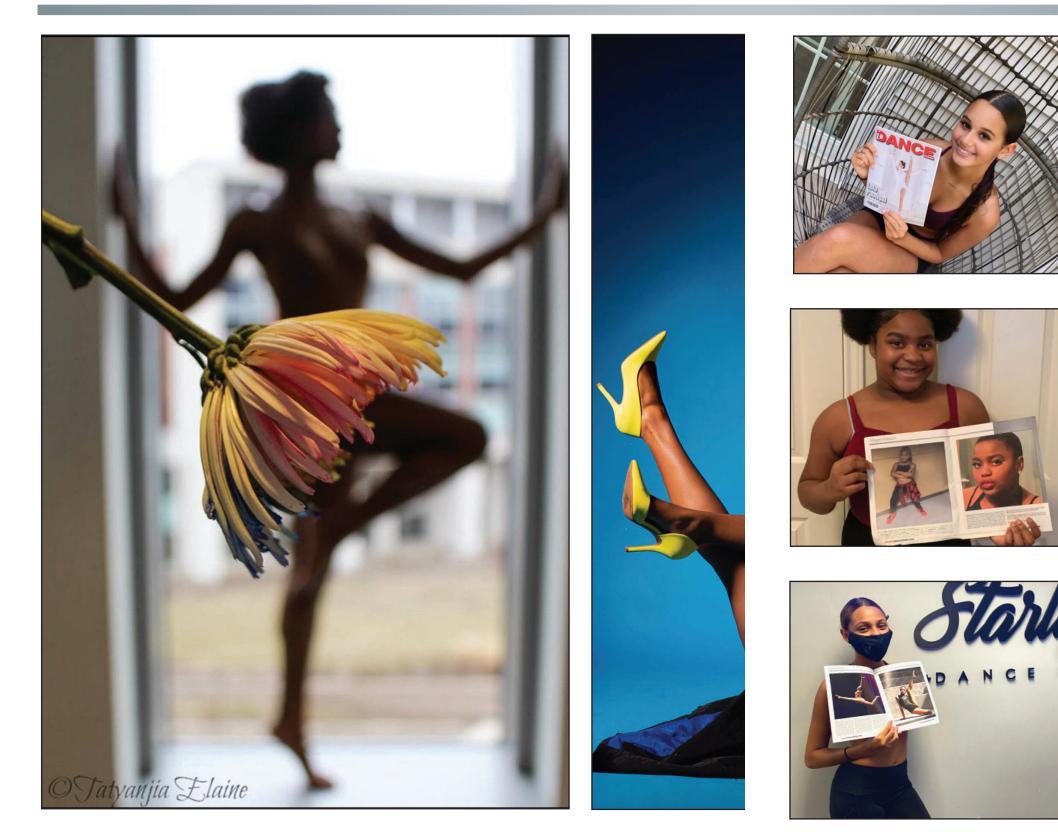




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# VaJaun "Vae" Savage





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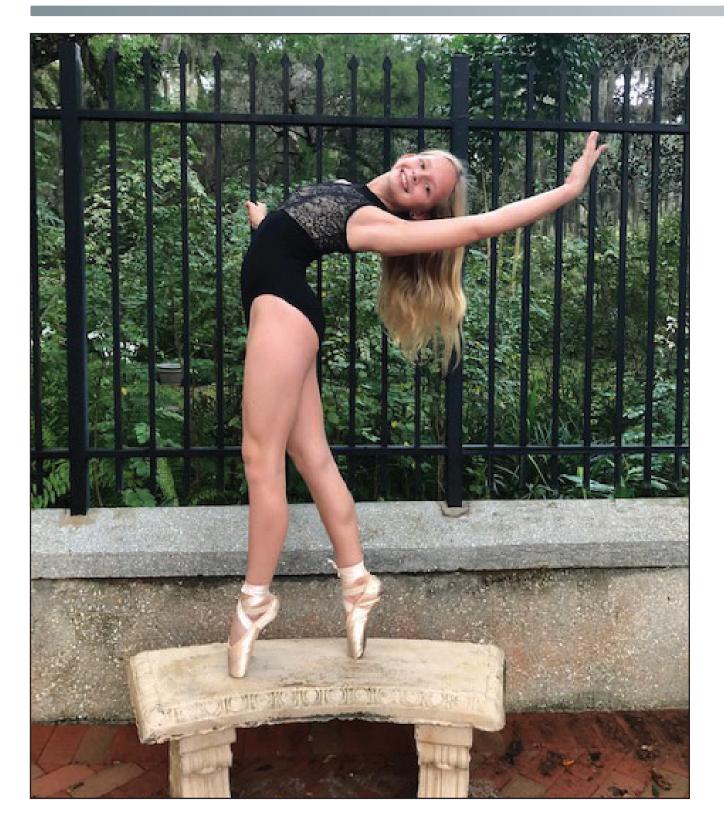




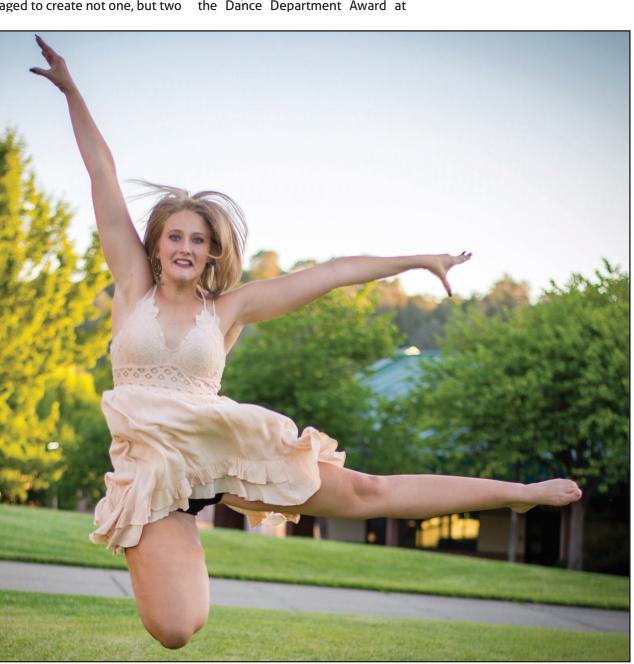


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periods of time on her leg to being able to walk independently by the beginning of June. Dying to get back to what she loved, her physical therapist told her she should be able to fully dance by the end of August. But Taryn, being headstrong and determined to dance sooner, managed to create not one, but two



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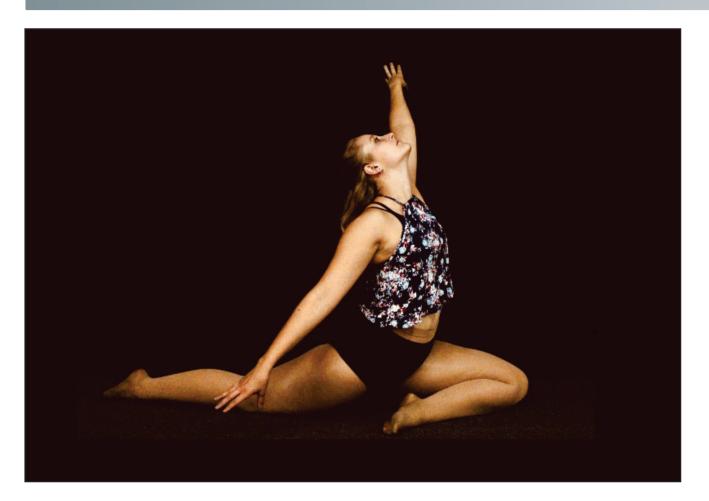
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### Taryn Radtke



Taryn Radtke is 18 years old and months and still had two months surgery was scheduled for February has been dancing for over 10. She of recovery time left after the cast 19th, the day before Taryn's 18th has been dancing for over 10. She started off doing Hip-hip and fell was taken off to regain the lost of birthday. She ended up needing six sutures to fix her tore meniscus, yet was fully recovered, the spring she went back to school a mere 5 contemporary, modern and tap. She has worked really hard and has tried not to let anything stop her. However this past year, Taryn has had to over come many things. Right before her senior year, Taryn took a fall and broke her left foot. She was taking three dance classes at a studio and had been signed up to take a dance class during the fall term at her high school. But even with a broken foot, she became the teacher's aide for the dance class, and the left leg and was going to need surgery. This surgery not only quarantine period, Taryn attended choreographing dances for the dance production later that term, despite the fact she was unable to dance. Taryn was in a cast for four for a performing arts college. The from one crutch and intermediate

term at her school was starting and days after her surgery on crutches Taryn signed up for the musical at still in her knee stabilizer. Though her high school. But about a month severely injured and unable to into working on the musical, while even put pressure on her leg in at practice, she was dancing and her any capacity, Taryn still attended left leg locked up. She was rushed to practices for the musical and helped the emergency room that same day, wherever she could, never giving and was given a knee stabilizer and up. She helped with the musical scheduled for a MRI that following right up until it was cancelled due week. Within a day of her MRI, Taryn the COVID-19 outbreak, while also prevented her from participating in the musical, but also forced her to therapy once quarantine was lifted. cancel an audition she had in May She worked through the pain to get

virtual therapy then physical



in school, she can be found at the nature, to helping to earn the as she can.

