

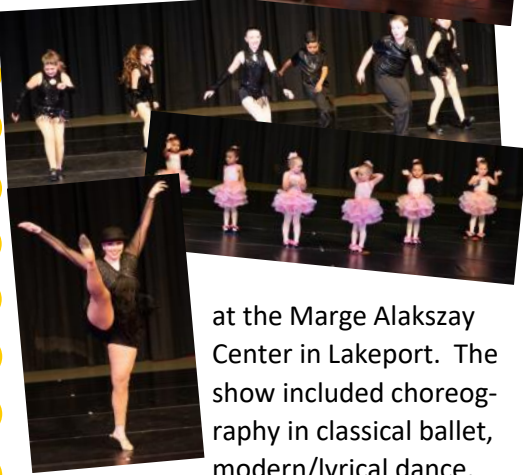
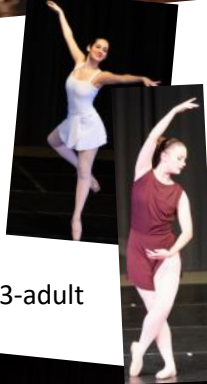
CENTER STAGE *a place for performing arts*

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June Showcase

2023: Our annual June Showcase is an opportunity for all students to perform! This year's production was a huge success thanks to our dedicated teachers and choreographers, talented dancers, and wonderful volunteers! 100 students from ages 3-adult took the stage on June 10th for matinee and evening performances



at the Marge Alakszay Center in Lakeport. The show included choreography in classical ballet, modern/lyrical dance, contemporary ballet, jazz, tap, and hip hop!

Fall Newsletter 2023

The vision for Center Stage Studios is to enrich and inspire our community through performing arts! We do this by providing excellent classes in a variety of styles along with opportunities to perform in professional style productions.

June Showcase 2023 Photos/Video:

Parents may purchase an unlimited professional digital photo download directly from Mrs. Marchais for \$25. Code and instructions will be sent via email when payment is received. A Digital video will be \$30. Order forms will be available at the studio. Photos by Bretton Newsom

North Bay Ballet Theatre:

We now have an official ballet company, North Bay Ballet Theatre, comprised of 8 advanced ballet



students under the direction of Mrs. Marchais, Miss Jamie, and Miss Elaine. Our company dancers are Bonnie Amante, Emily Bullaro, Giselle Marchais, Krista Messer, Gracie Mobley, Caelyn Ochs, Grace Sanchez, and Hana Seal.

Illusion Dance Team: Miss Audrey Showen is director of our Illusion Dance Team for advanced jazz and contemporary dancers by invitation only. Congratulations to our team members for the 2023-2024 dance year! They are...Returning Dancers: Emily Bullaro, Krista Messer, Caelyn Ochs, Grace Sanchez with New Members: Hana Seal, Gracie Mobley, and Brynne Berger

Miss Audrey, Mrs. Marchais, and current and future Illusion Dancers participated in the Jump Dance Convention in April 2023 in San Jose, CA as an opportunity to



broaden the students dance exposure,



experience, and training. We had a blast and are looking forward to attending the Nuvo Convention in San Jose next spring!



Note: Illusion team parent meeting Sept. 6 6:45PM

Spring Dance Festival: Select Intermediate and Advanced dancers performed at the 42nd Annual Spring Dance Festival in Lakeport at the Marge Alakszay Center in April 2023. The Spring Dance Festival is sponsored by the Lake County Arts Council, and provides an opportunity for accomplished dancers throughout Lake County to showcase their talents! Students of Mrs. Marchais, Miss Jamie Bracisco, Miss Elaine Johns, and Miss Audrey Showen were featured in this year's Spring Dance Festival.

Congratulations to North Bay Ballet Theatre company dancers Hana Seal and Grace Sanchez for completing Sacramento Ballet's 5 Week Summer Intensive! A special thanks to Miss Jamie for preparing them for this awesome opportunity to train with the pros as they explore the possibility of careers as professional ballet dancers! Thanks also to all the families that sponsored them!



Enrichment Opportunities: 39 students and parents participated in a ballet field trip to the War Memorial Opera House to see San Francisco Ballet perform Cinderella! It was a magical time as we made happy memories and were all inspired to keep working hard and dreaming big!



Upcoming field trips to the San Francisco Ballet will include Nutcracker Ballet (December 2023) along with Swan Lake and A Midsummer Night's Dream (Spring 2024).

