



**DANCE
MID-YEAR**



CAPITAL AREA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS
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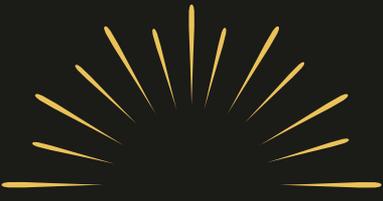


"IN BETWEEN TWO"

9th and 10th Grade Performance

In Collaboration with the 9th and 10th Grade
Creative Writing Students

Welcome to the 9th and 10th Grade Mid-Year Performance, "In Between Two"! The 9th and 10th grade dance cohort were given the theme of "Rise Up" as the impetus to begin their creative process. The students took a more abstract approach to this theme and created a story that shows a person trapped between living in chaos and trying to escape. As they try to escape, they begin to recollect their past and recall many positive moments. However, a bittersweet feeling takes over when they realize the contrast of the past with the current world they are living in today. Knowing they cannot achieve their utopia in real life, another world is created in their mind, but they cannot stay in their mind forever. Recounting the past and all the memories of growing up, once awoken, they find that the world and its' path is not set and change is possible. In a seemingly paradoxical way, they are ready to "rise up" to be the person they need to be now.



RECOLLECTION

Music : Patrick Bennett and David Arnold

Choreographed and Performed by : 9th and 10th Grade Ensemble

Original Text Written by : Ollie Jones and Myla Kiger

CAUGHT

Music : Systematic, Iron Cthulhu Apocalypse

Choreographed and Performed by : Kylie Roland, Ky Smith,

Carissa Prestopine, and Na'Ziyah Payton

MY MIND IS LOCKED

PART 1 : PUDDLES OF JOY

Music : Tokyo Nerio Annex

Choreographed and Performed by : Ky Smith and Carolyn Wagner

PART 2 : MOVING THROUGH THE MEADOW

Music : Jordan Critz

Choreographed and Performed by : Adriana McKellar, Marlee Green,

Lily Clements, and Afia Amoako

PART 3 : LOST LIGHT

Music : Ambient Feelings

Choreographed and Performed by : Na'Ziyah Payton,

Carissa Prestopine, and Kylie Roland

PART 4 : FOUND

Music : Tazzy

Choreographed and Performed by : Sophia Bedorf and Alicia McGraw

REUNION

Music : The Wizard

Choreographed and Performed by : 9th and 10th Grade Ensemble

CAUGHT

Music : Angxl

Choreographed and Performed by : 9th and 10th Grade Ensemble

FINALE

Featuring All Dance and Creative Writing Students



INTERMISSION

ARTISTIC TEAM

Artistic Director : Molly B. Misgalla

Assistant to the Director/Stage Manager : Ezra Lane

Music Editing : Gilad Goldman

Poster/Advertising Design : Sophia Bedorf

Costuming : CASA Dance Department

FEATURED PERFORMERS

AFIA AMOAKO

Afia is a sophomore who has been dancing for the past eleven years. She not only enjoys dancing, but all the many different genres and styles that dance has to offer. She is grateful for being able to dance here at CASA and hopes that everyone enjoys the show.

SOPHIA BEDORF

Sophia is a ninth grader and her first year in dance at CASA. She has been dancing for almost twelve years at Richie's School of Dance. Her favorite styles are contemporary and jazz. Sophia would like to thank her mom, Cindy, and teacher, Angie Harp, for always pushing her to work hard.

LILY CLEMENTS

Lily is a sophomore at CASA. She has been dancing since the age of three, mixing all different styles. Lily loves to dance because it allows her freedom to express herself freely. Her parents and sisters are her number one supporters and she would not be here today without them. She hopes you enjoy the show and know that the applause is appreciated!

MARLEE GREEN

Marlee is in ninth grade and has been dancing for twelve years at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet. She is excited to be performing at CASA. Marlee would like to thank her family for always being there to support her dream.



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ALICIA MCGRAW

Alicia is a sophomore who has been dancing at DanceVibe for eleven years. She is grateful for the opportunity to perform at CASA. Alicia is very thankful for her friends and family. She hopes you enjoy the show.