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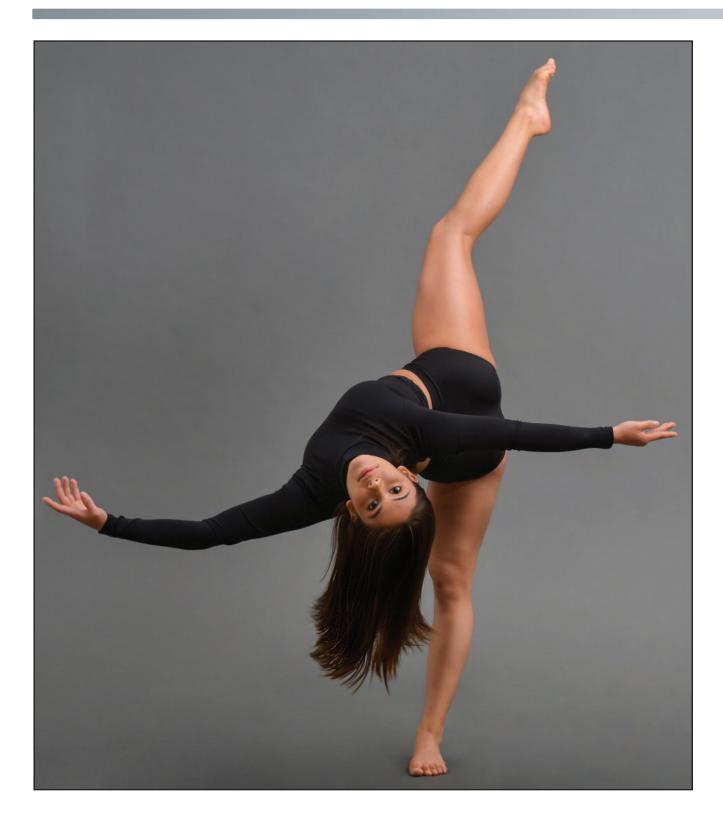


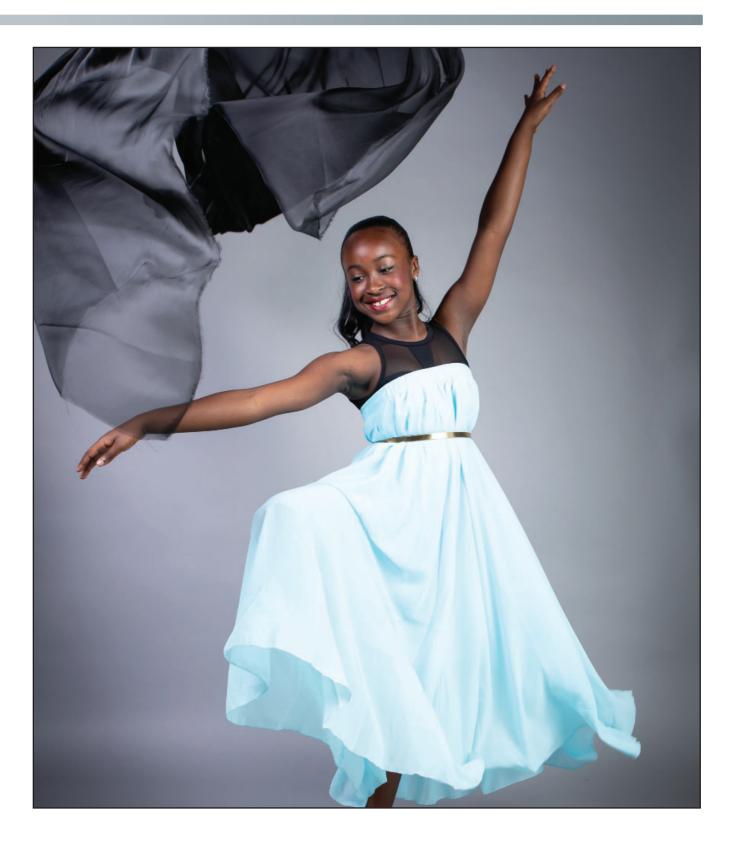
Ally is 11, and enjoys school and studio. She enjoys being in stage sportsmanship award with her dance. She recently graduated and is a competitive dancer, team. Her aspiration is to become 5th grade with the Presidents earning awards from mentorship a Veterinarian when she grows award for her grades. When not programs for her positive & kind up, and continue dancing as long





# Alyssa Foglia





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### Shmya Tolbert

Shmya has been dancing since the age of six. She is both a strong and graceful dancer with exceptional talent that transcends beyond her 13 years. She is a powerhouse on the floor and her leaps seem to defy gravity. Her strength and control are remarkable and she is amazing to watch on stage.

Her favorite genre is lyrical and hiphop, however, her involvement in dance extends beyond her ballet studio. She is on her school's



cheer team and is always involved in additional dance opportunities, such as, the NFL 49er's Junior Gold Rush cheering team and intensive classes and workshops at dance studios such as Lines Ballet in San Francisco, under Director, Alonzo King

Shmya is smart on and off the dance floor. She is a high-achieving student and takes advanced academic classes. She hopes to one day dance with the Alvin Ailey Dance Theater and inspire others to dance. She would like to become a professional Broadway dancer.

Shmva is an advanced level dancer at her studio, Academy of Performing Arts of Tracy, Ca., under Director Deborah Skinner. She is a regular in their annual productions of The Nutcracker and Alice In Wonderland, where she has held several main roles. As a member of her studios Competitive Dance Team, Shmya has participated in many dance competitions in both group and individual dances. She has received multiple awards and recognition, from various dance competitions, for her standoutperformances.Shehasreceived several Double Platinum, Platinum, Gold as well as 1st Overall, Highest Overall, Top Overall and Showmanship and National Competition Virtual Awards for her solo performances. She has also received several full ballet and full convention scholarships to various dance conventions. Most recently, Shmya has received the Heart of Gold Award through IDance4acure and is currently an IĎance4acure ambassador.

Shmya has a constant desire to perfect her technique. This sometimes, is accompanied by perfectionism and harsh self-critique. Reining in and finetuning this passion will definitely lead Shmya down her desired dance path.

You can see more of Shmya over at her Instagram page http://Instagram.com/shmya5

Elena K. Manzo Photography

Hello, my name is Alyssa, I live in West Palm Beach, FL and I have been and hiphop. My goal is to be a part dancers. The curriculum gives every dancing for 13 years. Growing up my passion for dance has only grown and gotten stronger. I have attended various art schools, competitions, and conventions within my thirteen years. I have trained in the styles Program in West Palm Beach, FL. This Photographer: Deone Wolin

when I am older.



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of a contemporary dance company

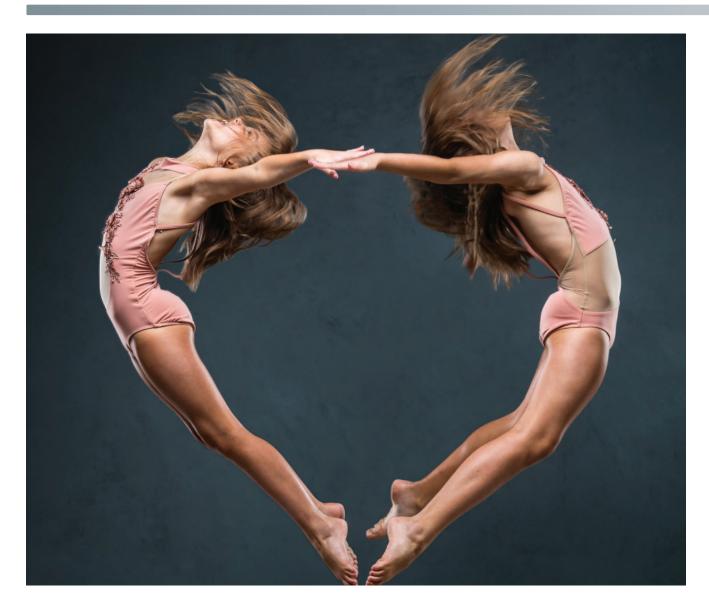
dancer a strong foundation while pushing them to succeed.

Achievements: I am a part of the Instagram: @dreyfoosdance Dreyfoos School of the Arts Dance



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As a company member Amelia has members. won more awards than fit on a wall.

She even has a shelf in her room Her favorite genre of dance is Covid19. to hold her title tiaras. She is the musical theater, which is fitting

Nine year old Amelia Lisowe's mother jokes that she has been dancing since she was in the womb. Even as a baby her legs were never still. She stepped into her first dance studio class at age 2. At age 5 she joined the Arkansas Dance Center Company team, and hasn't looked back since. As a company member Amelia has but unfortunately that production was over before it started due to





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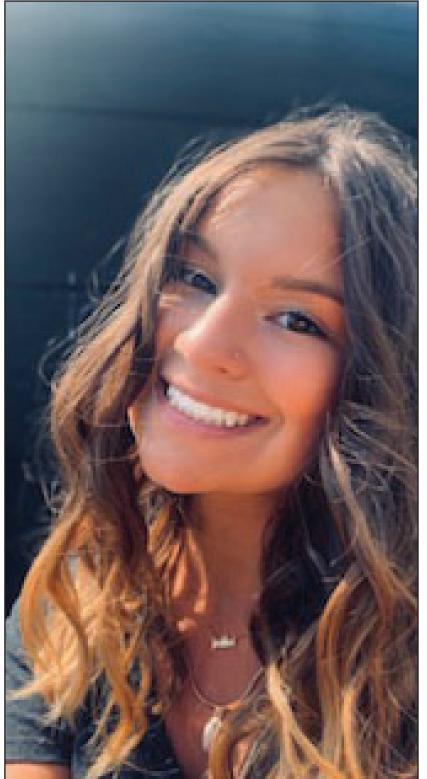
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### Shaylen Willis



Shaylen is a powerhouse. she has Shaylen is a powerhouse. she has dance since she was 5 and had only gone up from there. she's gone to conventions of all kinds, starting from Dance Makers all the way to Tremaine. Every class is a challenge for her due to her diagnosis in her left arm. ever since she was born, she's been diagnosed for brachial plexus and has never been able to completely straight her left arm do to perve damage causing left arm do to nerve damage, causing her to not use it as freely as her other her to not use it as freely as her other arm. It's a constant trouble with having to worry about it not looking the way she wants it, but she flaunts it better than anyone else l've seen! her technique and strength, along with her confidence and positive attitude are great examples of why I beliave she great examples of why I believe she could be a great dancer to use for your magazine!



