

Dance  Plus

Presents

**HIGH
SCHOOL
MUSICAL**



June 4, 2022

OCEAN GROVE
YOUTH TEMPLE

Ocean Grove, NJ
June 4, 2022

Welcome

Welcome parents, family and friends to this year's production of High School Musical. Dance Plus is proud once again to celebrate our shining stars today.

"High School Musical" is a musical that has the capacity to delight but also teach us valuable life lessons. It teaches us about love, dedication, ambition, expressing our own individuality while "Breaking Free" of stereotypical labels and being comfortable with being the "you" that "you" want to be. It teaches us that our differences should be celebrated.

***Everyone is special in their own way
We make each other strong
Were not the same
Were different in a good way
Together's where we belong***

What most of you don't know is that High School Musical is the show that we were scheduled to do in 2020 - pandemic year. After two years we are still feeling the effects of all that we faced. Life in all of its wonder and beauty can still be a challenge, but "Together" the journey can be faced hand in hand and heart to heart.

After thirty four years in this business that I love, I have witnessed the power and potential of children's dreams. I have seen baby ballerinas, barely able to speak, enter a room with four walls and a mirror and leave as graduates calling the same room "home." I have seen strangers become lifelong friends. I have been blessed to have tiny tappers/baby ballerinas grow to become teachers/award winning choreographers and professionals in that which they love. This year's teachers consist of graduates of Dance Plus. I am filled with pride as the lessons that they once learned within these walls echo in their teaching. Lessons that teach, not only the beautiful disciplines of dance, but the lessons they learned about kindness and making a difference in matters greater than themselves.

My hope is that each child relishes every moment that we share "Together". Besides learning to dance, they learn to live, love and appreciate every minute. They learn the word "happiness" and live it everyday. Every second is precious and should be savored and enjoyed and most importantly, shared.

Thank you parents for sharing your most precious gift, your children. Gratitude is something that I have everyday. I am grateful for the day our lives overlapped, for simply being alive and having the opportunity to celebrate today. I am grateful for each breath I take, each wave I hear lapping at the surf and the magic of sound of a room filled with laughter, song and tapping feet and of course, the chance to dance.

Thank you to all who are celebrating today! Just as the song "We're All in This Together" states, ***When we stand hand in hand we can make all our dreams come true.***

Enjoy the show! SMILES and SQUISHES! Joede

ENJOY
THE
SHOW!

Theater Etiquette

1. **WAIT...**for the dances to end before getting up and moving through the theater.
2. **WAIT...**for the dances to end before attempting to find your seat if you are not already seated.
3. **SHHHHHH...**be considerate of the dancers on stage and the audience members around you.
4. **NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY...**aside from the distracting nature of the flash, the performers are on a stage that is well lit and a flash is unnecessary. Check your settings on your camera/phone prior to taking your photos.
5. **BE AWARE....**when your dancer is on stage, only then may one person from each party move to the designated video area (front row) to take photos or video. Please be courteous to guests behind you and take care not to obstruct anyone's view or disrupt their ability to enjoy the show.
6. Only one person is needed to bring the dancer to the right side "on deck seating" 5 numbers before their performance.. Miss Julie will be supervising dancers on deck. Your dancer will be released on the left side of the auditorium by Miss Sarah. **Lanyards must be visible at all times for drop off and pick up.**



7. Make sure your cell phone is on SILENT MODE. Please no texting/posting during the show.

8. To make the day successful and rewarding for our students, remember the Golden Rule: **"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."**

9. **PLEASE BE COURTEOUS OF OTHERS ENJOYING THE PERFORMANCE TODAY.**

10. **PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF THE DANCERS.** All of them have worked so hard all year long and deserve a full audience that will shower them with enthusiastic applause.

Anyone who has trouble adhering to these guidelines may be asked to go onstage and perform...alone...in front of the audience...without music...while we video your performance for social media...JUST KIDDING 😊

Thank you for your cooperation!



