

*MDA Dates to Remember*

**tuition**

**Cycle Nine**

April 28-May 15

75%



**Spring Recital**  
**Marietta High School**  
**Auditorium**  
May 10



**MDACT Tryouts**  
May 14



**Last Day of Dance**  
May 15

## WE'RE SHINING BRIGHT

The recital is almost here! We can't wait to shine bright on stage May 10. Check out all the details for the big day and a few plans for summer. Be sure to check pages Three and Four for your dancer's recital time and Order of Appearance.

## LAST WEEK OF CLASS

Our recital is on May 10, but there is still one more week of classes after the recital: Student Appreciation Week! We'll be having some fun before saying goodbye for the summer.

Since Tuition Cycle 9 is only three weeks, your tuition is only 75%

## SUMMER DANCE

We're still working on our summer session. We'll release those details in the next few weeks. It will be a mix of intensives, classes, and fun camps - something for all age groups. We will announce dates and times via email and the family Facebook page.

## SNOW DAY MAKEUP CLASSES

We had a great day of recital preparation on April 26.



*I may not be there yet, but I am closer than I was yesterday.*

*--Misty Copeland*

## May in Marietta



**First Friday:** May 2

**Cash Mob:** May 20



**Discover History:**  
**Lafayette and**  
**Human Rights**  
May 2



**Derby Luncheon Cruise**  
May 3

**Cinco de Mayo Cruise**  
May 3

**Taco Tuesday**  
May 20

**Silver Screen & Song**  
May 23

**Wine & Dine**  
May 24

## SHINE BRIGHT RECITAL DETAILS



### Recital Handbook

Recital handbook links were emailed on April 24. Please take a few minutes to read the handbook. Smooth recitals happen when everyone is on the same page. If you didn't get the link, please email [admin@mariettadance.com](mailto:admin@mariettadance.com).



### Recital Tickets

Tickets went on sale Monday, April 28. They are \$18 each and are good for all three shows. Tickets will be available at the studio from 4:30 to 7pm Monday through Thursday. Tickets will be available at the recital for cash only. Tuition and the media fee must be paid before you can purchase tickets or your dancer can appear in the recital.



### Media Fees

Media fees were posted to accounts on April 22. The fee covers the professional video of all three shows, as well as backstage extras. Jay Morris Productions has done our recital video for years and always does a great job. Dancers watch the videos over and over. The video will be delivered as a downloadable and shareable link in mid-June.



### Recital T-shirts

The online store for recital t-shirts closed at 7am on May 1. We had a very small window to order shirts so they could be printed in time. Orders will be delivered to the studio.



### Recital Programs

Recital programs are digital. On the Thursday or Friday before the recital, you'll be emailed a link to our full-color recital program. You'll also receive a black-and-white program PDF suitable for printing, if you prefer a paper program. QR codes will be posted at the recital access the digital program.

*Even the toughest challenges crumble under the strength of a diamond...*



## CHECK YOUR RECITAL TIME

### 1pm Show

Monday Intro to Dance (1 dance)  
Monday Mini Movers (3 dances)  
Monday Juniors (4 dances)  
Tuesday 5:00 Petites (3 dances)  
Teens/Seniors (5 dances)

### 3pm Show

Tuesday Intro to Dance (1dance)  
Tuesday Mini Movers (3 dances)  
Tuesday 6:15 Petites (3 dances)  
Thursday Preteens (5 dances)  
Teens/Seniors (5 dances)

### 4:30pm Show

MDACT Showcase

## SHOW ONE--1PM

1. Diamonds - MDACT
2. Monday Mini Mover Jazz
3. Tuesday Petite 5:00 Tap
4. Thursday Teen/Senior Pointe
5. Monday Junior Tap
6. Monday Intro to Dance Tap
7. Thursday Teen/Senior Ballet
8. Monday Junior Ballet
9. Tuesday Petite 5:00 Jazz
10. Monday Mini Mover Tap
11. Monday Mini Mover Tap
12. Thursday Teen/Senior Lyrical
13. Monday Junior Jazz
14. Tuesday Petite 5:00 Lyrical
15. Thursday Teen/Senior Tap
16. Monday Mini Mover Ballet
17. Monday Junior Lyrical
18. Thursday Teen/Senior Jazz
19. Grand Finale - entire cast