One thing that has kept Amelia grounded during the Covid19 crisis has been dance. She has loved getting to take master classes from people like Twitch and Travis Wall from her living room. She has danced with the Rockettes and cast members of Disney Broadway shows. One of her weaknesses has been learning choreography quickly, so taking these types of classes from home has allowed her to improve that skillset. That will come in handy in the not too distant future







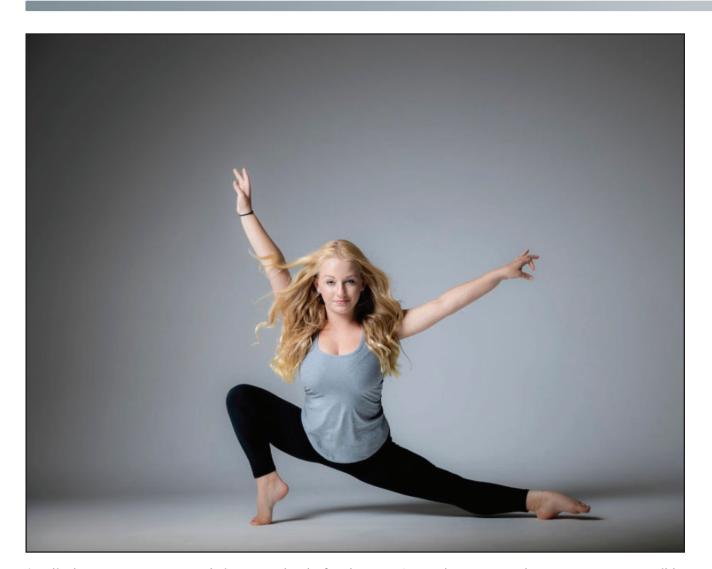




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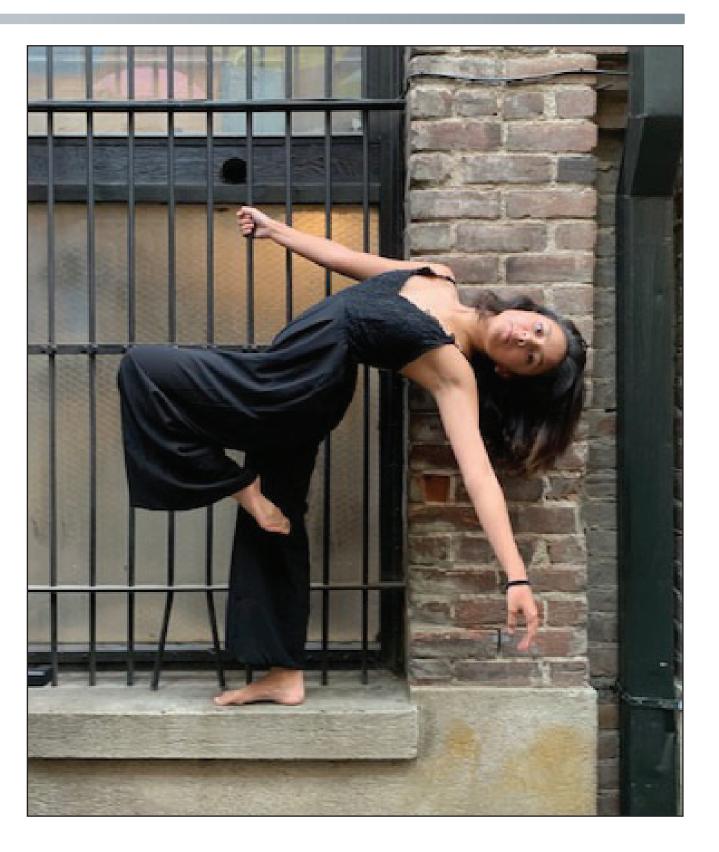
## Amelia McReynolds



Amelia has overcome so much in her time of dancing. She is 14 years old and fell in love with dance at the age of 8. She quickly went from just one class a week to 18 hours of dance a week in just a year and

physical therapy, massage therapy and chiropractic therapy. She never lost her desire to be back in the studio. Her heart was broken but of dance a week in just a year and a half. She has experienced some difficulties along the way. In 2018 she injured herself which resulted in a series of brakes in her foot. She broke her 5th metatarsal 3 times. It was a difficult recovery but she stayed positive through the entire process. In 2019 she injured her SI Joint and it pulled her out of dance

completely for the next 8 months. out to be as strong as possible. She worked on healing with Pilates, She will never take for granted her ability to do what she loves. Her joyful spirit and love for dance shine through to everyone she meets.



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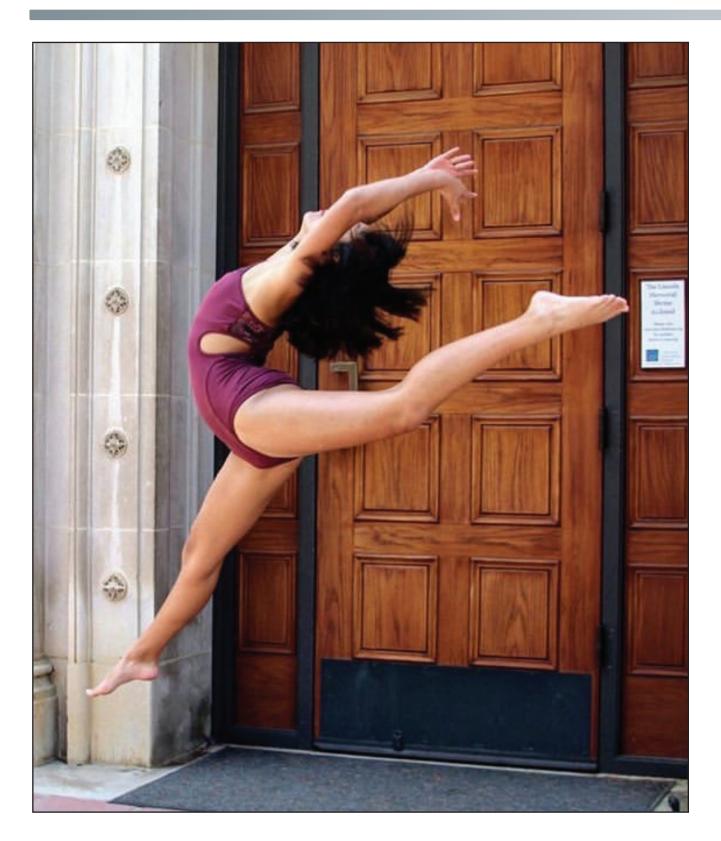




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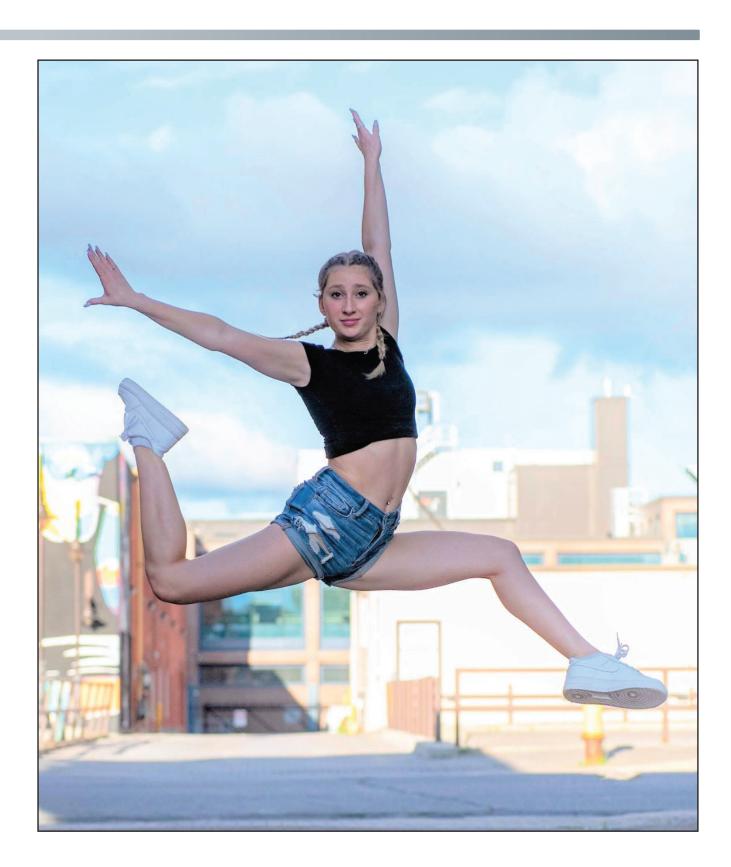
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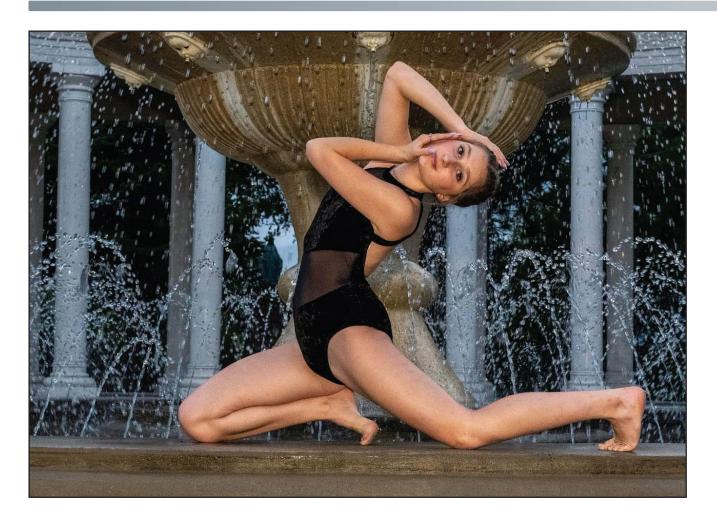


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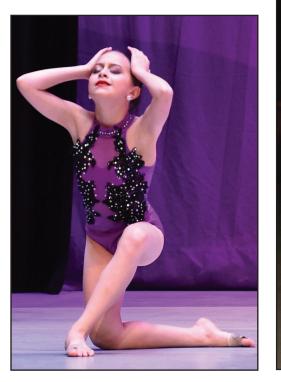
Hello dance world! I would like stage may cause me to run off but EVERYTHING. I should add I was to introduce myself to you. I'm Savannah Gaudette a small town girl from Warren Ontario. To say dance is my whole world would be an understatement. I was 4 when my mother put me into dance, not because I would dance around the living room to every single song that would play but because I was a very shy little girl with very little social skills and tons of anxiety. My mom felt trying something like dance may be a great outlet for me for to make friends and gain an extra boost of confidence before I would start school. She had no idea what she was really getting herself into. I cried in every dance have thought right? A place where thought dance but something class until recital. My mom thought I can leave everything I am feeling that br all the glimmer and lights of the in that moment or one song is hearts.

instead it sparked something else also not born with beautiful legs in me. The confidence she was hoping I would gain. We live an have trained and continue to try hour away from the closest studio to perfect my art and abilities. I but after a couple of years I decided I wanted more, to compete. A now Dynamic Room in Sudbury Ontario 6 year old with a dream of being on stage more then just at recital. Since then I practically live at the studio. Spending more then 20 hours a week there. Helping teach classes, being in several different group numbers as well as solos and I wouldn't give it up for anything. I am often given special awards for

or feet. Through out these years I and it is thanks to them believing in me that I continue to want to give dance competitions. All very high goals but I am a believer in doing what ever you set your mind to. that brings the upmost joy in your

My name is Ariana Monique Ramos and I am 11 yrs old. I live in Brownsville, Texas and I am in 6th grade. I have been dancing for almost 4 years. I am the third of four sisters. I live with my mom and dad. Music and dance have always been my passion. I have done voice, piano, and dance recitals since I was 3 years old. I've participated in school talent shows and a few friendly gymnastics competitions. I have always been a very happy person and not shy of being on stage nor behind a camera. I am currently a dancer at my middle school dance team and look forward to continue being a dancer thought my middle school years and also my high school years. I am also a member of my middle school choir group. I currently attend a dance studio where I am also a member of their competition dance team. I look forward into attending future dance competitions. Music and dance have always been a part of who I am.