Act I – 10:30am

- 1 Uncovered
- 2 National Anthem
- 3 **Stick to the Status Quo**
- 4 Better When I'm Dancing
- 5 **Get Your Head in the Game**
- 6 What Else Can I Do
- 7 **Walk Away**
8. Almost There
- 9 **Breaking Free**
- 10 Fuego
- 11 **I Want It All**
- 12 Slow Down
- 13 **We're All In This Together**

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Sharpay Evans

Troy Bolton

Gabriella Montez

Ryan Evans

Martha Cox

Zeke Baylor

Elizabeth Konefal

Gia Miranda

Katie Rogers

Emma Dender

Grace Karris

Nora Collard



Extra Parts:

Giovanna Berlingieri

Juliette Connolly

Anna Figur

Ella Figur

Lilian Karl

Josefine Kienbaum

Joyce Kiningham

Elena Mann

Liliana Mann

Lourdes Miranda

Braelyn Morton

Scarlett Murray

Isabella O'Connell

Giavanna Regina-Wright

Sofia Rovinsky

Julia Shull

Teagan Stark

Maddie Young



UNCOVERED

Giovanna Berlingieri
Nora Collard
Emma Dender
Julia Homza
Grace Karris
Josefine Kienbaum
Joyce Kiningham
Elizabeth Konefal
Elena Mann
Liliana Mann

JOEDE. KAT, ALEXA

Gia Miranda
Lourdes Miranda
Braelyn Morton
Giavanna Regina-Wright
Katie Rogers
Sofia Rovinsky
Julia Shull
Annika Warren
Maddie Young

NATIONAL ANTHEM

Nora Collard

Lena Marano

STICK TO THE STATUS QUO

Giovanna Berlingieri
Nora Collard
Juliette Connelly
Emma Dender
Anna Figur
Ella Figur
Lilian Karl
Grace Karris
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Joyce Kiningham
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Julia Shull
Teagan Stark
Maddie Young



BETTER WHEN I'M DANCING

Lucia Curatolo
Erin Frankenfield
Gwen Frankenfield

JOEDE
Assistant: Annika

Isabella Gillis
Kelsey McHugh
Hope Toolan

GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME JOEDE, ALEXA

Nora Collard
Emma Dender
Grace Karris

Elizabeth Konefal
Gia Miranda
Katie Rogers

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO

Camille Adler
Sarah McDowell
Emerson McLoughlin
Naomi Morford

JOEDE
Assistant: Braelyn

Sarah Albino-Rekeda
SarahBelle Schoellner
Elsie Sweeney

WALK AWAY

Nora Collard
Emma Dender
Grace Karris

JOEDE, ALEXA

Elizabeth Konefal
Gia Miranda
Katie Rogers



ALMOST THERE**JOEDE****Assistants: Katie, Braelyn, Grace, Bruno**

Brianna Harlow D'Averso

Abigail Kuchinsky

Erin Frankenfeld

Sophia Lamagna

Gwen Frankenfeld

Charlotte McNish

Sophie Glubo

Charley Logan

Grayson Gorini

Liz Pisani

Isla Griepenburg

Shae Triano

Chloe Haddad

Olivia Wilson

BREAKING FREE**KAT**

Giovanna Berlingieri

Liliana Mann

Nora Collard

Gia Miranda

Juliette Connelly

Lourdes Miranda

Emma Dender

Braelyn Morton

Anna Figur

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Julia Shull

Elizabeth Konefal

Teagan Stark

Elena Mann

Maddie Young

FUEGO**ALEXA**

Liliana Merdani-Palermo

Molly Moscatiello

Livia Merdani-Palermo

Siena Wentzheimer



I WANT IT ALL

Nora Collard
Emma Dender
Grace Karris

JOEDE

Elizabeth Konefal
Gia Miranda
Katie Rogers

SLOW DOWN

Siena Baker
Bridget McGann
Charlotte O'Brien

JOEDE

Keira Strype
Gianna Vidal

WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER JOEDE, KAT

Giovanna Berlingieri
Nora Collard
Juliette Connelly
Emma Dender
Anna Figur
Ella Figur
Lilian Karl
Grace Karris
Josefine Kienbaum
Joyce Kiningham
Elizabeth Konefal
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Katie Rogers
Sofia Rovinsky
Julia Shull
Teagan Stark
Maddie Young



Act II – 12:30pm

- 1 Uncovered
- 2 National Anthem
- 3 **Stick to the Status Quo**
- 4 Size
- 5 **Get Your Head in the Game**
- 6 Dog Days
- 7 Dancing Alone
- 8 **Walk Away**
- 9 Gift of a Friend
- 10 Junior's Dedication
- 11 Senior Spotlights
- INTERMISSION***
- 12 **Breaking Free**
- 13 River
- 14 Hair Up
- 15 Do Your Thing
- 16 **I Want It All**
- 17 Rhythm Is a Dancer
- 18 Work
- 19 Us
- 20 Coming Out
- 21 **All In This Together**



