

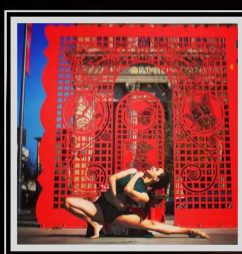
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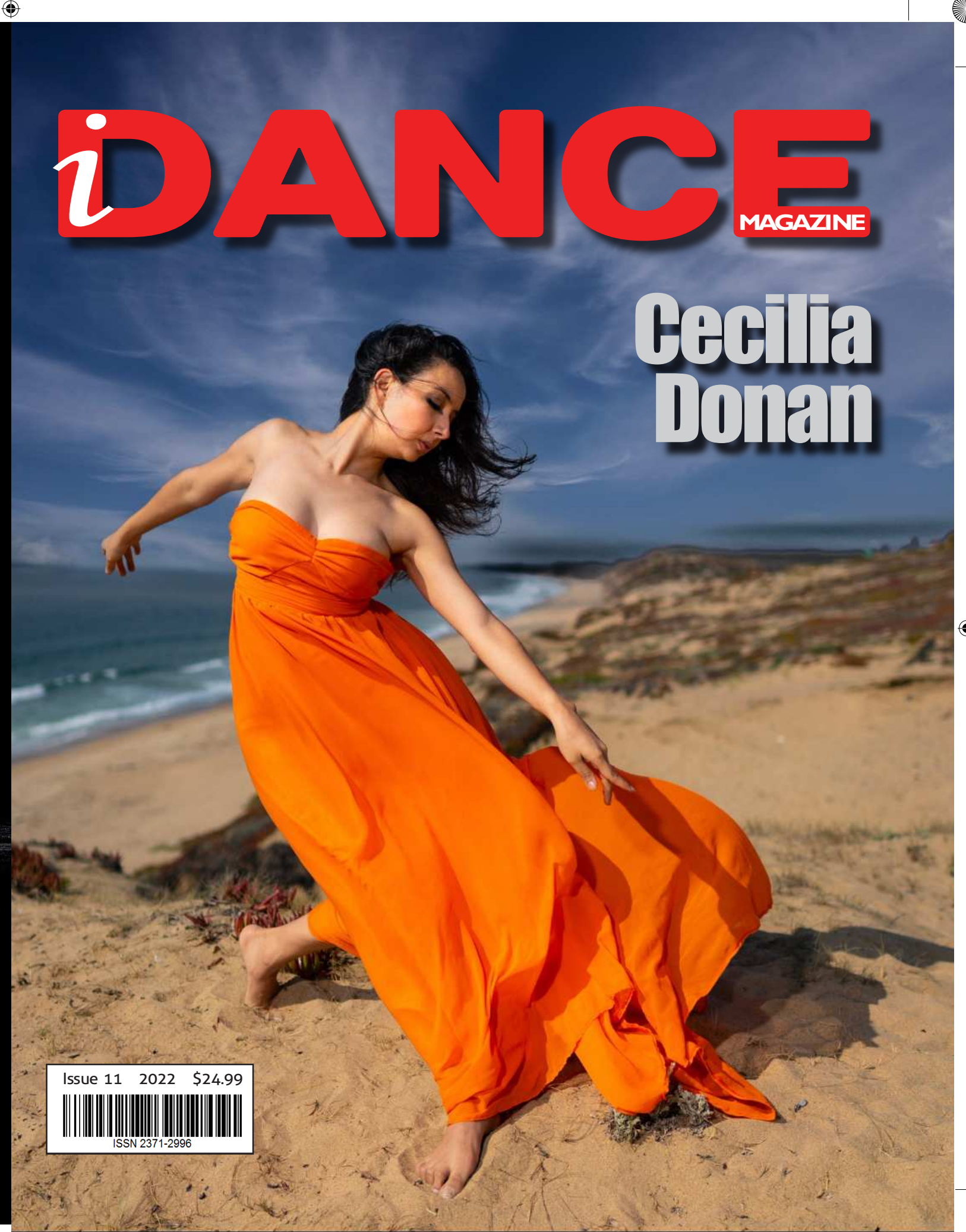