Achievements: I have learned a lot from all of my teachers and I know I have a lot more to learn. I am very blessed that my family makes sacrifices for me to be able to do what I love and I thank them for that.



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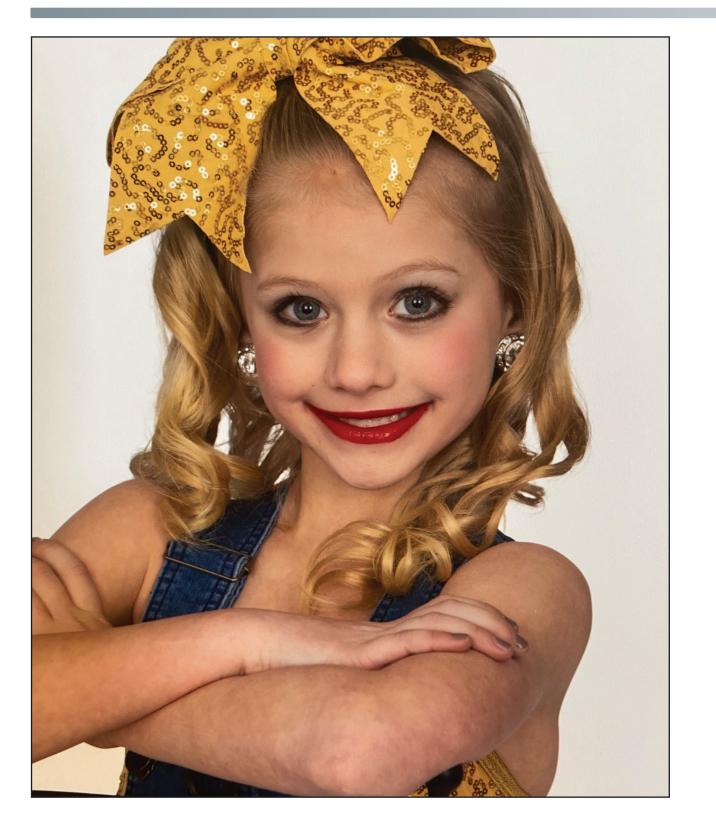


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## Audri Violet



Achievements: Paityn dances for Denville Dance Arts Center in Denville, NJ Their website is http://www.denvilledance.com/ and they have an Instagram and Facebook page. Throughout the



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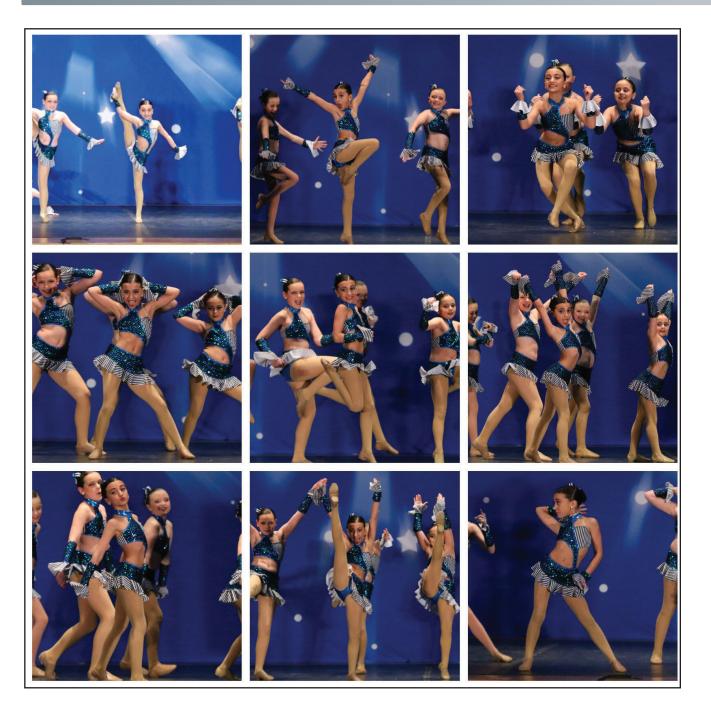


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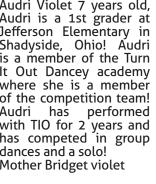


# Paityn Ruff

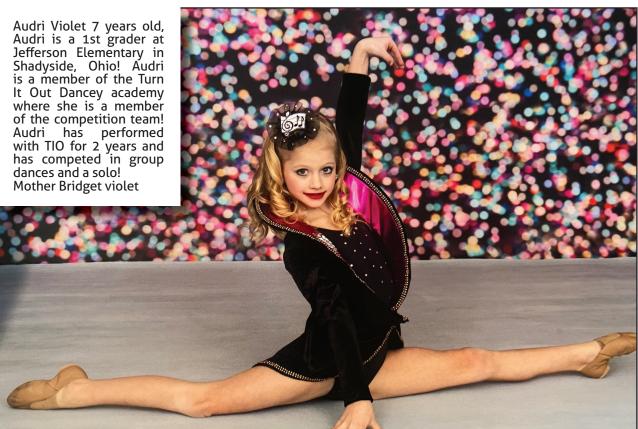


Paityn is 11 years old and is a competitive dancer. She suffers from multiple food allergies , which cause her lots of anxiety. When is letting herself go on the stage, it's the only time she truly doesn't think about them. Dance has helped her believe in herself and has helped her grow in so many ways. She has won many multiple first place overalls for many of her dances and continues to constantly push herself to do better.













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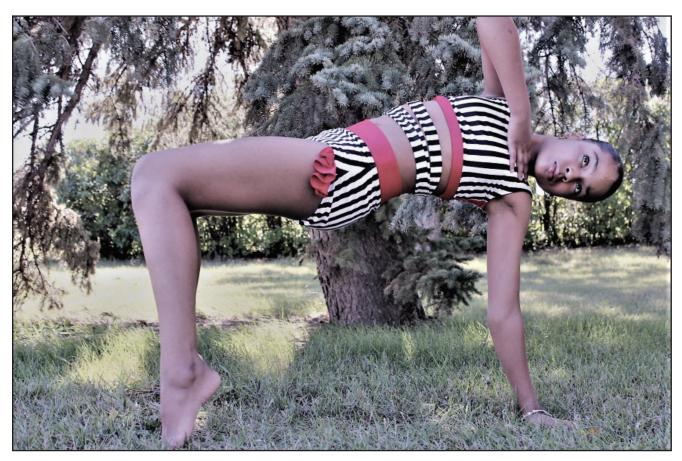
## Bridie Clark

training in Melbourne, Australia York City to follow her dream of life from recreational to in 1998. In 2008 Bridie was of performing in a broadway coaching competition dancers the youngest student to be show. Her dream came true for competitions like YAGP and accepted into the National Theatre Ballet School 3 year Roots Dance Company who sharing my experiences with Advanced Diploma Fulltime perform at multiple venues in the next generation, so they course at the age of 15. After New York City and promoted can learn from what I had to graduating in 2010 Bridie hung her to Principal Dancer and teach myself at 15 when I first up her pointe shoes and took up Senior Artist in 2018. Bridie started in the industry and still Musical Theater, performing in also performed as leading learn today. If you have the various productions in Australia soloist for the Colombian knowledge you should share such as 42nd Street, Cats, The Dance Company of New York. it." King and I and Sweeney Todd. In Bridie still performs in Shows 2014 dream came true winning and enjoys teaching and

Bridie started her dance a scholarship to study in New coaching dancers from all walks thanks to Sue Samuels' Jazz Prix de Lausanne. "I believe in







Nevaeh began dancing at the age of nine. I always had the hardest was all over the place, but she had time getting Nevaeh to commit karate. Nevaeh stood in class the do something she liked. Nevaeh whole time and would not commit. continued working in dance and We later tried other sports such as soccer, tennis & softball. I asked Nevaeh if she wanted to do dance and she said no. Of course, me being her mother I put her in it anyways! She would always twirl around in circles as a little child doing ballerina moves because her doing ballerina moves because her favorite movie was Barbie and the 12 dancing princesses. This movie was on repeat! So, I put Nevaeh show the teachers and owner that it in at Studio 89 Dance Company in Williston, ND where we live. 1 always laugh when I think about Nevaeh won her first scholarship Nevaeh in dance when she first her first year of dance at the Started. She was in ballet and hip 24/7 dance Convention for ballet