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Ryan Evans

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Zeke Baylor

Elizabeth Konefal

Gia Miranda

Katie Rogers

Emma Dender

Grace Karris

Nora Collard

Extra Parts:

Giovanna Berlingieri

Juliette Connelly

Anna Figur

Ella Figur

Lilian Karl

Josefine Kienbaum

Joyce Kiningham

Elena Mann

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SIZE

Giovanna Berlingieri
Elena Mann
Liliana Mann
Lena Marano
Braelyn Morton

BOBBY, ROBERT

Valentina Parker
Giavanna Regina-Wright
Sofia Rovinsky
Annika Warren
Maddie Young

GET YOUR HEAD IN THE GAME JOEDE, ALEXA

Nora Collard
Emma Dender
Grace Karris

Elizabeth Konefal
Gia Miranda
Katie Rogers

DOG DAYS

Giovanna Berlingieri
Juliet Davis
Dottie Gorsegner

JOEDE

Braelyn Morton
Grace Rapolla
Sofia Rovinsky

DANCING ALONE

Josefine Kienbaum
Joyce Kiningham

JOEDE

Lourdes Miranda
Julia Shull

WALK AWAY

Nora Collard
Emma Dender
Grace Karris

JOEDE

Elizabeth Konefal
Gia Miranda
Katie Rogers



GIFT OF A FRIEND

Giovanna Berlingieri
Elena Mann
Liliana Mann
Ava McTaggart

ALEXA

Josephine Richards
Sofia Rovinsky
Teagan Stark
Annika Warren

JUNIOR'S DEDICATION

Teagan Stark
Grace Karris
Emma Dender
Julia Homza
Julia Shull

GRACE, JULIA

Nora Collard
Lourdes Miranda
Josefine Kienbaum
Joyce Kiningham

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS

BREAKING FREE

Giovanna Berlingieri
Nora Collard
Juliette Connelly
Emma Dender
Anna Figur
Ella Figur
Lilian Karl
Grace Karris
Josefine Kienbaum
Joyce Kiningham
Elizabeth Konefal
Elena Mann

JOEDE, KAT

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Sofia Rovinsky
Julia Shull
Teagan Stark
Maddie Young



RIVER

Nora Collard

JOEDE, ALEXA

Julia Homza

HAIR UP

Kalista Barrett
Juliet Davis
Aubrey Lenahan
Braelyn Morton

ALEXA

Sofia Rovinsky
Noelle Salsarulo
Annika Warren
Maddie Young

DO YOUR THING

Juliette Connelly
Alice Gaetano
Ellora Jain
Charlotte Niro-Sams

JOEDE

Assistant: Katie

Emily Pierce
Alexandra Snable
Juliana Young

I WANT IT ALL

Nora Collard
Emma Dender
Grace Karris

JOEDE, KAT

Elizabeth Konefal
Gia Miranda
Katie Rogers

RHYTHM IS A DANCER

Giovanna Berlingieri
Elena Mann
Liliana Mann
Braelyn Morton

ALEXA

Josephine Richards
Sofia Rovinsky
Teagan Stark
Annika Warren



WORK

Abigail Brennan
Anna Figur
Ella Figur

ALEXA

Lillian Karl
Scarlett Murray
Isabella O'Connell

US

Nora Collard
Emma Dender
Julia Homza

KAT

Elizabeth Konefal
Gia Miranda
Katie Rogers

COMING OUT

Athena Barrett
Carrie Davis
Juliet Davis
Noelle Davis
Abby Jain

ROBERT, KAT

Abigail Nicolas
Valentina Parker
Josie Salsarulo
Noelle Salsarulo

ALL IN THIS TOGETHER

Giovanna Berlingieri
Nora Collard
Juliette Connelly
Emma Dender
Anna Figur
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Don't blink!!! From this...



to this!!



So many great memories, on to great things at Providence College!!

We love you Eliz...Love Mom, Dad, Chris, & Tara

Katie Rogers

From your first recital 14 years ago,



we've loved every
minute of watching
you dance...
don't ever change
"Who You Are"
Love,
Mom & Dad

We are so proud of you!
First recital at The Count Basie
First solo with Miss Lauren
First year on the Competition Team
Saigon and the stories for each dance
The Intrepid in 100-degree heat
The Vorhees blizzard
Uncle Frank's dance
Access Broadway (door decorating and
midnight ice cream)
We'll miss watching you dance but know you
will shine at Syracuse – Go Orange!