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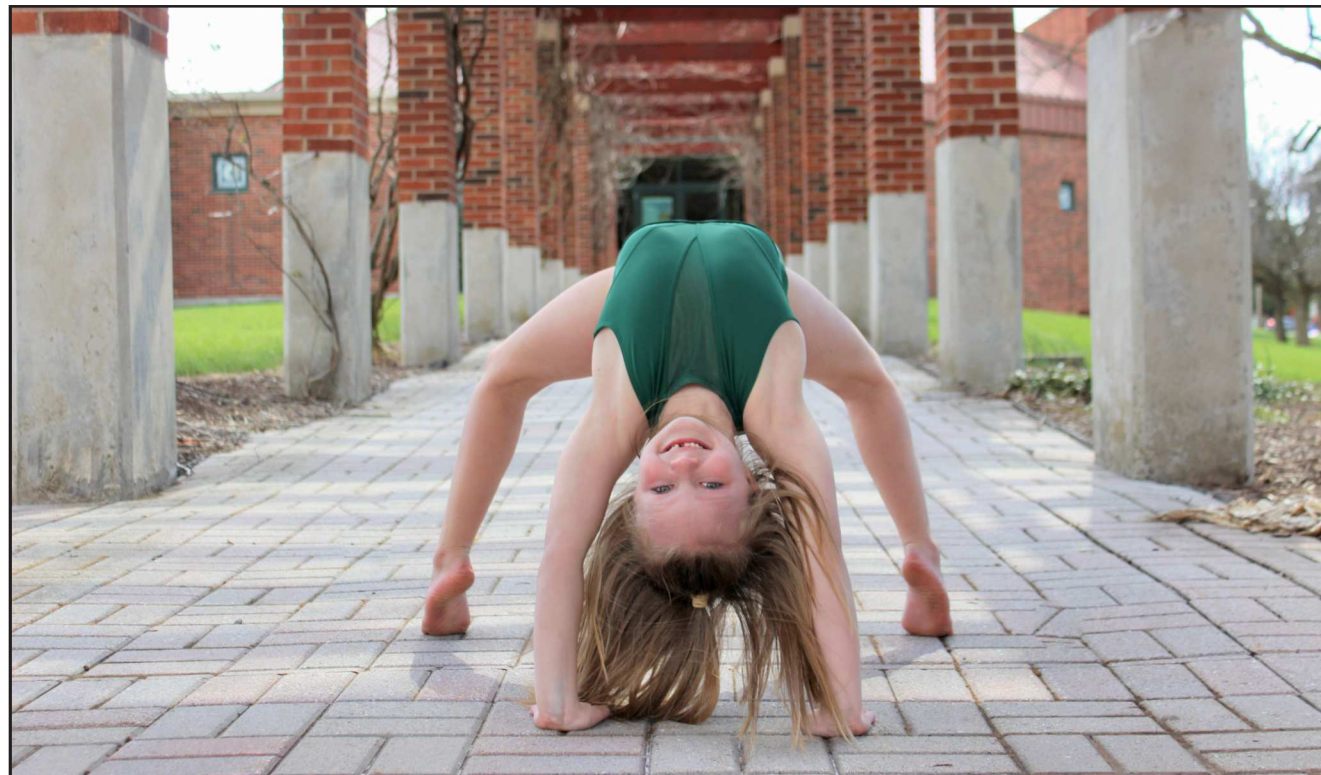
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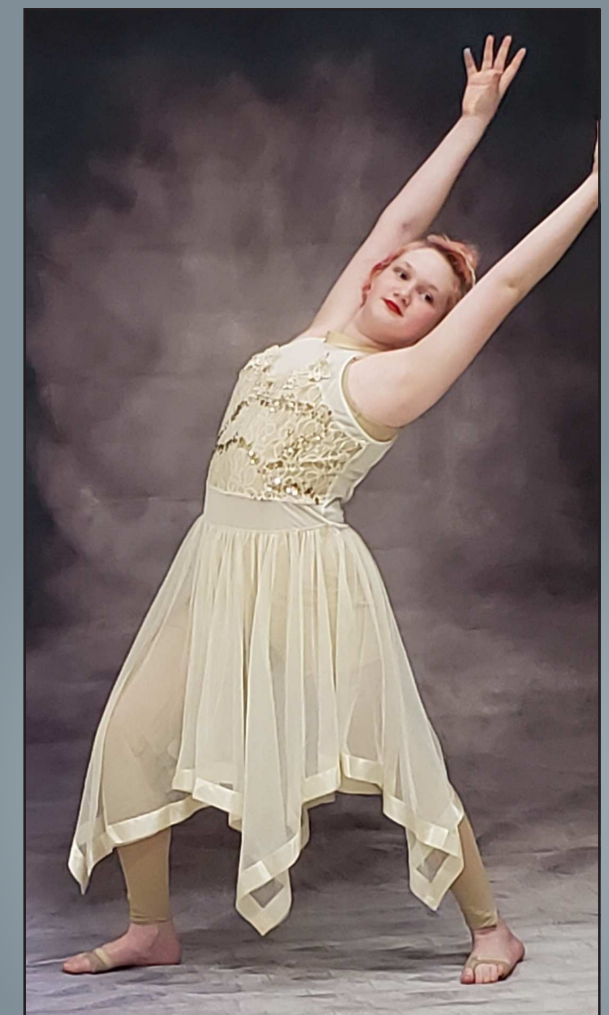
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Alexis Villanueva



I am a 7th grader in East haven CT I have been dancing for the last 10 years. I also will be performing over the summer with the shubert theater company doing the play beauty and the beast as well as being a dancer I enjoy art and creating and drawing ... I hope someday to be on Broadway dancing and performing for audiences all around.. I had to overcome a lot of obstacles that made me have to work a lot harder especially in Dance because I was faced with having issues with my feet that I had to have corrected with a lot of help from my mom who I owe a lot to and also

the amazing Dance teachers & My physical therapist Emily .. I have many achievements that I am proud of such as winning the stem project for my science project and maintaining good grades. My goals are to go to college and study to become a teacher or maybe a doctor .. I really enjoy being a dancer it has taught me to be who I am and it has also gave me an outlet to express myself on and off the dance floor...