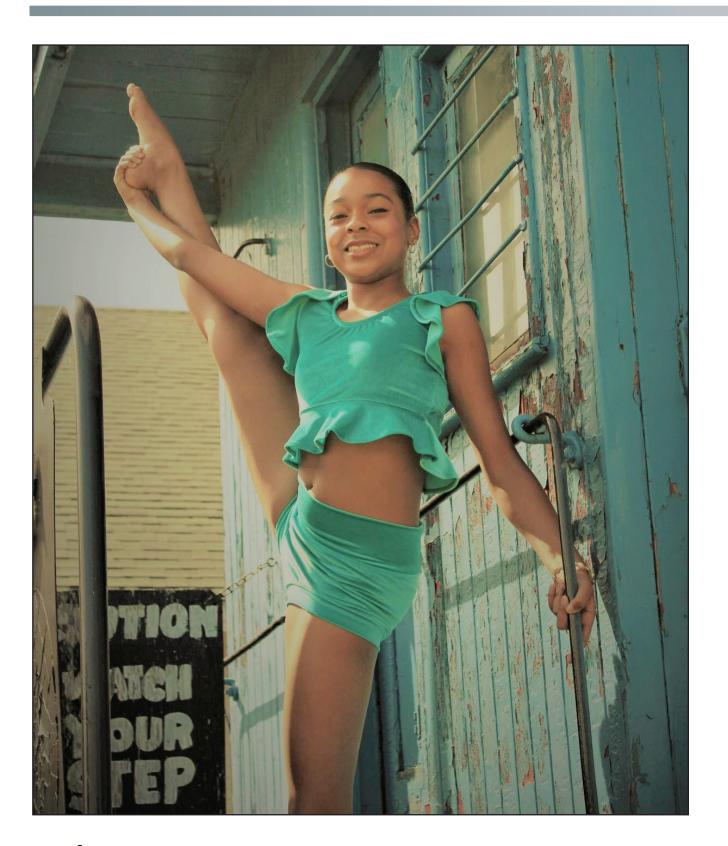


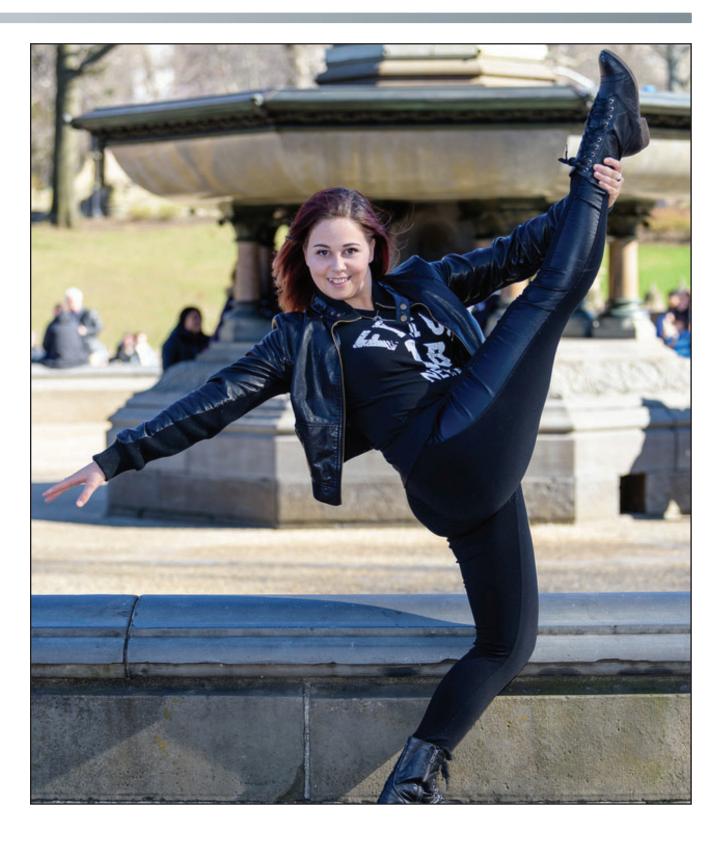
fun!! I would cringe during recitals tried out for the competition team. They declined to move her up. That did not stop Nevaeh from working hard. She continued to dance and the following year she tried out for competition line again and was accepted! I still believe to this day was the right decision. Nevaeh went from liking dance to loving dance!

and was able to receive a small discount to attend Dancer Palooza in Long Beach California. It was to any kind of sports or activities. in some moments but mostly in Long Beach where she studied The first sport we ever tried was smile and watch my daughter under Francisco Gella in his Ballet intensive. Nevaeh learned so much and grew in just the one week. She also took multiple drop in classes and these classes all helped to give Nevaeh the confidence she sometimes lacked, to become even greater. Since starting Dance, Nevaeh has grown tremendously. Before dance, Nevaeh had no passion or motivation for an sport. Dance has truly changed Nevaeh in so many ways. Nevaeh has recently been given opportunities as well to help with smaller children in the dance studio and is in hopes to one day help teach and choreograph.

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# Nevaeh McCree





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### Brittany Sheridan



Brittany knew from a young age that she was destined to be a dancer, she danced competitively for most of her life before concentrating on ballet her sophomore year of high school up until graduation. She then was accepted to the University of the Arts on an artistic scholarship. During her time at

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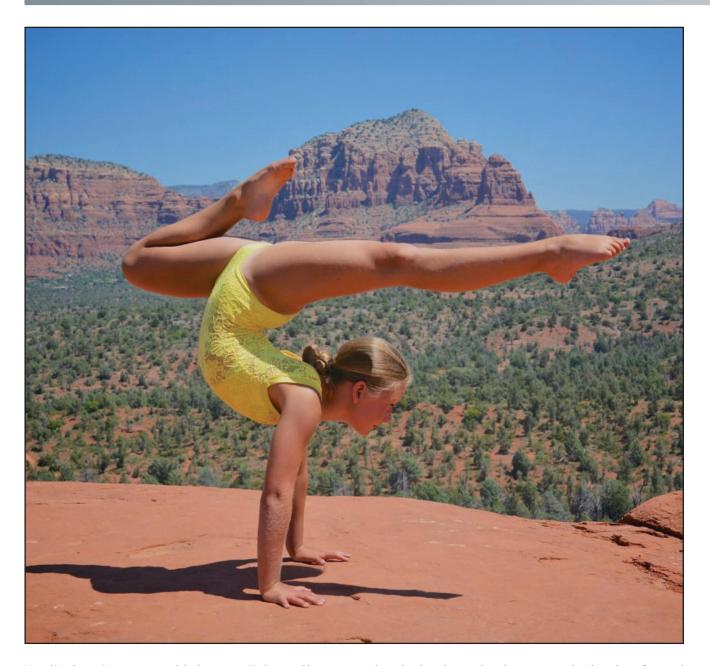


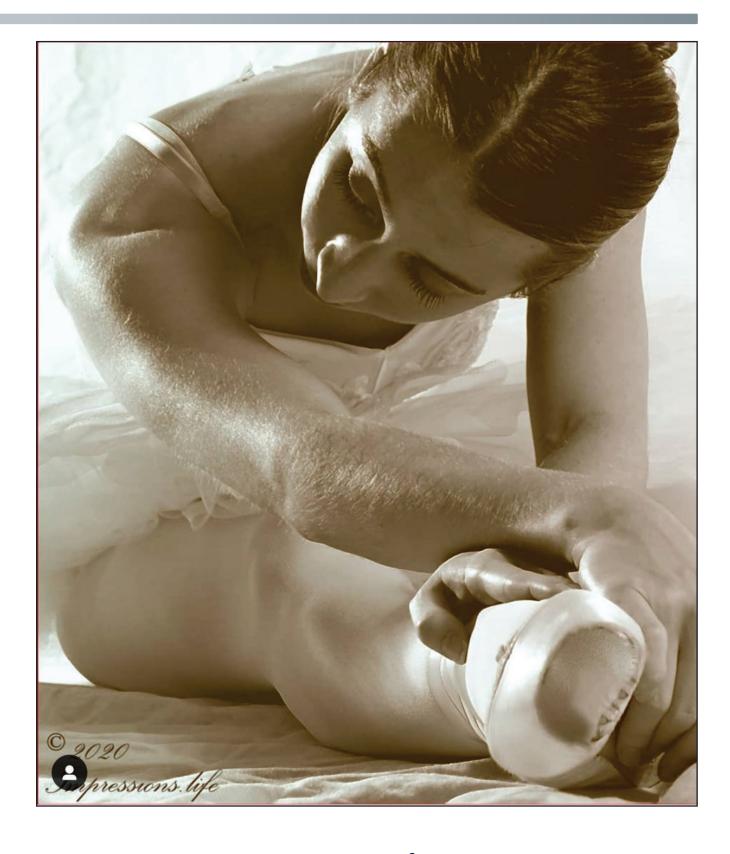


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### Natalie Sear





Natalie Sear is a 9year old dancer from Pittsburgh. Pennsyivania. She has been daneing competitvely at Borellis Dance Gallery tor 6 Year she trains in tap, balet, jazz. yrical, contemporary, hip hop andacro. Natalie holds 2 National Solo Ttles as well as many Regional

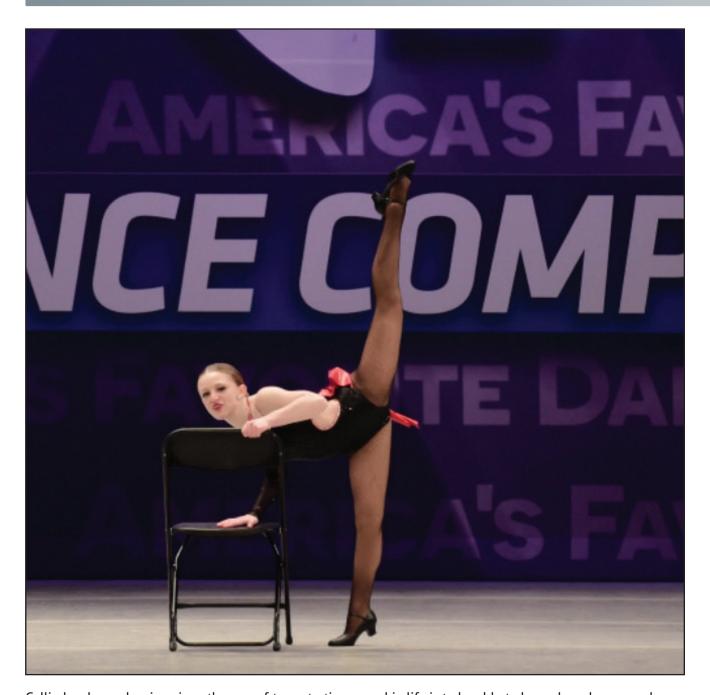
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Callie has been dancing since the age of two, starting with ballet. She had the opportunity to dance in the nutcracker 4 times and loved every minute of it. Callie has always been happiest while dancing and that really shows. She started on the competition team after just a few years of ballet, jazz, and tumbling. She went on to win multiple first place overalls, and titles. Her Allison Lemasters and Competition Photographers

goal in life is to be able to be on broadway one day, as she also enjoys singing and acting. Callie has had the opportunity to act and sing with her school drama club and fell in love with theater. Callie really wants to be able to inspire other dancers with her love for dance.