*Miss Joede, Mr. Robert, Miss Kat, and Miss
Julie: Thank you for being part of 'our village'
and such an important part of Katie's life.
Hugs & squishes!*



Katie Rogers

We have enjoyed watching your dancing progress during the last 14 years. Your dedication and grace have made you the confident and beautiful young woman you have become. Can't wait to see your achievements at Syracuse.



Love you always,

Mom-Mom & Pop-Pop





Gia, you continue to amaze us. Your gentleness & kind heart has graced the stage through the years. Congratulations! We are so proud of you!!

“keep being that girl – who decided to go for it”



Mom and Dad,

I cannot write anything here that will accurately express my gratitude and love for you. You have always supported me and have been there for my good days and bad ones, and I would not be the person I am today without you both. Thank you for always encouraging me to reach for the stars, and for doing everything in your power to help me achieve my goals.

Thank you for believing in me, for letting me find my path, and for teaching me how to believe in myself. I love you so much!!

Joede and the teachers at Dance Plus,

What am I going to do on Saturdays now that I won't be spending the entire day at the studio? Dance Plus has been my second home for sixteen years, and I have loved being a part of the DP Family for so long. Thank you for always being there for me and for pushing me to become the best dancer and person I can be. I love you all! Squishes!

Kat,

I don't even know what I'm going to do next year without a Kat Solo. Thank you for perfectly choreographing my solos all these years and for always pushing me to become a better dancer. From trying new tricks to FINALLY nailing my turns, our endless hours of privates made me the dancer I am today. Thank you for putting up with me when I was 2½ years old in the baby ballet class you assisted (we were definitely wild) and for always being there for me if I need someone to talk to. You deserve the world. I'm going to miss you next year, and I love you so much!

I love you all,

Katie

Thank
you

Dear Mom and Dad,

I could not be more grateful for the unconditional love and support you have shown me throughout the years. I would never have been able to become the person and dancer I am today without the both of you. From driving me to rehearsals to supporting me at my recitals and competitions, you have been there through it all. Thank you for being my biggest supporters always and for guiding me through this crazy life. You both are such amazing people. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to pursue dance and explore what I love the most. I will miss you both more than you can imagine as I head off to college and explore this new chapter of my life. I love you and am so excited for you to watch me perform one last time!!!

Your daughter,
Gia



Mom and Dad,

After ten plus years, the day has finally come. Thank you for allowing me to have the best ten years possible and allowing me to continue my dance education at Dance Plus. I will never forget the memories and friends I made here, all of it because of you. Thank you for everything from the bottom of my heart.

*Love,
Elizabeth*



Gia & Lourdes,

*You fill our hearts! It is bittersweet to
watch your last dance recital together.
You both are such beautiful & graceful
dancers. We are so proud & grateful.*