## SHOW TWO-3PM

1. Diamonds - MDACT
2. Thursday Preteen 4:00 Lyrical
3. Tuesday Mini Mover Jazz
4. Tuesday Petite 6:15 Tap
5. Thursday Teen/Senior Pointe
6. Thursday Preteen Tap
7. Tuesday Intro to Dance Tap
8. Thursday Teen/Senior Ballet
9. Tuesday Mini Mover Tap
10. Tuesday Petite 6:15 Jazz
11. Thursday Preteen 5:30 Jazz
12. Thursday Teen/Senior Lyrical
13. Tuesday Mini Mover Ballet
14. Tuesday Petite 6:15 Lyrical
15. Thursday Teen/Senior Tap
16. Thursday Preteen 4:00 Jazz
17. Thursday Preteen 5:30 Lyrical
18. Thursday Teen/Senior Jazz
19. Grand Finale - entire cast

## SHOW THREE-4:30PM

1. Makin It Hot
2. Ellie
3. Addi & Maddie
4. Eden & Eve
5. Rylan
6. Why?
7. Emma, Ella, Evie
8. Elija
9. A Pale
10. Raegan
11. Olivia
12. Once Free
13. Sophie
14. Shades
15. Valentina
16. Reagan & JoJo
17. Eden
18. She Used to Be Mine
19. River
20. Maggie
21. Gwen & Halle
22. Jillian
23. Savannah
24. Emi, Hadleigh, Raegan
25. Heavy Heart
26. Kolbie
27. Ella C
28. Emma, Ashlynn, Emma
29. Autumn Leaves
30. Lauryl
31. Kolbie, Raylan
32. Dock of the Bay
33. Brittany
34. Eve
35. Audrey & Evelyn
36. Jojo
37. I Love It
38. Olivia, Valentina, Sophie
39. Adalyn
40. Lily
41. Alice & Myra
42. Diamonds



## May in Marietta



[www.hiddenmarietta.com](http://www.hiddenmarietta.com)

### Anchorage

#### Haunted History Tour

May 3, 10, 17, 31

### Anchorage

#### Self-Guided Tour

May 4, 18, 25

### Ancient

#### Earthworks Tour

May 17



#### Local Connection to 1775: Seizure of Fort Ticonderoga

May 10

#### 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Lafayette's Visit to Marietta

May 23

#### Memorial Day Parade

May 26

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

We're proud to celebrate our graduating seniors as they take their final bows at this year's recital. Their spirit, talent, and friendship have left a lasting mark on our studio, and they will be dearly missed. Love you all 💕



### Daphne Cockerham

**High School:** Parkersburg High School

**Future Plans:** Attend Oberlin College, major in History and minor in Law and Society

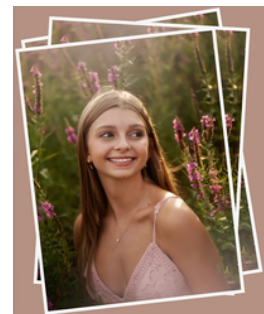
**Advice for Future MDA Dancers:** Dance should be a safe haven, a chance to let everything go for that short amount of time. Don't let anyone change that for you.

### Madi White

**High School:** Williamstown High School

**Future Plans:** Attend WVU

**Advice for future MDA Dancers:** Always remember why you dance and make sure to have fun. You will make lifelong memories and friends. Nothing compares to having a dance family.



### Maggie McKown

**High School:** Homeschool

**Future Plans:** Undecided

**Advice for future MDA Dancers:** Success in life comes from not being afraid to embrace your own unique qualities, characteristics and thoughts. Many of us feel that the real 'us' is just not good enough, or that we must fit into some type of mold to be accepted. This is not true because your signature style is what makes you unique.



### Oliva Stout

**Highschool:** Williamstown High School

**Future Plans:** Attend WVU

**Advice for future MDA Dancers:** Some advice I have, is to never ask Morgan what we're doing in class, never talk (unless it's about ballet) in Miss Ali's class, and lastly, Miss Jill always wants the best for us, so trust her process and ideas. Also, have fun and stay drama free!!



## May in Marietta



WASHINGTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
Encouraging Lifelong Learning  
[www.wcplib.info](http://www.wcplib.info)

### Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

May 8

### Books and Brews Book Club

May 21

### Literary Ladies Book Club

May 21

### Wood Art

May 24

### Summer Reading Kickoff Party

May 30



[www.peoplesbanktheatre.com](http://www.peoplesbanktheatre.com)

### Sensory Friendly Film: Zootopia

May 11



**The  
Castle**

418 FOURTH STREET  
MARIETTA, OHIO  
[www.mariettacastle.org](http://www.mariettacastle.org)

### Historic Marietta Tour of Homes 2025

May 24 & 25

## MDACT FINISHES THEIR REGULAR SEASON STRONG

MDACT finished their regular season at DreamMaker April 4-6. They had a great weekend. Their next challenge is Nationals in Atlantic City, NJ, June 23-27. Congratulations on a great season!