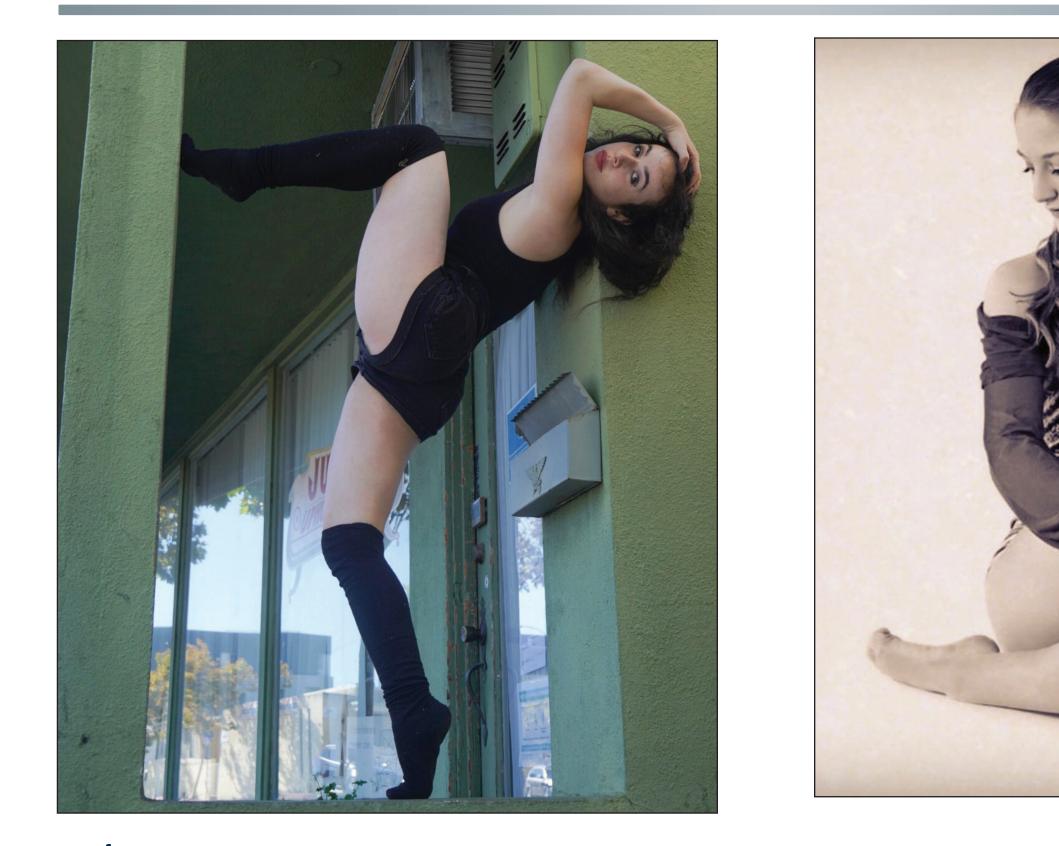
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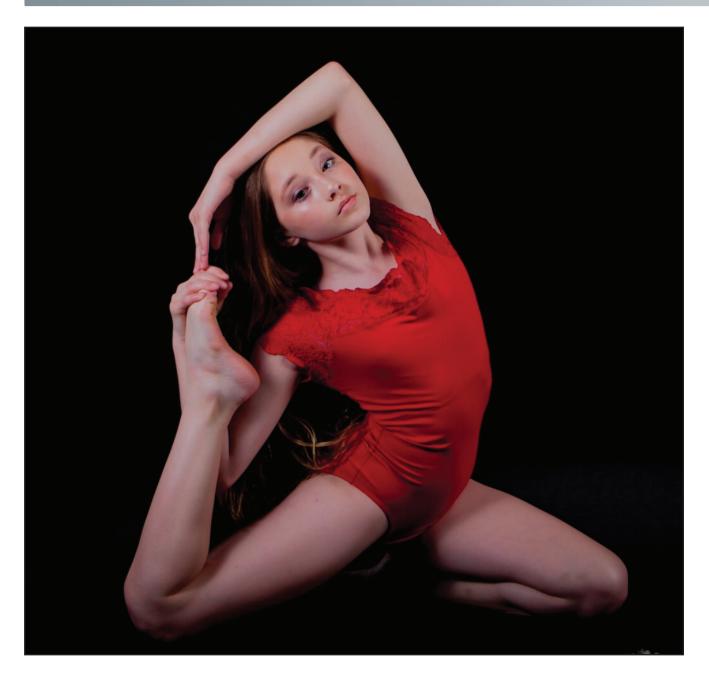


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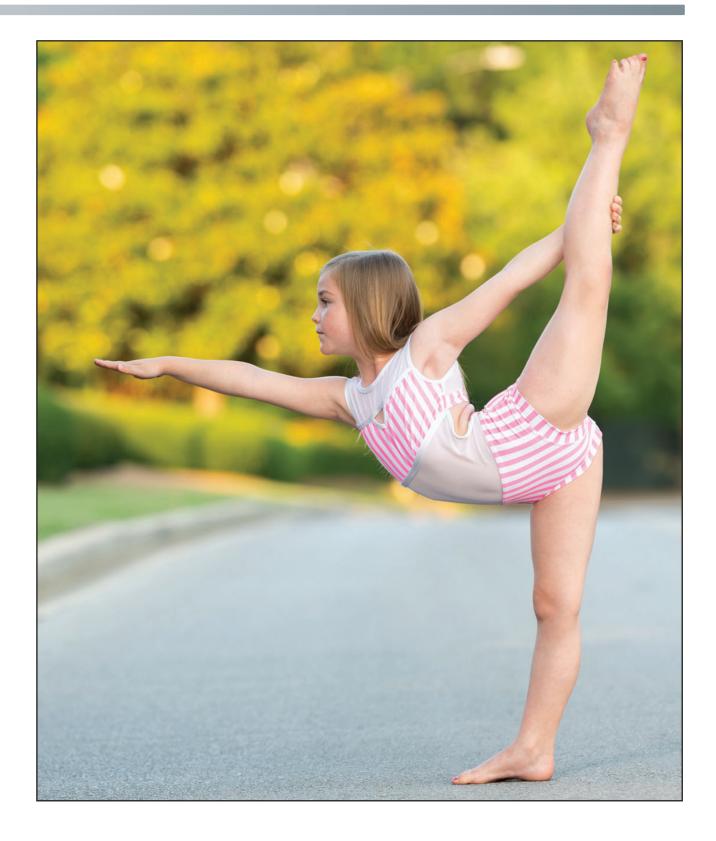
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# Dorothy Turck



Kylie is 12 years old and has been<br/>dancing since she's 2.She also has been accepted into the<br/>Next Generation ballet and Beach<br/>ballet intensive programs. She has<br/>also won best dancer at nuvo and<br/>has attended dance awards.professional dancer but would like<br/>to attend a dance college first.She is a contemporary lyrical dancer<br/>but has studied all genres. Kylie has<br/>been competing for 6 years. She<br/>performed in the nutcracker with<br/>the space coast ballet company.She also has been accepted into the<br/>Next Generation ballet and Beach<br/>ballet intensive programs. She has<br/>also won best dancer at nuvo and<br/>has attended dance awards.Achievements: Kylie dancer for<br/>Dance by Holly Rock and Pivotal<br/>Moments Dance Company.<br/>Credits: Photographer: nuvo





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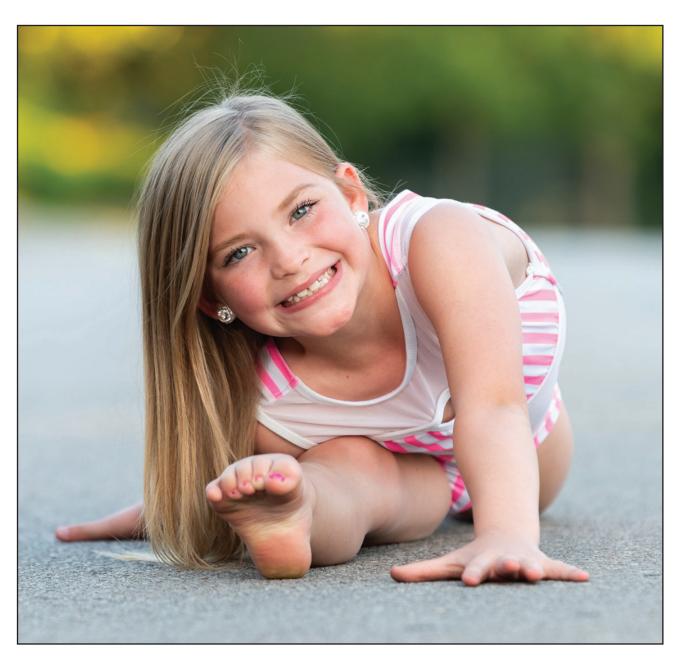




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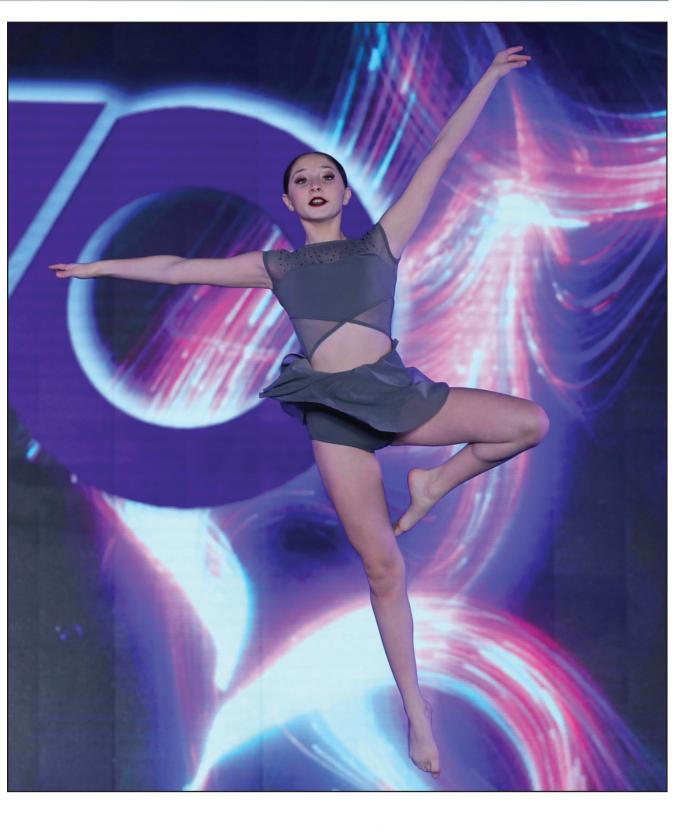


# Kinleigh Poe



It would be my honor to introduce to you Miss Kinleigh Poe from Alabama. She trains in all forms of dance, and also started Cheerleading this year. She is known for her flexibility and her sassiness.