Love Mom, Dad, Luca & Dante

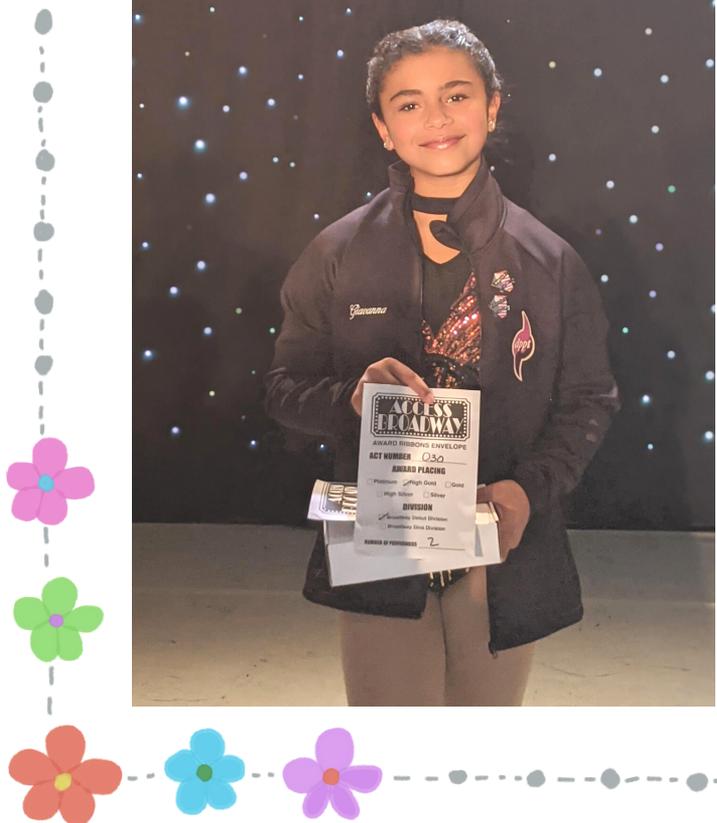
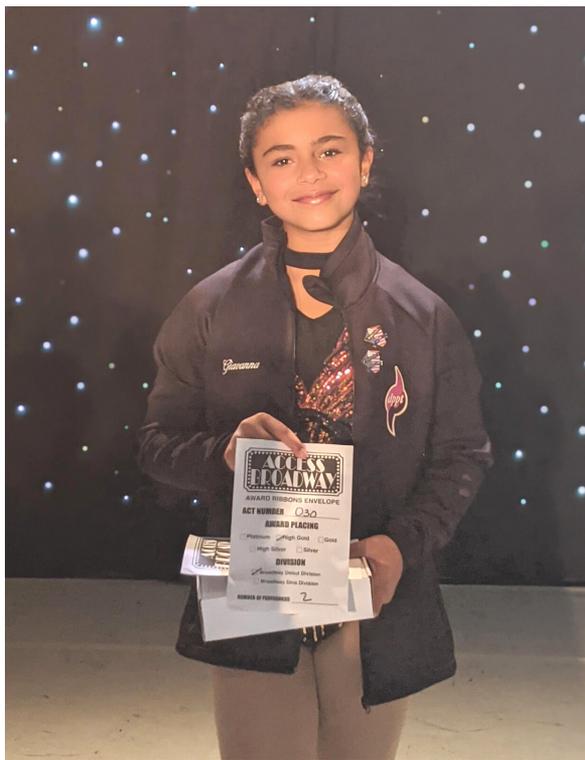
Anna & Ella



BREAK A LEG!

XOXO

Mommy & Daddy



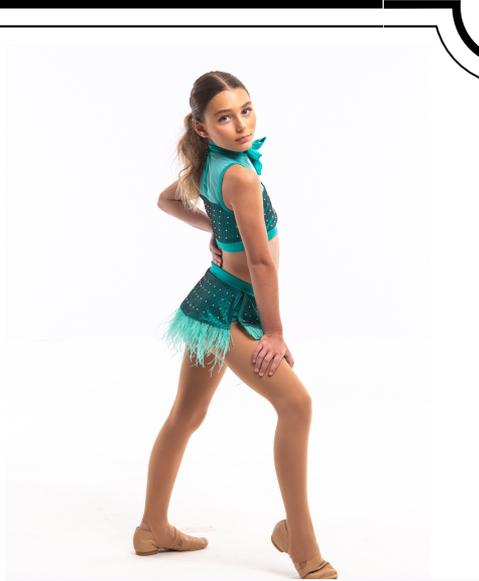
Giavanna Rose

You had a fabulous year, and we are so proud of all you have accomplished!

We love watching you dance and develop strong relationships with your fellow dancers.

We Love You!

Mom, Dad, Nick & Ty'Onna



Giovanna:

You are smart, funny, talented and a beautiful dancer!!

Follow your dreams and stay focused on what you are passionate about. You have a bright future ahead of you. We are incredibly proud of you. To the moon and back, we adore you!!

Love you!



*So proud of you Sarah!
Continue to reach for the stars!*

*Love,
Mom and Dad*





Congratulations, Dottie!

You are incredible!

We love you so much!

Love, Mom and Dad Gorsegner



Good work, Joyce!

Love,

Grandma and Milt



Dear Joede,

Success is no accident. It's lots of hard work, perseverance, learning, studying, sacrifice, and most of all, love of what you're doing. Your love of dance and teaching is witnessed through all you teach, from your littlest angels to your graduating seniors. You have survived and thrived and you are proof that you are greater than the obstacles that COVID has thrown at you and Dance Plus.

“The most successful people see adversity not as a stumbling block but as a stepping stone to greatness”.

Cheers to another successful Dance Plus production and another year of wonderful you!

143247365 Your BOOKEND Ya-Ya

cheers!