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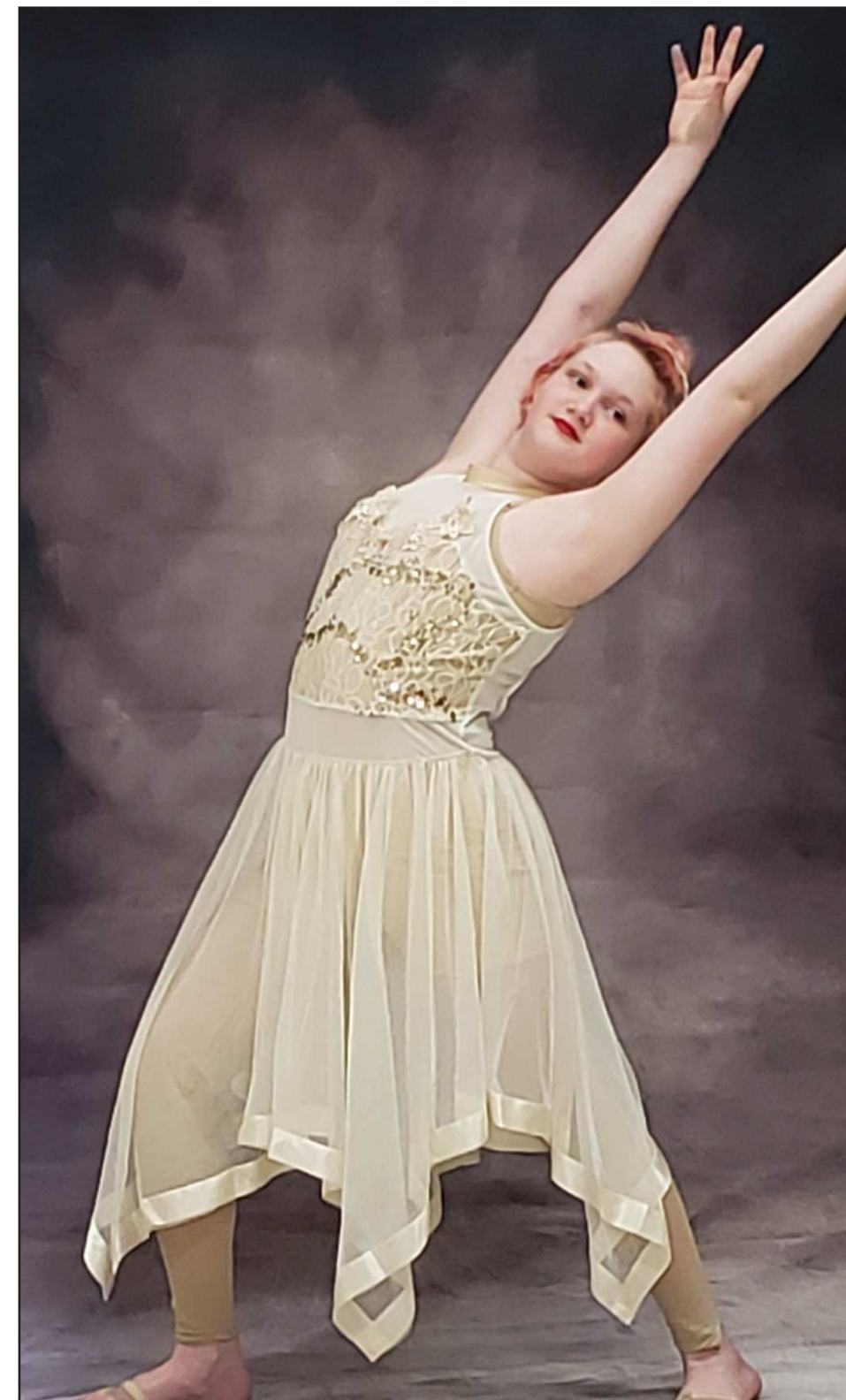


Raphaella Lamberti



My dreams as a dancer are to go far in the dance world as dance is my life as is music. Music speaks to me and I feel the need to move in motion the way the song is making me feel at that very moment. My goals are as for now to make a name for myself in the dance community because I feel dance can take you all kinds of places being as a dancer, actress, model, be on board way and to become a role model for others. I just recently started dancing about three years ago this is my first year being on a competition team and I feel like my dreams are starting out pretty good. I have made so many friends, have an awesome relationship with my dance teacher and most importantly my parents support. Dance has given me self confidence and self discipline. As far as challenges go I try to push myself further then the day before as does my Dance teacher, parents and peers. Sometimes life throws you lemons i just picture those lemons as challenges I have to push through to be a better me.

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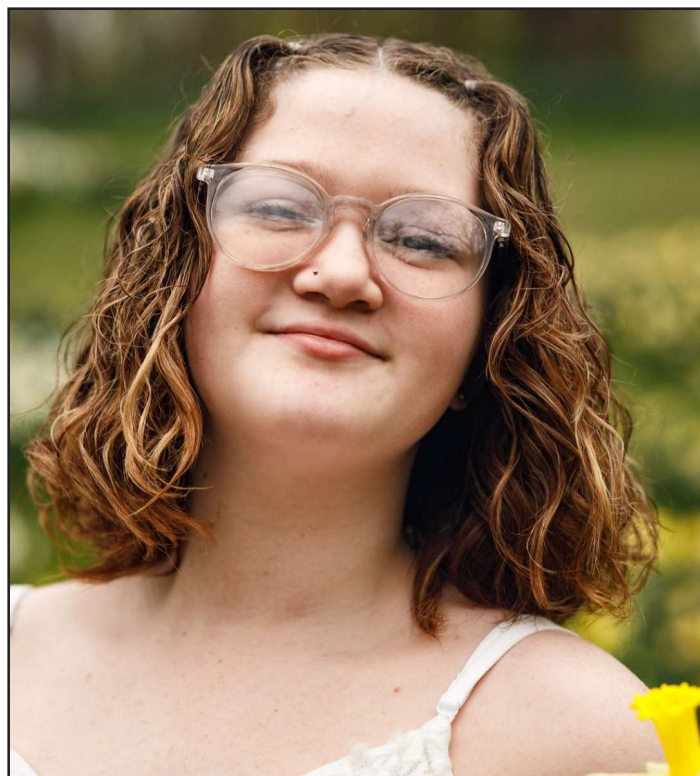