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ADRIANA MCKELLAR

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Adriana is a sophomore and is excited to dance with CASA for another year. She has been dancing for thirteen years, and for over a year at Pennsylvania Regional Ballet. Adriana wants to thank her dance teacher at PRB and her parents for all their support.

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NA'ZIYAH PAYTON

Na'Ziyah is a sophomore at CASA, a place where she loves sharing her passion for dance. She has been studying dance since the age of eight years old and loves exploring modern and contemporary. Na'Ziyah would like to thank her mom for her unconditional support and love.

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CARISSA PRESTOPINE

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Carissa is a freshman at CASA. She has been dancing for twelve years and is currently on the competitive dance team at Adrenaline Dance of York. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her and her dance teachers for pushing her to be the best she can be. Carissa is very thankful for the opportunity to dance at CASA and in the mid-year performance.

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KYLIE ROLAND

Kylie is a ninth grader and is currently a dancer and member of the competitive dance team at Richie's School of Dance. This is her twelfth year dancing, and she is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to be in CASA's dance program. A special thank you to her friends and family for all their support.

KY SMITH

Ky is a tenth grader at CASA who has had a passion for dance since he was a toddler. He has been trained in an abundance of styles to improve his craft. He is inspired every day by his fellow dancers to work harder and become a better dancer. He loves and is thankful for the community in the dance room they have all created!

CAROLYN WAGNER

Carolyn is a first year dance student at CASA. She has been studying dance for ten years at Richie's School of Dance. She would like to thank Corydon, Finn, and Basil for their love and support. She hopes you enjoy the show!

9TH & 10TH CREATIVE WRITING TEAM

Isis Braxton (writer & speaker), Myla Kiger (writer), Chiara Munoz-Breto (writer & speaker), Cece Geigel (speaker), Ollie Jones (writer & speaker), Nathaniel Laudermilch (speaker), Louisa Solomon-Nelson (speaker), Bailey Bankes (backstage), Sophia LaSalla (backstage), Shannon Sheehan (backstage), and Miss Alexandra Johnson (Creative Writing Teacher)

"JACK'S HOTEL"

11th and 12th Grade Performance

In Collaboration with the 11th and 12th Grade
Creative Writing Students

Welcome to the 11th and 12th Grade Mid-Year Performance, "Jack's Hotel"! Lively music ranging from Ella Fitzgerald to Duke Ellington filled the streets of Harrisburg, ready to bring the joy of jazz to everyone. However, when these performers played, they were shut out and no longer welcome. This is when business man, German Jackson, started to sweep up every good spot in Harrisburg. He wanted to create a safe place for people to share their love of art, music, and dance. He changed the scene!

Jack's Hotel is one of the popular places we are recognizing tonight. The hotel was created as a place for artists to have freedom and comfort when needing a spot to stay. German Jackson served as a voice for the people that were not heard, and a light for those who were in the dark. We honor him tonight with this performance.



USE THE SIDE ENTRANCE

Music : How High the Moon (live) - Louis Armstrong

Choreographed and Performed by : 11th and 12th Grade Ensemble

Original Text Written and Performed by : Je'Shawn Bobbitt, Carrine Lawson, Gabrielle Kpawika, Freeda Moussa, Daniya Royster, Lilia Bomberger, Rowan Valera, Shelby Rudy, and Bodie Ko

THE BEE'S KNEES

Music : Whiplash - Hank Levy

Choreographed and Performed by : 11th and 12th Grade Ensemble

SIT BACK, RELAX

Music : Too Hip to Retire - Tim Simonec

Choreographed and Performed by : Kailynn Bardo, Rachel Barlick, Harper Brubaker, Sophia Gomez, Olahna Lynch, and Teniah Stenson

Music : Hey Pachuco! - Captain Redeye and the Hood

Choreographed and Performed by : Delaney Clifford, Abigail Crozier, Amorii Melendez, Jenna Rhoads, Alyssa Slatky, and Amani Weary

Music : Overture - Justin Hurwitz

Choreographed and Performed by : 11th and 12th Grade Ensemble

CLANDESTINE

Music : An Isolated Moment - Keith Merrill

Choreographed and Performed by : 11th and 12th Grade Ensemble

Original Text Written by : Daniya Royster

Original Text Performed by : Je'Shawn Bobbitt

JIVE AT FIVE!