“Let them praise his name in dance; let them sing praises unto him with the timbrel and harp.” Psalm 149:3



From our humble beginnings you have been my dance partner, business partner, sister, and best friend. How blessed am I that God chose you to be my sister? You have always been there in every season of my life. Together we traversed the landscape of our lives, weathering all the trials, tribulations, as well as the most glorious moments. You were there to hold my hand in my marriage, the birth of your nieces, also in sickness and in death. You brought sunshine that helped light my way even in the darkest of days.

Thank you, Dinger-hooper for being such a gift from our heavenly Father. He made you the most generous, talented and kind “Persson” I know. The love you have for dance and the amazing creativity you have been blessed with shines in every one of your dances and dancers. I pray that you continue to share your talent with all who walk through the doors of Dance Plus and whether they realize it or not you are truly amazing.

You and Robert have been incredible role models to all the little humans that have had the honor to dance at Dance Plus. May the good Lord continue to bless you as well as you be a blessing to all. I love you always, Sharyce Lee



ELIZABETH (LIZ) KONEFAL

I don't know if you know this Liz, but I often refer to you as an example of kindness. I thank you for that. I thank you for myself and for all the others who gained inspiration from your efforts. They see how sharing a smile and an unsolicited compliment can have a profound effect on someone's day. I know from this that you have great things before you. Really, anything you want is within your grasp. You have shown us all that this is true.

Your performance in all of your dances has been so amazing and rewarding to see. You lived your roles like you stepped back into my heart. Full out! You extended care and concern with no expectation of reward or praise. Remember that kindness and love are never wasted, both the giver and receiver are blessed. We have been blessed. I was going to mention something about your sabbatical from us in Florida, but then decided otherwise. I realized that that interim was simply practice for you in leaving and then coming back. Always come back Liz, we will relish your visits! Have so much fun as "Sharpay". Best of luck at Providence. We love you! You will be missed so very much!



GIA MIRANDA

“The Miranda’s” has always been plural whenever I've had to write it down. Now the thought of thinking otherwise is breaking my heart. I know that you have wonderful things ahead of you though, so the thought of you accomplishing so much and making memories and then bringing them back to share brings back my smile. Our journey together has been a long and welcomed one. We have been blessed to have you as a part of all our lives. I have been fortunate to see you grow from a quiet Gia to Captain Gia. I will save my memories of the beautiful confident dancer that you have become and wish you the best on this new journey of yours.

Remember that time is the longest distance between hearts and time truly is a gift. Please hold tight to your memories and have so much fun as “Zach”. Good luck at Clemson. We love you Gia. We will miss you so much!



KATIE ROGERS

Katie you are “Almost There” before you “Do Your Thing” at Syracuse. How can it be that you are leaving? You have been our “go to” girl for so long it is so hard to think of you going. I know that wherever you go, your infectious smile, kindness and energy will surely brighten the room as it has done for so long at the studio and on the stage. You have realized so many of our creative thoughts and brought so much life to our dreams. Katie, your unique and creative talents flow through you and we can see it by the joy on your face. It is who you are and we who are lucky enough to witness this are blessed. You gracefully share with us how dance can entertain, but more substantially, you demonstrate how dance can heal. Your excellence in both academics and artistry proves that there is a balance that can be found when there is a love and passion for both. You bring so much nurturing and kindness to all who you assist and are truly a perfect example for all to emulate. Thank you for my years of you. We love you! Enjoy every moment as “Gabriella” Good luck at Syracuse. We will miss you so much!



To the Seniors of 2022

Though our first attempt to present High School Musical for our end-of-year production was waylaid because of COVID-19, you as a group were undeterred. Your energetic insistence to present “High School Musical: The Lost Year” was brilliant! In many ways that single act reflected the character, personality and humor I have grown to recognize, and depend on, in all of you. These past couple of years have been challenging for all and unfortunately, we did not escape it. The social distancing, pod scheduling, masks, etc. was enough to push us to our limits. For some it pushed beyond the limit. You three were steadfast. You came to class. You continued to get better. You brought to rehearsals and competitions a kind of leadership I have not seen in a very long time. I can not thank you enough. Your active presence whether you were dancing, delivering a poignant speech or simply engaging the younger ones brought such a breath of life during a time when we were all worried about wearing masks.

There may have been some humor injected into your suggesting “High School Musical: The Lost Year,” but it is with all sincerity that I will always remember it as “High School Musical: A Most Special Year.” We will miss you next year, but we wish you all the best at school and beyond. Remember this always..”Positive thoughts bring positive results,” “Never say can’t, it means you’re not willing to try,” and “Endings are just Beginnings backwards.” Here is to “New Beginnings” but please always remember to visit your Dance Plus “Home.”