DreamMaker April 4-6

## SCRATCH OFF RAFFLE

One of MDACT biggest fund raisers has started. Don't miss your chance at over \$600 in scratch off tickets. See any MDACT dancer or grab some before the recital!

### Marietta Dance Academy Competition Team

### LOTTERY SCRATCH OFF RAFFLE

**Over \$600 in Scratch Off Tickets**

**Drawing: Saturday, May 10, 2025**

**at Marietta Dance Academy Annual Recital**

**Donation: \$5.00 Per Ticket or 5 for \$20.00**

*Winner need not be present to win*

**MAY**



**International  
Astronomy Day**  
May 3



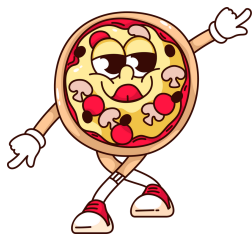
May 5



May 11



**National Apple Pie Day**  
May 13



**Pizza Party Day**  
May 16

## MDACT TRYOUTS

Marietta Dance Academy's Competition Team Tryouts are happening May 14th! We're looking for passionate, driven dancers ready to take it to the next level and be part of something truly special.

Joining our competition team is more than just an extra commitment — it's an opportunity to grow as a dancer, build confidence, gain valuable life skills, and become part of a lifelong family and support system.



**Wednesday, May 14**

**Ages 6-8: 4:00 – 5:30 PM**

**Ages 9-12: 5:00 – 7:00 PM**

**Ages 13 & up: 6:30 – 8:30 PM**

## DANCE ON FILM

May has two special dates for the dance world: Tap Dance Day (May 25) and Lindy Hop Day (May 26).



### Tap Dance

Tap dance originated in the United States in the early 1800s. When instruments were taken away from enslaved people, they turned to percussive dance. This dance intersected with clog dance, brought here by Irish immigrants, to create Tap Dance. *Tap Dance in America* is from 1989, a time when Tap Dance was being reinvigorated through Broadway musicals, especially with tap dancer Gregory Hines.

**Documentary Title:** *PBS Great Performances: Tap Dance in America*

**Release Date:** 1989 **Rating:** G

**Narrator/Host:** Gregory Hines

**Watch the documentary here:** [www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7aizPSgYeU&t=256s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a7aizPSgYeU&t=256s)



MAY



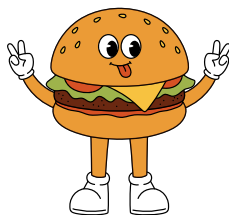
**World Bee Day**  
May 20



**World Turtle Day**  
May 23



May 26



**Hamburger Day**  
May 28



**National Smile Day**  
May 31

## DANCE ON FILM CONT.



### Lindy Hop

The Lindy Hop was born in Harlem as an African American social dance. It flourished through the 1930s and 1940s. It is a fusion of many dance styles, including jazz, tap, and the Charleston. Lindy Hop also underwent

a revitalization in the 1980s. Frankie Manning, one of the original lindy hoppers, led the revitalization, teaching workshops all over the world. You may recognize elements of the Lindy Hop in today's swing dancing.

**Documentary Title:** Frankie Manning: Never Stop Swinging

**Release Date:** 2016      **Rating:** Not Rated

**Watch the entire documentary here:**

[www.thirteen.org/programs/thirteen-specials/thirteen-specials-frankie-manning-never-stop-swinging/](http://www.thirteen.org/programs/thirteen-specials/thirteen-specials-frankie-manning-never-stop-swinging/)

## REGIONAL PROFESSIONAL DANCE

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| May 1-6   | Director's Vision: No Boundaries<br>Cincinnati Ballet <a href="http://www.cballet.org">www.cballet.org</a>             |
| May 2-4   | <i>Sleeping Beauty</i><br>BalletMet, Columbus, OH <a href="http://www.balletmet.org">www.balletmet.org</a>             |
| May 2-4   | <i>Come from Away</i><br>Broadway in Pittsburgh <a href="http://www.trustarts.org">www.trustarts.org</a>               |
| May 7     | Malandain Ballet Biarritz<br>Pittsburgh Cultural Trust <a href="http://www.trustarts.org">www.trustarts.org</a>        |
| May 8     | <i>Chicago</i><br>Clay Center, Charleston, WV <a href="http://www.theclaycenter.org">www.theclaycenter.org</a>         |
| May 9-10  | <i>Pointes of View</i><br>Dayton Ballet <a href="http://www.daytonperformingarts.org">www.daytonperformingarts.org</a> |
| May 22-23 | <i>Configuration</i><br>Dayton Contemporary Dance Company<br><a href="http://www.dcdc.org">www.dcdc.org</a>            |