Kinleigh is just eight nine old, but her strong will only grows stronger on the dance floor. This past season Kinleigh brought home numerous titles, scholarships, and first overalls, but the moment she is most proud





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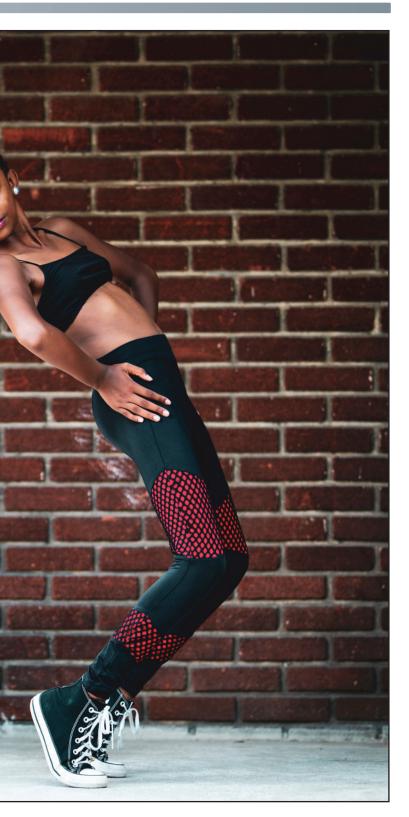


## Emerson Blanton



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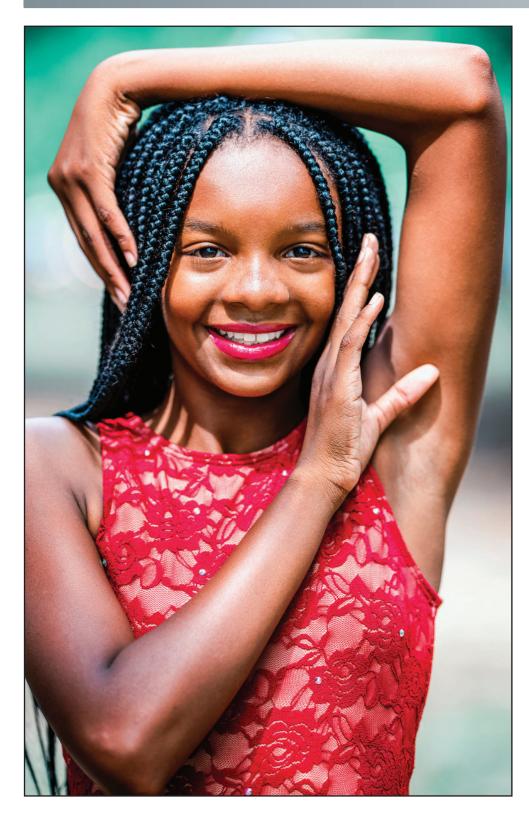




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### Jordyn De Pina



As the famous dancer and choreographer Debbie Allen once said "But out of limitations comes creativity".Since the age of three I have lived by that quote through my dance journey and have had the opportunity to learn from great instructors and mentors. The beginning of my training with the Harlem School of Arts opened the doors for me to expand my potential, having danced and cheered with Hampton University's Blue Thunder Cheerleading team as their mascot cheerleader. I am also a Junior All-Star dance team member for a professional football league as well. My dance talents have allowed me to participate in dance competitions such as Dream Dance Challenge, Talent, Fusion Star and Universal Dance Association (UDA), where I have won both solo and team competitive awards. I have also enjoyed attending conventions such as Titans of Dance where I trained in the different genres such as Ballroom, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Lyrical, and Musical Theater. As a two-time national dance champion for the genres of hip hop and jazz I have come to terms that dance is my love and passion. My dream would be to bécome a professional dancer as a career and I am working hard towards reaching my goal. I thank everyone who is helping me achieve it and supporting me along the way!

Allison Meyer @ally\_ day\_photography



Emerson, or as she's known by friends Emy, is a 16 year old sophomore in high school. But she finds herself most at home at Hawkins school of Performing Arts training with her dance family dancing on the Hawkins Contemporary Jazz Pre-Professional dance company (Director: Jacob Gutierrez Montoya) Emy has been dancing for 13 years in all genres but her passion lies in contemporary. She spent years in the musical theater field before focusing her energy. She was also a member of the Hawkins Contemporary and Classical Ballet Company(Director: Deirdre Hawkins) as an apprentice 2.

2019 Grand Champions at the International Choreography Festival in Palm Desert

2017 Fluid convention Full Scholarship Recipient

2016 ASH Judges Entertainment in Jazz, Contemporary, Classical

Emerson is also a trainee on the Sacramento Contemporary Dance Theater (director: Jacob Gutierrez Montoya), a non-profit dance company raising funds for various philanthropic organization, such as the UCD Comprehensive Cancer Center, LGBTQ Youth Advocacy for Mental Health, and the Mulvanee Organization for the Mental Health and Substance Absue in the Hospitality Industry.

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pick for her solo Daydream.

Emerson is looking forward to pursuing dance as well as her BS in

Achievements: Hawkins School of Performing Arts, founded by Deirdre Hawkins and her son tap dancer, Luke Hawkins, has been training dancers in the greater Sacramento area for more than 30 years! Founded in a small house and growing into a vast studio training

Ballet, Hip Hop , Tao, Acro, Musical Theater, Stage Vocals and so much more. Many students go on to dance for major ballet/dance companies such as Joffrey and the Rockettes, several alumni are performing on Broadway or dancing in LA as well as a few dance for the NBA or NFL.

The Contemporary Jazz Company is the 3 time Grand Champions of the International Choreography festival in Palm Desert.

Hawkins SPA is also the home of The Sacramento Contemporary Dance Theater (SCDT) and non-profit raising funds for many charitable organizations.

More than winning awards and creating dancers that are marketable in the dance world, Hawkins turns out humans that are empathetic and caring. They are a dance family building life long bonds and creating many fond memories along the way.





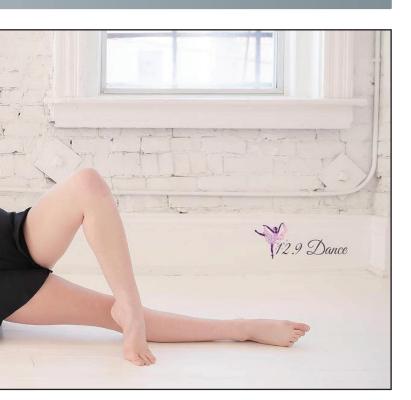
# Fallon Bulboff





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## Joie Mullins





place overall awards at many dance Achievements: Fallon dances Photographer Tracy Williams

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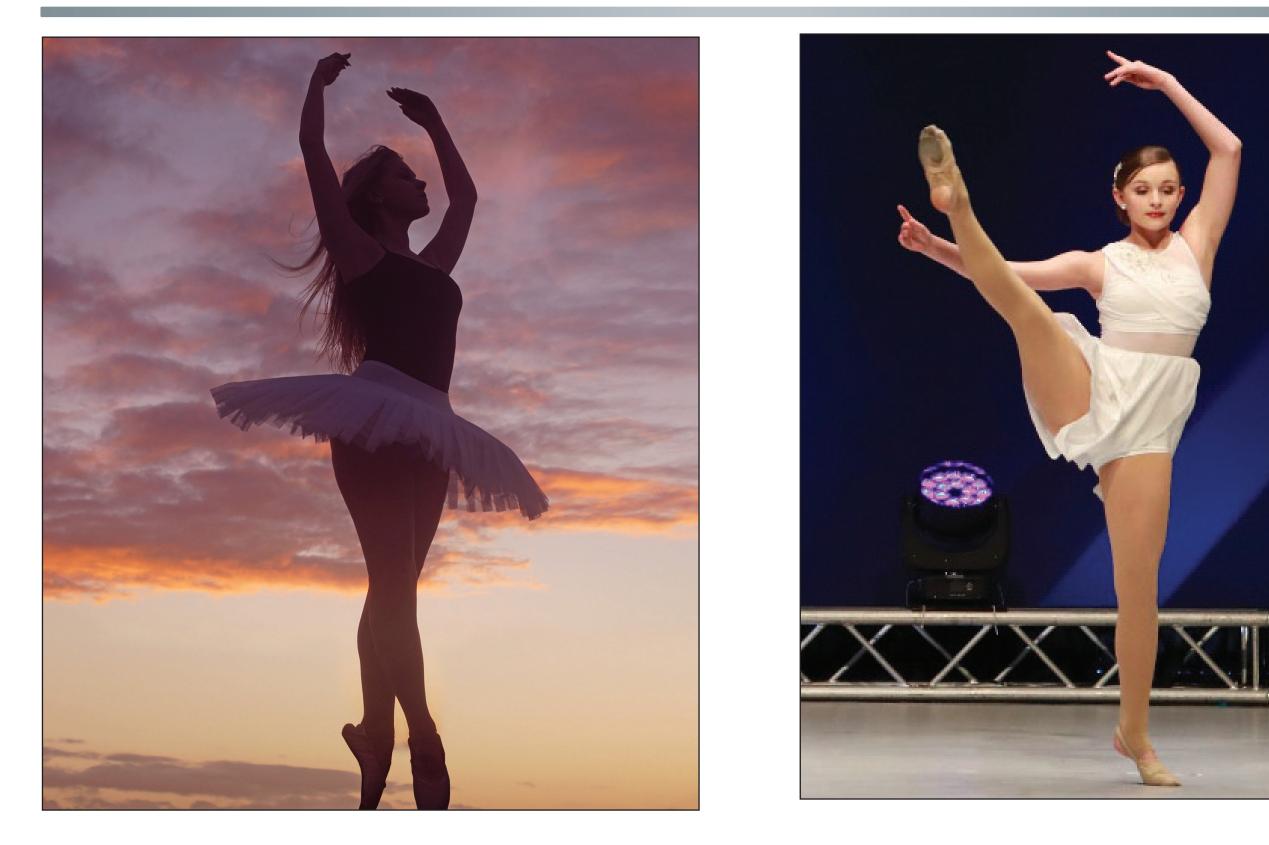