June 4, 2022

A TRIBUTE TO ALL THE STUDENTS OF DANCE PLUS,
AND TO THEIR MENTORS
JOEDE PERSSON AND ROBERT DIMAPILIS

TODAY, we share dance beginnings, hopes and songs.
Expectations for the future-from practice of our
yesterdays until now, where our talents are realized.

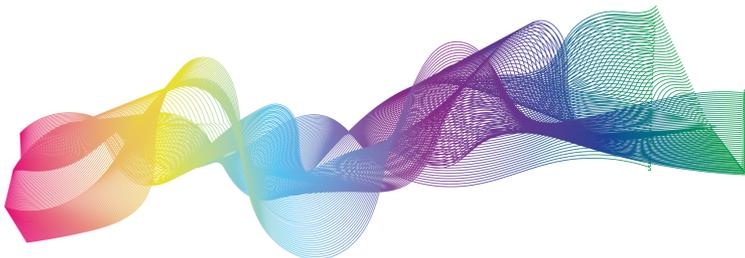
TOMORROW, talents displayed , rainbows, joys of
accomplishment and our dreams both reality and now
a memory. A tapestry of feelings, weaved from
memories, weaved from dreams.

Accolades to all of you today, especially to my children,
Joede and Robert, as they visualize their dreams to
fruition shared by all who courageously learn at
Dance Plus in Little Silver.

You, all of you, are the artists, and the sunsets of your
life shape the experiences you dream of today.
God Bless you all as you travel the road of dreams
expressed in "High School Musical."

Love, Mom

With rainbows, and expectations of peace in my heart



To my mother, my mentor, my motivator and the
maker of magical moments,

How lucky am I? When I was growing up you showered me
with encouragement, wisdom and laughter. Your words
became as much a part of me as my hands, legs, face and heart.
Without them I would surely not have grown into the "Person"

I am today. I do my best to remember those words and the
moments when you shared them with me. I share them with
the young minds I see everyday as I know the timeless value of
them. In this way, you live through your words through me and
through those who take your words to heart. I hope this brings
you the satisfaction and gratification it should because it is a
better world when one knows of their impact, their relevance,
their significance. Do not worry, I also remember all the songs
you sang to me, the games we played and the very best
traditions. Through my best efforts of accurate re-creation and
sometimes a little theme and variation I share these as well, and
you know what, they are just as fun! I know this because the
children to whom I sing or with whom I play laugh as much as I
did when I was their age and it was you leading me. The lessons
you taught me, the memories you made for me and the role
model you played for me has led me to where I am at this very
moment. Your love, your life lessons, compassion and kindness
live on through the students of Dance Plus. It is because of you
that I am me. You show me daily what positivity and
perseverance look like. I pride myself on being your child and
being the beneficiary of such love and support.

Thank you for everything that you do, everything that you are
and everything that you continue to be.

I love you -



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Scholarship

The Debra Parmentola Memorial Fund (DPMF) scholarship is awarded to Dance Plus graduating high school seniors. This scholarship recognizes students' capacity to learn, ability to lead, willingness to love their team and their studio and their commitment to making a positive and significant impact on the community.

To those of you who knew Debra, she was all of these things and more. Debra will continue to be a bright light that shines on through the lives she continues to touch at Dance Plus. Her memory will live on and continue to make a difference.

This is the fourth year that the Debra Parmentola Memorial Fund Scholarship is being awarded. In order to be eligible for this scholarship graduating seniors write an essay that adheres to the criteria set forth by the DPMF that year. They must also provide their GPA and, if they were fortunate enough to have known Deb, share the memory in an original, creative manner.

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Kat, Alexa and Bobby - How lucky am I to have you here at Dance Plus? There was a time when each one of you, as students, took your turn leaving an indelible mark on my heart. Now as teachers, you are doing it again as I watch you share your experience, knowledge and artistry with the next generation at Dance Plus. Full circle. Thank you for being who you are and doing what you do so well! Please remember, you are part of the heartbeat that is Dance Plus. I love you and thank you!

Julie - What we do with the time we are given in this life is up to us. You give your time and of yourself all the time! Thank you for being you Julie and for making time for each and every person who enters the doors of Dance Plus. Thank you for sharing over 30 years of moments and memories with me. Thank you for sharing your Kittenz with us and allowing us to celebrate their journeys and accomplishments but most of all that you for being our Julie from the Bronx. Love you!