My name is Melody and I am 8 years old. As my name implies, I love music! I have been dancing at Ashley's Performing Arts Center since the age of 3 but my mother says I really began dancing in her womb! Right before the pandemic began I joined Impact Dance Company to start competing but everything came to a complete stop. When things opened up again, I was able to complete my first competition season, with several 1st place awards, judges awards, a title award, and awards for my group dances. This year, I was able to repeat that same success thanks to everyone at Ashley's Performing Arts Center, and especially my Impact Company dance teachers, Miss Ashley and Miss Sabrina. They bring out the best dancer in me. I love expressing myself through dance. When I dance, and I see the smiles in the audience, and it brings me great joy. I do not know exactly where dance is going to take me, but I know it is teaching me to be disciplined and it challenges me in many ways. Sometimes, there are dance moves that do not come easy to me, but I never give up just because it is hard. I can use these lessons later in life when I am an adult. I live, breathe, eat, and sleep dance! It is constantly on my mind and a huge part of my life. I hope that I can continue to dance as long as my legs will allow me.

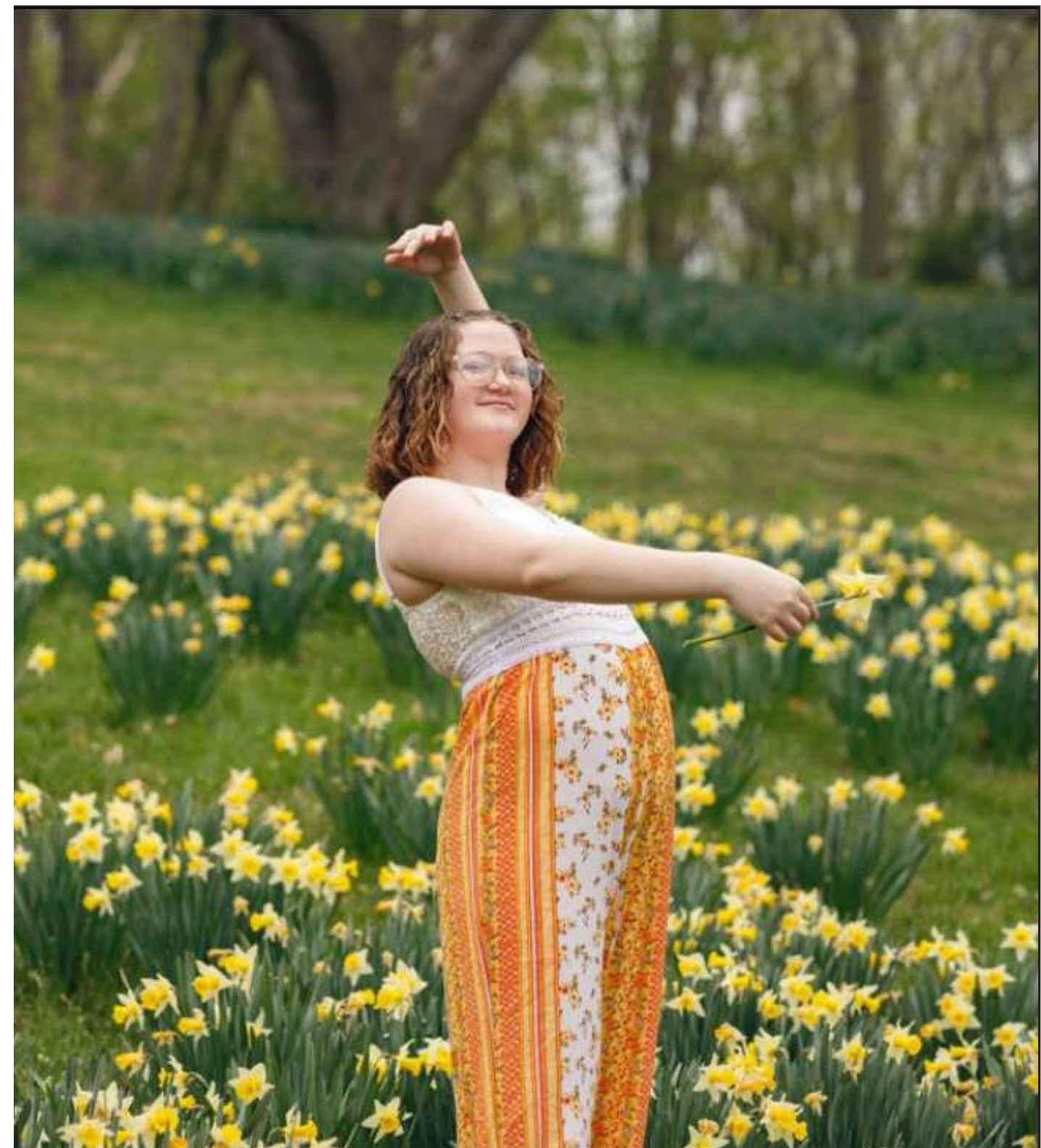
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Alexis Villanueva



Melody Bencosme



Cecilia Donan



Leilani Marie Romano



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Leilani Marie Romano



I am truly devoted dancer I love dance itself but my first love was and it will always be ballet I have been dancing since I was 5 years old. I performed in different nutcrackers as snowflake, flowers, Arabian princess and many other parts I have also performed in la bayadere and swan lake and many other recitals

Just like any other regular dancer everyday you have the goal of being better, jump higher, turn faster but we usually forget different challenges that comes with it . The struggle is real as an adult ballet dancer we usually compare to younger and skinnier dancer . Knowing that they will look better and they will recover faster ready to do it again and again . You constantly ask yourself why I keep dancing why I am still here and the answer is simple. Is for the love of dance and art that you keep dancing no matter what, if you are happy doing it then you shouldn't stop, if makes you a better person and it makes you happy you just have to keep going. I am not saying it's going to be easy Technique it's something that takes years and years of hard work, you don't have a day off ,you don't have vacations if you really want to improve !

