

## Central Midwest Ballet Academy Newsletter

## January

*Important Dates*

- January 17<sup>th</sup> Schools Out Friday Open Class
- February 8<sup>th</sup> Frozen Assets performance at the Edge Water Hotel
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Fairytale brunch at Blackhawk Country Club
- May 9<sup>th</sup> Pre-Pro/Kanopy II performance
- May 16<sup>th</sup> Spring Showcase date

*Monthly Ballet Company*

Milwaukee Ballet

**Founded:** 1970**Location:** Milwaukee, Wisconsin**Number of Dancers:** 25**Director:** Michael Pink**What they are known for:**

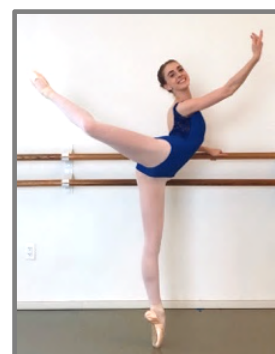
Since their founding, Milwaukee Ballet has strived to create a change in their community. They hold free ballet classes in out of studio environments and also offer free student matinee shows.

*Summer Intensives*

Although many students spend the summertime at the pool, dancers dedicate the months of their free time to study dance at ballet schools around the world! For this issue, I interviewed pre-pro dancer, Grace Burley

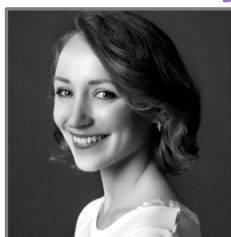
**Q: How old are and what summer intensive did you go to last year?**

Grace B: I just turned 16 years old, and went to Houston Ballet last year. The training environment was different from home because we did different styles like Bollywood and musical theater.



**Q: What advice would you give to students who are attending their first summer intensives this year?**

Grace B: Try and take advantage of the full experience, and don't be overwhelmed by other dancers. Meet new friends and have fun!

*Christina Dennis*

Christina trained with Boston Ballet, Charlotte Ballet, and other studios near Wisconsin. She currently teaches the pre-professional and standard divisions. One of the most

important things that ballet has taught Ms. Dennis is to keep going even when things are difficult. Not only is this skill applicable to ballet, but is useful in any situation. Her favorite summer intensive was at Boston Ballet because of their great faculty and location!

*Ballet term pop quiz!*

**A: Pas de Chat** means the step of the cat.

**Q: What does Pas de Cheval mean? hint – its another animal!**

*About the Editor*

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