Sarah - Life is filled with different roads that lead to new and exciting destinations. I'm so glad that one of those roads led you to Dance Plus. Sarah, the costume champion! You find a way to weave through the costume and the shipping nightmare with seamless results like you are putting the finishing touches on a costume alteration. You keep me calm. I love that you LOVE costumes. I love that you LOVE creating sheets and forms and programs and so much more. Most of all, I love that though you are much busier now, you still find time for Dance Plus. Love you!

Synda - Throughout our lives we are defined by the people who shape us into "becoming." I am who I am because I had you to look up to. We are opposite yet the same. We see and appreciate each other for who we are. Empathy, vision and transparency is what we are made of. We are the beneficiaries of love and support and I see that character trait pass from you to your children. Thank you for understanding my heart as we journey through the Hundred Acre Wood. Thank you for being here always and in all ways. You are my Ya-ya, and you can't ever be rid of me. You are forever my bookend. I love you!

Thank you

Scott - Thanks for moving so much closer to us! It makes me that much more comfortable having family nearby to celebrate the fun times, make new memories, sail the high seas and if ever in need, that much closer to lend a helping hand. Thank you for always helping and thank you for your generosity of both heart and soul. I love you!

Riki - I know you missed all this! It may have taken a while, but it is so nice having you be a part of the show and everything else. Especially everything else. Thank you for taking the time off to be a part of something that means so much to me. Thank you for the helping hands, thanks for your back and thanks for just being **here**. I love you!

Sharyce, Carsyn, Layne and Tyler - Even though you are not here you will always be part of the show. You are a part of everything that I am. Every step that I teach is laced with what I learned with you by my side. Life is about who you share memories with. I'm so glad that we have so many memories together. I draw upon you for inspiration. I see all of your strength and courage and see how you are blessed and not broken. You show me daily that if you try to go back and scream at the past, you trip over the future. You move forward through your days with heaven sent whispers. Thanks for your support, your encouragement and your love. I can not wait to see you again whether on the mountain or on the river. I love you guys!

Lauren And Steffen - I love you two together. I love seeing your happiness. I love the anticipation of your wedding. But most of all, I love that the army of helpers I need for the show has grown! Just kidding you guys, I appreciate all you do but would be just as happy if you came simply to watch the show. Now, let's get dancing! Thanks again and another "thanks" for Lauren for knowing how to throw some fabric! I love you!

Statler Siobhan and Ryce - To the "Mr" and "Mrs" and the "Miss" who I misses (I know it's not grammatically correct but it's cute☺) ... you are here in my heart and will always be a part. I love you guys!

QQQ - To my beginning, my middle and end: Life has shown us that in this crazy world where there are no guarantees that as long as you are by my side we can navigate this journey together. We WILL have this dance for the rest of our lives. Always and Forever yours

Dance Plus Staff 2022



We at Dance Plus thank you for your continued support.

Dancers, thank you for your smiles, your laughs, your energy, and your spirit!

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Closing Thoughts

Dance connects our souls by speaking a language that has no words. Its orchestration is kept true by the tempo of beating hearts and the rhythm of life through the sound of breath. In the beginning our parents introduce us to all that is new. They are our first choreographers and show us our first steps. Our parents are the leads when we are born into our first dance. As we grow the dance changes and evolves. Throughout our lives, the constant remains: the tempo kept by a beating heart and the rhythm of the inhaling and exhaling.

Our wishes and intentions are like our life's choreography. They manifest what is to become and must be treasured. The greatest gift can be perseverance and patience as they find calm in the chaos and take the cacophony of life that sometimes threatens to rise to an unbearable pitch and soften it to the music that soothes our soul. It is the realization that sometimes the curtain to our creativity lives in improvisation. We may not know all of the steps, sometimes we lead, sometimes we follow. We must trust the music of our dance and trust the constant of our heartbeat and breathe as we dance the choreography of each day. We must learn to inhale the future and exhale the past and begin our days with the courage of that first step. Although the dancers may change in *our* choreography, we must all embrace our chance to emerge on stage and take our moment in the spotlight. This life is no dress rehearsal. The here and the now is what we have. We cannot undo the choreography of our lives. Time, like dance, is indelible that way, but while here before our last curtain falls we can enjoy the dance.

Smiles & Squishes,
Joede

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