

## **LE DANSE - 31 YEARS OF DANCE in the Wayne Community!**

Le Danse, a contemporary studio for professional dance instruction is proud to be celebrating 31 years in the Wayne community. Under the direction of Diane Raimo and Patty De Dio, the studio has received many awards and accolades throughout the years. The studio holds membership in Dance Educators of America as well as BMI, ASCAP and SESAC.

Last month, Le Danse held its annual showcase at the Wayne YMCA and once again it was a huge success. The showcase entitled, "Dance Extremes 2016" consisted of various dance styles interpreting the extremes of dance. Our ballet production, Masquerade Ballet highlighted our ballet classes through a wonderful assortment of music set at a Masquerade Ball. Another of our productions brought to life all of the characters of the popular game, Clue, as they traveled through our mystery mansion to find solve the mystery. Our annual tradition, Father/Daughter production number portrayed one of the rooms of the mystery mansion entertained the audience through their rendition of I'm In Love with a Monster, Dads were Frankenstein and Daughters were the Brides of Frankenstein. It was probably our most loved Father Daughter production in 30 years.

Le Danse's competition team dancers took home high honors at Beyond the Stars, DanceXplosion, Open Call and Kids Artistic Revue Regional Competitions. In total, the studio was honored with 24 Platinum, 7 Extreme Gold, 11 High Gold, 13 Elite Top First, 18 Gold and 10 Top First Place Awards. They also won 58 Overall High Score Awards and Special Judges Awards for "Ultimate Emotional Execution, Total Artistry, Exceptional Personality, Exceptional Dynamics, Seamless Execution, InSync, Pure Passion, Mini Diva, Characterization and Most Entertaining." Many of our students received cast invites to perform at National Competitions and Scholarships to Summer Intensives throughout the country. These winners were Gianna Raimo, Keira Frech, Brooke Scott, Ellie Field, Delaney Williams-Healy, Emily Frech, Emily Goodrich, Elizabeth Vivino and Allie DeSimone. Director Diane Raimo won a Choreography Award at Beyond the Stars and DanceXplosion and Director, Patty De Dio was awarded an Ultimate Entertainment Award at Beyond the Stars. Congratulations to our Le Danse's competition team members. Our Senior Team, Gianna Raimo, Allie DeSimone and Malina Puglisi. Our Mini Team, Jackelyn Aguilera, Keira Frech, Sanjana Jayanth & Charlotte English. Our Junior Team, Ava Cahn, Emily Frech, Emily Goodrich, Elizabeth Vivino, Setira Mancini, Brooke Scott, Delaney Williams-Healy and Emma Green. Our Teen Team, Aparna Jayanth, Mackenze Glassman, Victoria Paylo, Olivia Black, Allison Gorelik, Natalie Ritacco, Emily Krassowski, Ellie Field, Eva Morante and Katherine Gurda. We are also extremely proud of our Le Danse Dad, as they entered and came home winners at KAR competition, Tim & Lilly Barbera, Eric, Sydney & Ava Cahn, Heath & Mackenze Glassman, Ralph & Jackelyn Aguilera, Tim & Savannah Milton, Steve & Emma Greene, Mike & Emily Frech, Dan & Jenna Sisto and Yefim & Allison Gorelik. We are extremely proud of everyone and are looking forward to next season's competition season.

Le Danse has an all professional staff where all students have a rewarding experience. Both recreational and competitive level students shine and have the experience of not only dancing for fun, but also excelling competently in a professional, yet friendly environment.

The studio's curriculum includes classes in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, lyrical, contemporary, pointe, musical theatre & technique for ages 8 & up, beginner through advanced levels. Our children's programs consist of our original Preschool class for 2-1/2 - 4 yr olds. Our Children's Workshop classes are for students age 5-7 years old. Preschool & Children's Workshop classes consist of basic fundamentals of ballet, tap & jazz concentrating on confidence & performing ability. While Preschool classes are created to be more playful & perfectly suitable for the preschool aged child, our children's workshops are more structured & focus more on technique, however still hold a variety of fun & excitement in every class.

We also offer a fabulous adult program that is fun, inspiring and our adult students wowed the audience at this years showcase with their exciting jazz and tap performances. And of course, let's not forget our Father/Daughter & Mother/Daughter classes which are a Le Danse original. Le Danse also offers workshops in Acting/Theatre, Voice, Ballroom, Yoga & Pilates.

Le Danse is a neighborhood studio where students from 2-1/2 years of age through adults, beginner through adult levels, can learn, perform and compete in a professional, friendly environment with an all professional staff. We are located in the Valley Ridge Shopping Center at 580 Valley Road in Wayne.

Please visit our Le Danse Facebook page and our website, [www.ledansestudio.com](http://www.ledansestudio.com) to see photos and videos from our performances, competitions and classes.

The studio will be holding fall **registration on August 24th, August 30<sup>th</sup>, August 31<sup>st</sup> and September 1st from 4:00 - 8:00 PM.** Please call the studio at **973-305-8401** for further information on our fall registration. You can also e-mail us at **ledanse@optimum.net**. Please join us for a positive and uplifting, creative dance experience. With 31 years of experience, there's no other place to study dance! Experience is knowledge! Come experience Le Danse!