There is a famous phrase from Martha Graham "great dancers are not great because of their technique, they are great because of their passion" and I guess she is right because only the passion and love for dance will make you repeat over and over until you become to be a better dancer.

Someday I want to become a ballet instructor and teach with the same passion that I have been dancing through the years.

Photographers Credits: Image masters fresno



Cecilia Donan



I am a brand new dancer that loves all styles, especially contemporary, Acro and lyrical. I started dancing when I was three. When I grow up I want to be a veterinarian, and a New York City Rockette. Right now I am working on my flexibility and hope to start competing soon. In my spare time I like to draw, explore nature, spend time with family and work on my reading skills. I

especially love going to new beaches and going on trails. I love dance, but what's most important to me is being kind to others.

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Leilani Marie Romano



Chloe Stafford

Chloe has been dancing since she was 2 years old. She would like to one day be a pediatric surgeon and save lives. She attended and competed in her very first YAGP this year 2022, where she won a honorable mention award for her amazing solo and a bronze medal with her a trio group.

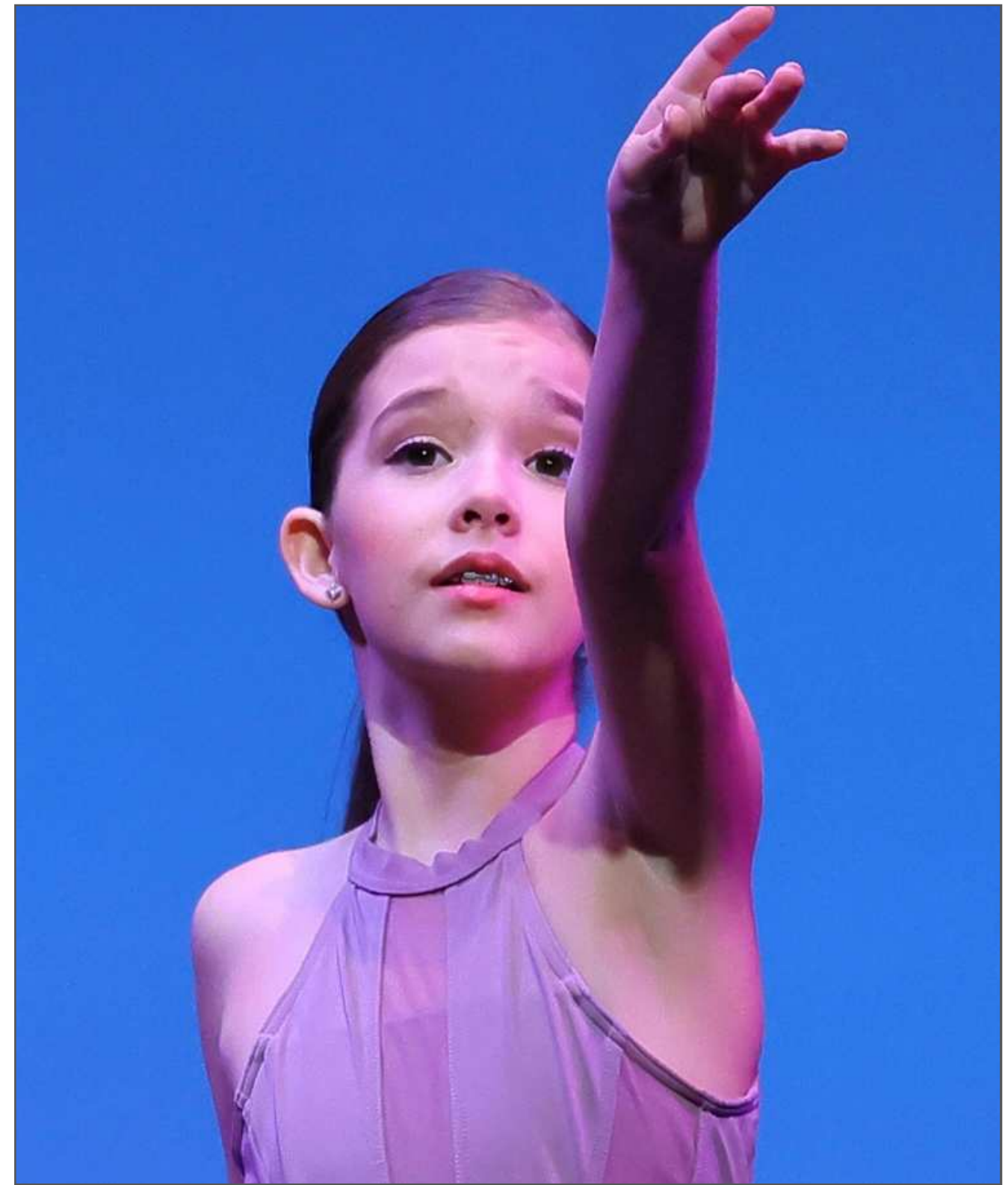
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I've been dancing since I was 10 years old. I currently am a Senior, pursuing my BFA in Commercial Dance at PACE University in NYC.