Fallon has been dancing since she was 3. She lives and breaths dance and spends 6 nights a week at dance and gymnastics. She has won a regional dance title along with several first place photogenic in every contest. She was also in an eyeglass commercial. She is a beautiful girl both inside and out. Achievements: Fallon dance title and cheer each other on. Photogenetic in the several first place photoge





# Gabrielle Hogan





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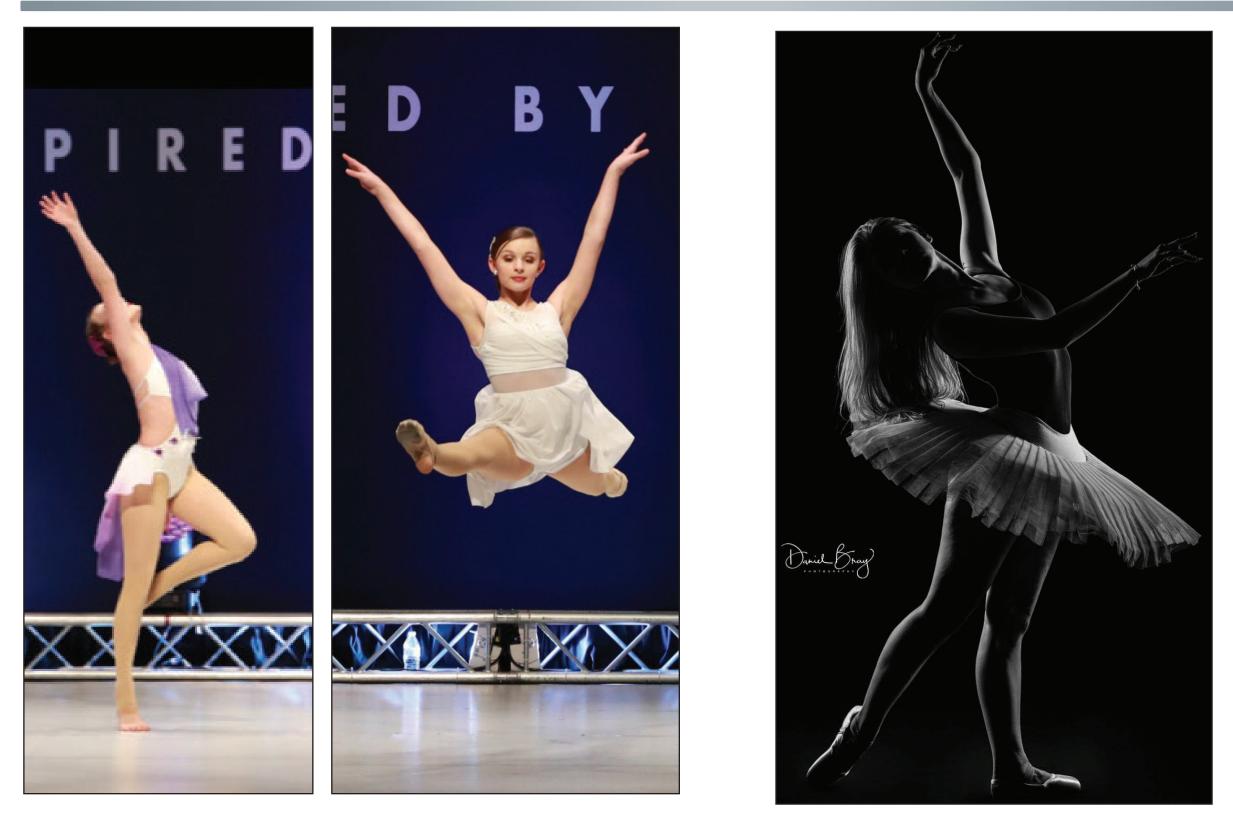




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### Jessica Ratliff





I am a 19 year old college student who dreams of one day becoming a professional dancer. I am about to graduate with my AA degree in Business after being duel enrolled in high school for 2 years at the College of Central Florida. I attended Madison Street Academy for elementary school where I was introduced to the art of dance. I fell in love with the sport and knew that I wanted to do it for the rest of my life. Dance is my passion and I truly don't feel more myself than when I am in the movement. Dance lets me completely lose myself and find myself at the same time.

Achievements: I currently dance and teach at the Dance By Sheila studio in Ocala FL. I have been a student there for approximately 4 years and I have been a dance teacher there for going on 2 years, teaching modern and hip hop dance. The studio has been opened for 5 years and has successfully created an original annual Christmas show. Their website is dancebysheila.com

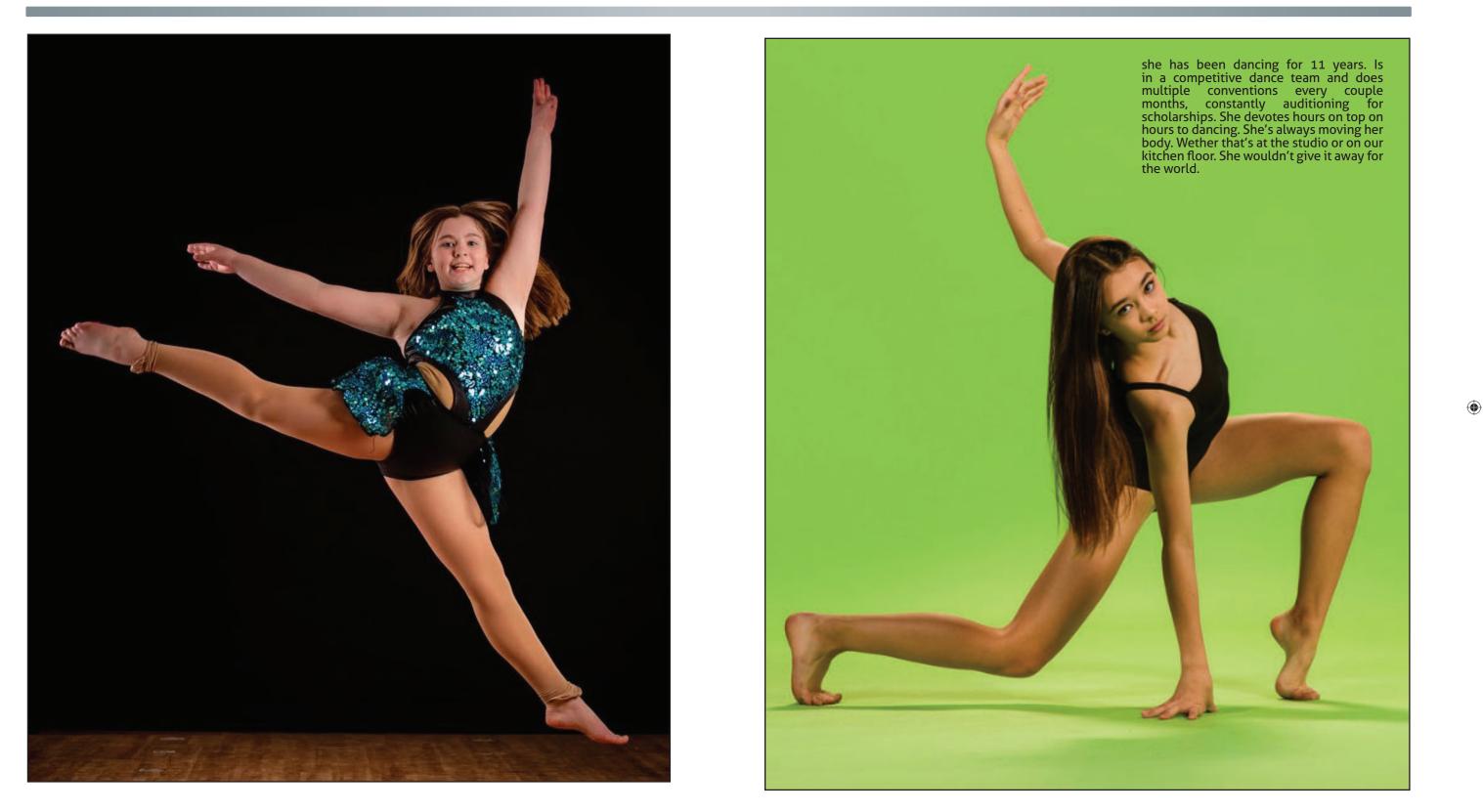
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### Jade Girvin







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Gianna is a soon to be 13 year old dedicated and beautiful dancer. She is an excellent student as she maintains honors throughout all semesters while balancing a strenuous dance schedule. She has been dancing since she was three years old and competitively dancing since she was nine. She loves all genres but her three favorites are contemporary, hip-hip and acro. She has done many dance photography shoots as well as was apart of a nonprofit performance troop for a

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## Grace Li





Grace is currently 14 years old and she has been dancing since she was 4. She has won many awards at regional, national, and worldwide competitions. Grace has also received scholarships to renowned dance schools around the country. Grace's dream is to become a professional dancer or a physical therapist/kinesiologist. Grace trains in ballet, contemporary, and Chinese dance mainly, but also has experience in jazz, musical theatre, lyrical, and many other styles. She has participated in the Spotlight Dance Cup National Elite Team for 4 years and won the regional Miss Spotlight title in San Diego as well as grand champion teen soloist. She has placed at Rainbow, KAR, Starquest, NYCDA, World of Dance Convention, Youth Ballet Masters and more. Grace attended the Bolshoi Ballet Academy Summer Intensive last year, which is one of the best ballet summer intensives for youth, and she recently won a full scholarship to the Tanzolymp international competition in Berlin. Fun fact: Grace is also an amazing baker and loves to cook up delicious desserts in her free time!

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