

# NOVEMBER

*Generations Performing Arts Center - Monthly Newsletter*



## CHRISTMAS FOR THE GENERATIONS

Christmas for the Generations: A Holiday Spectacular will be held on Friday, December 16th, and Saturday, December 17th at Cowan Hall on Otterbein University's campus. It is our 21st production and it gets better every year! Tickets may be purchased at [https://buy.tututix.com/genpac\\_The](https://buy.tututix.com/genpac_The) The Saturday 11:00am and 1:15pm shows are geared to the younger child and are approximately one hour in length. Santa will be available for pictures after those shows. The Friday 6:00pm, Saturday 3:00pm, and 7:00pm shows are full-length performances. You and your family will want to attend this wonderful Holiday experience. Start a family tradition with the most entertaining Christmas Show of the Season. This original work began with Westerville's own "Up on the Housetop" by Benjamin Hanby! See high kicking dancers, toe-tapping reindeer, along with dancing teddy bears. Enjoy the fun and excitement of the holiday and spend the final scene in Bethlehem with the true reason for the season.



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**Stella Abad, Elliana Adu, Rylan Anstine, Karoline Bales, Gloria Bianconi, Emilia Briggs, Madelyn Brown, Isabella Campbell, London Clark, Claire Clayton, Emma Codrea, Adelynn Davis, Grace Esposito, Lola Frankel, Ada Haery, Reagan Harris, Ryan Hasty, Morgan Heilmann, Parker Hill, Maya Hillberry, Emma Hueckel, Claire Jamison, Austin Jones, Paisley Kennedy, Gloria Kindron, Almah Kremer-Yehudai, Avery Kress, Luka Loewer, Lane Lucas, Sawyer Malak, Hazel Manke, Kendyl Martinez, Moriah McGaughy, Amelia Merrin, Fiona Nelson, Katelyn Newbanks, Katie Painter, Jude Papworth, Asher Pfeifer, Eleanor Price, Chelsea Sampsel, Jenny Sherry, Grace Shoemaker, Hadleigh Skaggs, Rosie Smith, Miribelle Stern, Tula Stone, Jaxon Swan, Scarlett Swonger, Naomi Taylor, Luna Thomakos, Ella Toney, Riley Turocy, Avery Vitale, Eleanor Vogel, Sloan Vogel, Margaret Walden, Hannah Ward, Juliana Wheeler, Cecilia Whistle**



## FALL + WINTER BREAKS

Just a reminder as you make family plans that there are no classes during our Thanksgiving Break: November 22nd - the 27th. Classes will resume on Monday, the 28th. Our winter break will be from December 19th - January 3rd. Classes will resume on Wednesday, January 4th.

## FALL + FUTURE ACTIVITIES

How much fun was the Midnight Madness performance and Open House last month!? Now our major focus is preparing for our Christmas show and starting to prepare for recital. Throughout the winter, we will be traveling with our Ensemble Dancers as they are completing their routines to perfect them for the competition season. We have approximately 150 students who are participating in competition this year. Many of those students are our Step One students who will be competing for the first time! This is an introductory level. It requires a minimal level of commitment while still getting to experience the benefit of stepping into the competition environment. Let us know if you may be interested in the future!

## HELPING HANDS

As many of you may know, we have a service group at Generations comprised of our high school competition dancers called the Generations Leadership Council. In conjunction with our Big/Little Program for our Ensemble, Step One, and Ballet Alonge dancers, we are working to support the Westerville Area Resource Ministry, better known as W.A.R.M. We have been collecting food and donations to help with not only the Thanksgiving Blessing program but also with the Christmas Adoption Program. There are over 350 families in Westerville who need help during this time of the year with food and gifts. In the next few weeks, we will begin to assist with the Christmas Adoption Program where we help provide gifts for families who are unable to do so for themselves or their children. To help with this program, we are accepting monetary donations to help purchase gifts for these families. Thank you in advance for any donations or prayers on behalf of this program. Thank you for helping support those in our community who are in need!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- November 22nd - November 27th: Thanksgiving Break (resume classes on Mon. the 28th)
- December 16th + 17th - Christmas for the Generations: A Holiday Spectacular Click Here to Purchase: <https://buy.tututix.com/genpac>
- December 19th - January 3rd - Winter Break (resume classes on Wed. the 4th)
- March 25th - April 2nd - Spring Break (resume classes on Mon. the 3rd)
- May 12th + 13th - Spring Recital at Westerville Central HS



### SPLIT CONTEST + MORE

We are looking forward to the Split Contest coming up for our jazz, ballet and acrobatics students and step contest for tap and hip hop students the week of December 5th. Remind your child to practice everyday!

Pictures of your child's costumes are available in the parent portal! Within the next few months you will also see a picture of your child in their costume.

November is a great time to pick up another class if you want to improve at a faster pace. Call the desk for available classes.

### WHEN WILL DANCES BEGIN?

During the first few months of classes, we are working on technique and learning steps. We are now close to the time that the students have learned many of the skills to begin dances for the recital. We will start these dances after the first of the year. When the dance begins, students will be encouraged to practice 5-10 minutes a day. Music will be available in your parent portal for practicing purposes. We will still focus on technique and learning steps, however, about one third of the class will be devoted to working on their recital dance.

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