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Chloe Stafford



Halle Waites



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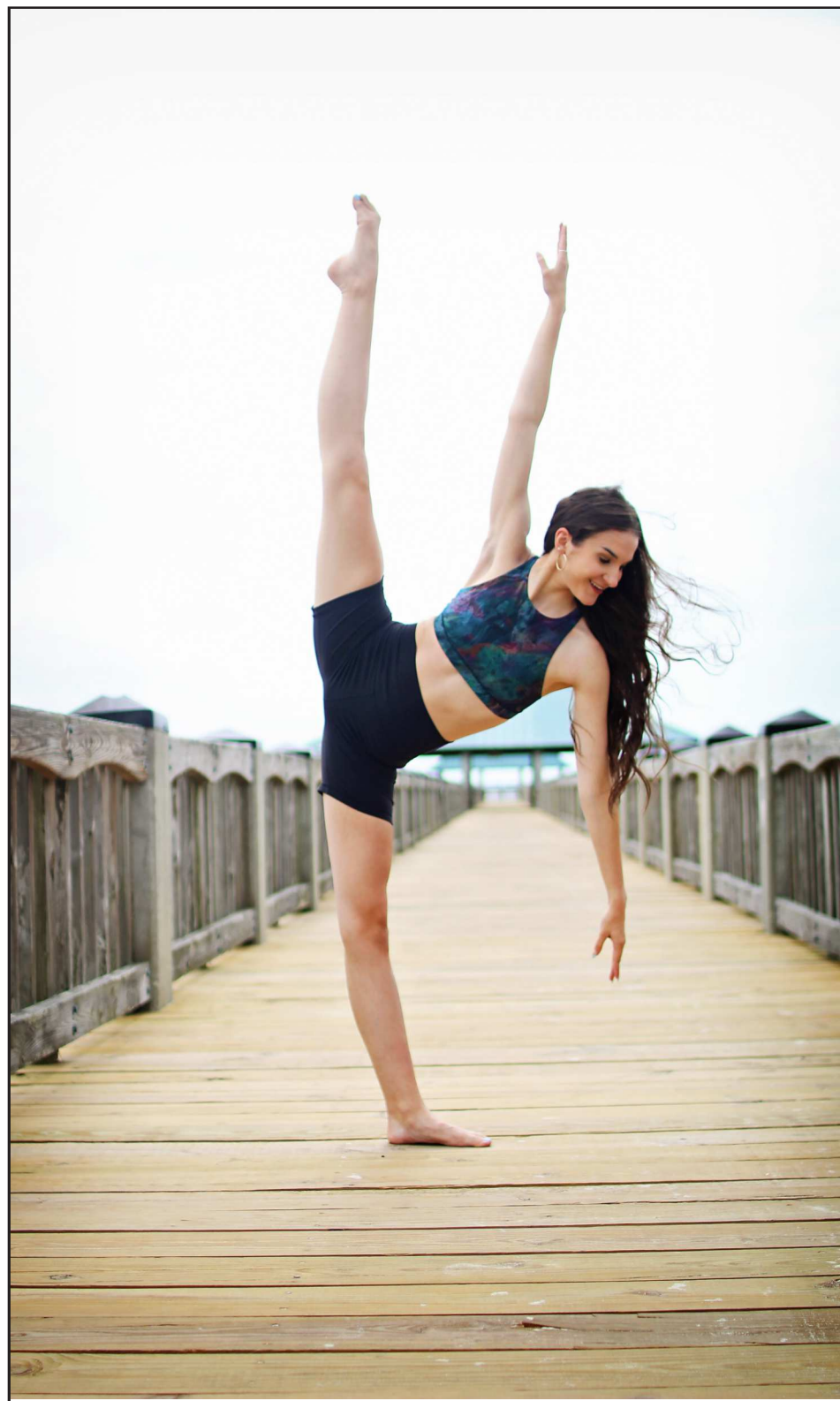


I am a senior in high school. I have danced since I was 2. My mom owned a studio. I struggled for many years because I was so tall. I grew really fast and had no control. I will be attending college at Pace University in NYC working for a BFA in commercial dance . My dream is to become a Radio city Rockette one day

Photographers Credits: Friend and competitions



Halle Waites



CJ Fischer

I am 5th year competitive dancer in tap, jazz, contemporary, ballet, acro, aerial arts and I just started ballroom.

My goals are always to deliver a better performance than my last one! I love being backstage and cheering for my teammates. I think it takes a lot of bravery to go out on stage and be judged. I look up to anyone that can do this!

My challenges have definitely been being a boy in

a sport that is predominantly girls. I hope that, when I am older, I can advocate for boys who dance to studio owners, competition managers and dance team parents.

I dream to share my love of dance when I am older! I'd love to travel the country and teach master classes. Ultimately, I'd like to explore my options in commercial dance.

Photographers Credits: Sharkcookie



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Halle Waites



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Elle Rose



My name is Elle. I am a 14 year old girl from USA. I love to dance , hangout with my friends, take breaks. I want to be a dancer in future.



Danielle Mattox & Megan Kuszniir



Danielle Mattox (purple) and Megan Kuszniir (blue) have been close friends for many years. Aside from being dancers, they share the love of teaching the performing arts craft. Megan, is the Owner and Director of Echappe School of Dance located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Danielle has the pleasure and honor of teaching and performing there occasionally as well. Megan opened her studio with the goals of inspiring her students with promising futures as well as making dance more affordable for lower income families. With Danielle's modeling connections, she organized a professional photoshoot for Megan's studio with the help of her friend, Kendall Patterson. Echappe School of Dance will be presenting their 8th annual recital this Summer. This dynamic duo is determined to continue teaching in the performing arts field while growing in their own ways. Follow them on their Instagram and Facebook pages to support their inspiring journey! (@danielle_julienne & @meggadance_esd_)