Fall Schedule: The 2023 Fall Schedule is now posted on our website www.centerstage.studio

Classes start September 1st. To add or change classes please contact Mrs. Marchais at 805-258-8939 or jeanette@centerstage.studio

Please note: There will be a slight tuition increase this fall to ensure we can continue to offer a quality program with exceptional teachers!

Teaching Team: Mrs. Marchais- Owner/ Director of Center Stage Studios. Former Soloist with Channel Islands Ballet Company in Southern California, and 15+ years ballet teaching/directing/ and choreographing experience. She teaches beginning, intermediate, and advanced ballet.

Miss Jamie Bracisco- Master Teacher and former Principal Dancer with San Francisco Ballet. She trains our advanced ballet students, and brings a unique vision and professionalism in dance to Lake County! She has graced the stages of world-class theatres all over the U.S., such as the War Memorial Opera House in San Francisco, as well as internationally on tours to Japan, Scotland, Greece, Italy, South America, Mexico, and Canada.

Miss Elaine Johns- Owner/Director of Eleve' Studio, Calistoga. She performed with San Luis Obispo Civic Ballet, and currently teaches modern/lyrical and contemporary dance, along with pre-ballet/ creative movement. Her passion is to inspire a love of the arts in a positive, healthy environment where all who dream to dance are welcome!

Miss Audrey Showen- Holds a minor in dance from Sacramento State University, where she performed with the Sacramento State Hornet Girlz Dance Team. She teaches jazz/ contemporary dance and directs our Illusion Dance Team. She has a wealth of experience on stage and



holds the title of 4th Runner Up in this year's Miss California Pageant!

Miss Alicia Mullin- Has been dancing since the age of 3 and has received training in ballet, jazz, hip hop, and advanced tap from numerous teachers in Lake County, including her mom, Vanessa Mullin, and our own Miss Jamie Bracisco. She teaches tap classes to all ages and hopes to inspire a renewed love and appreciation for tap dancing in our community!

Mrs. Nicole Beckwith- Joins our team as our Acro (rhythmic tumbling with choreography) coach and Hip hop instructor. She brings her passion for fitness and the joy of movement to Center Stage Studios with many years' experience in gymnastics and dance. She is also a certified yoga instructor!

Miss Bonnie Amante- Trained for several years with Miss Jamie Bracisco, performing leading roles in her productions of the Nutcracker Ballet, as well as numerous Spring Dance Festivals. She teaches ballet to intermediate/advanced students as well as our teen/adults.

Mrs. Carrie Eve-Laubach- Studied Theatre Arts at Southern Oregon University along with several styles of dance over many years with multiple teachers. She is a substitute ballet teacher and serves as an assistant director for ballet productions.

Miss Emily Bul-laro- 2023 High School Graduate and locally trained dancer.



She received her ballet training from Mrs. Marchais, Miss Jamie, and Miss Elaine. She is a dancer with North Bay Ballet Theatre and the Illusion Dance Team with Miss Audrey Showen.

Miss Hana Seal- North Bay Ballet Theatre dancer. She has been a serious ballet student for over 9 years! She completed the Sacramento Ballet Summer Intensive in 2022 and 2023 and is a member of the Illusion Dance Team with Miss Audrey Showen.

Assistants: Grace Sanchez, Sarah Tae, Gracie Mobley, Maggie Brown, Josie Schoeneman, Zuzu Ojala-Pace, Brynne Berger.

Nutcracker News: The Nutcracker Ballet is a professional style, full length ballet complete with elaborate costumes, sets, and backdrops. Ballet students who have been taking classes for at least one year with good attendance may be considered for the cast. Parts are assigned based on availability, student skill, effort, dedication, maturity, and parent commitment.

53 students from our Studio Ballet program have been selected to be part of this year's cast! Congratulations on your hard work!

The tentative dates for Nutcracker 2023 are December 1, 2, and 3 at

the Marge Alakszay Center in Lakeport. We will have 4 performances. Rehearsals begin Sept 4th. There will be a parent meeting on Saturday Aug. 19 from 1:30-2:30 pm at Center Stage Studios, followed by auditions for men and boys ages 8+ for character roles.

Behind the Scenes



Looking Back to...

THE NUTCRACKER

Dec. 2, 3 & 4 2022



A big Thank You to Heather Ochs for the pictures!