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Elle Rose



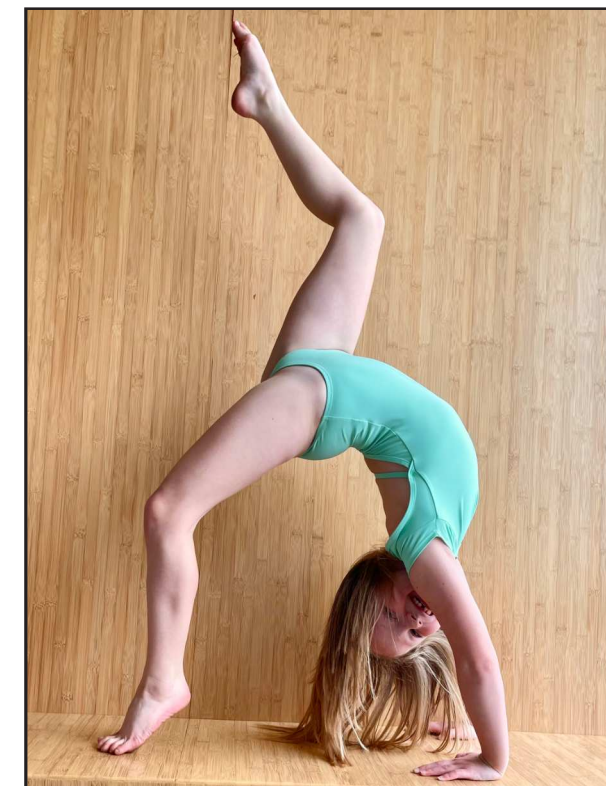
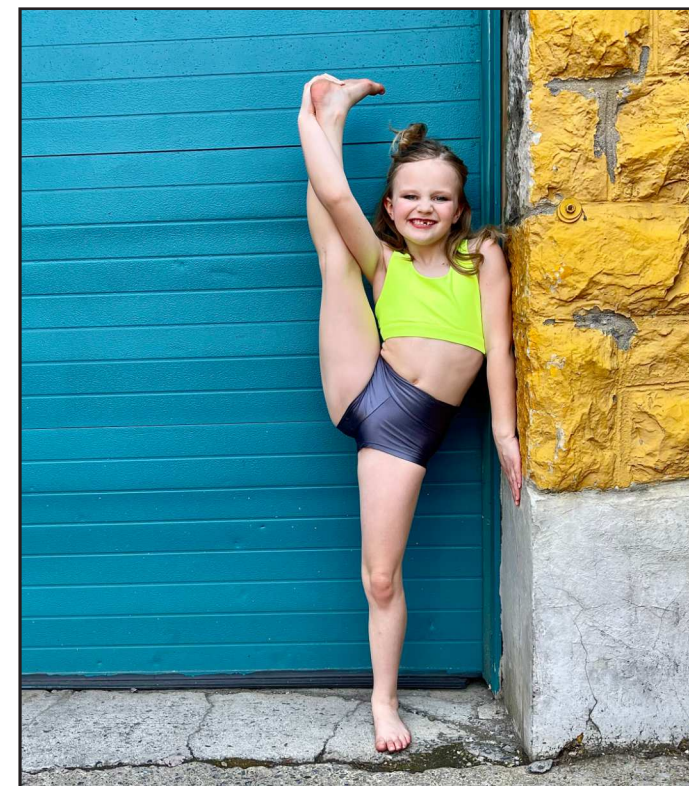
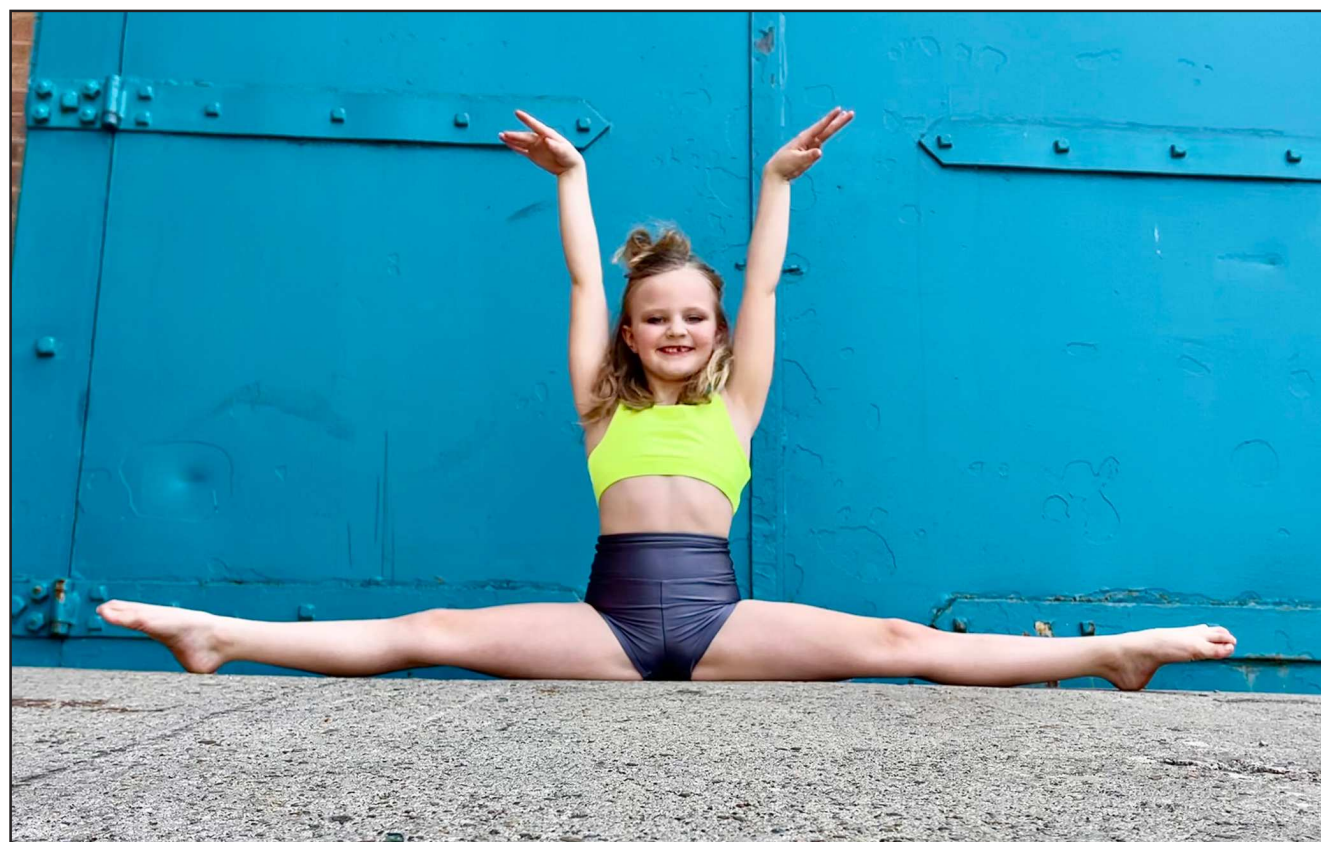
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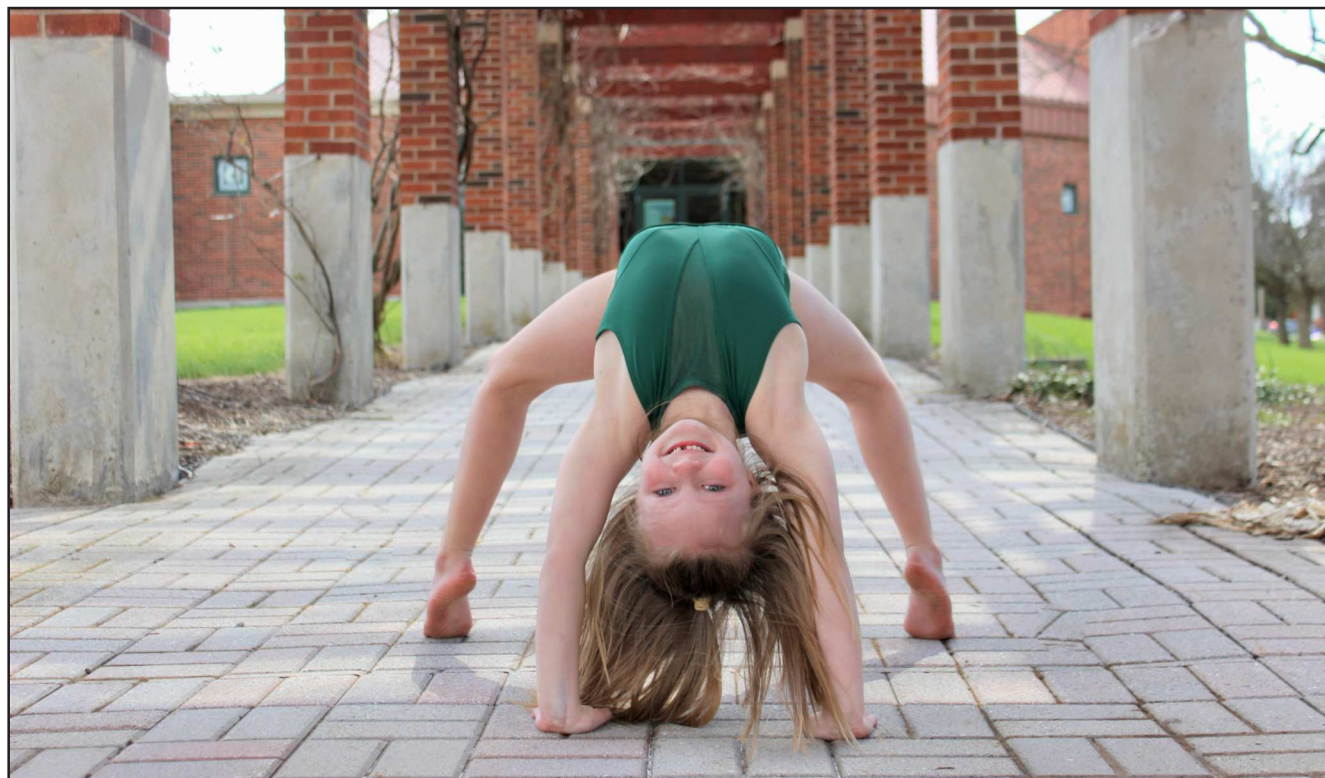
Eliot Catherine



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Hi, my name is Eliot! I am seven years old and have been dancing for my whole life (officially since age 2). This is my first year competing for Tawn Marie's Dance Centre and I have loved every second of rehearsal, conventions and competition weekends! My team has won first overall with our tap group and my jazz solo has placed first or second overall at every competition. I love learning new steps, new choreography and new tricks, but I especially love being on the stage - I feel like I was born to be up there under the lights! Outside of class you'll find me turning up the music to tumble, improv, stretch and tumble some more. When I am not dancing you'll find me at my craft table with lots of glitter, playing with my puppies, or being silly with my teammates. When I grow up I want to be a choreographer and stylist to the stars!