Music : Jive at Five – Mint Julep Jazz Band

*Choreographed and Performed by : 11th and 12th Grade Ensemble and
11th and 12th Grade Creative Writing Students*

Original Text Written and Performed by : Je'Shawn Bobbitt

FINALE

Featuring All Dance and Creative Writing Students

PERFORMANCE NOTES

At the beginning of the first quarter, the 11th and 12th graders were given the theme, “Rise Up” as an impetus to begin their creative process. They spent time researching their chosen time period of the 1920’s to 1930’s. The students participated in workshops taught by prominent guest teachers in dance styles from that period, including lindy, swing, vaudeville, and burlesque. We explored the connection between the past and present by touring the city of Harrisburg, and discussing how our history can influence our future. Using their voices to collaborate as a collective, they came together to devise an original movement work alongside the creative writers who developed an original text and story.

Through compromise, delegating tasks, and using units of study from this semester, the students rose to the challenge. We honor those who have paved the way before us, so we can continue to “rise up” for the future.

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Poster/Advertising Design : Harper Brubaker & Amani Weary

Costuming : Harper Brubaker

FEATURED PERFORMERS

KAILYNN BARDO

Kailynn is a senior who has been attending the CASA dance program since the 9th grade. Before CASA, she attended Richie's School of Dance and Tap n' Arts. In the near future, Kailynn would like to pursue biochemistry and literature at college.

RACHEL BARLICK

Rachel is a senior at CASA and has been attending since freshman year. She has been training at The New Cumberland School of Ballet since the age of three and is a member of The Souls of the Feet Dance Company. She hopes to pursue nursing after CASA, but plans to keep dancing wherever she goes!

HARPER BRUBAKER

Harper is a senior who has attended the CASA dance program since the 9th grade. She is looking forward to continuing to dance over the next year and is interested in pursuing a career in agricultural engineering.

DELANEY CLIFFORD

Delaney is in 11th grade and this is her first year dancing at CASA. Delaney has been dancing for six years at The Studio. She has been in many end-of-the-year productions, as well as ballet productions including Beauty and the Beast, Alice in Wonderland, The Nutcracker, and is currently in The Wizard of Oz (Dorothy). She would like to thank her parents and all who have supported her on her artistic journey.

ABIGAIL CROZIER

Abigail is currently an 11th grader at CASA in the dance program. She has been dancing since she was two years old. Abigail attended nationals for competition in her solo work at the age of twelve. Her performances include Cinderella, Beauty and the Beast, Alice in Wonderland, and she was the Sugar Plum Fairy in the Nutcracker. She would like to thank her family, friends, and dance teachers for their unconditional support through her career as an artist.

SOPHIA GOMEZ

Sophia a senior who has been attending CASA since 9th grade. Before CASA, Sophia attended studios including Lewisburg Dance Conservatory, D&K Studio of Dance, and Delaware Dance Company. After graduation, she plans on studying clinical psychology at Penn State University.

ATHENA IRANI

Athena is a junior and is excited to be dancing at CASA for her third year. She has been dancing for ten years at One Broadway Dance Academy, where she is part of their competition team. She loves taking master classes and going to conventions, especially in New York City. Athena would like to thank her family and dance family for always believing in her and being there throughout her dance journey.

AMORII MELENDEZ

Amorii has been dancing since the age of 3 and has been at CASA since her freshman year. She trains at The Studio and The Underground Dance Company. Amorii is a member of her high school marching band, where she is section leader for the bass drums. She would love to thank her mom, Rebecca, for the unconditional love and support throughout her dance journey and her godfather, Eric, for being an amazing role model.

OLAHNA LYNCH

Olahna is a senior in the CASA dance program and has been in attendance since freshmen year. Currently she attends The Studio, where she trains in ballet, modern jazz, and contemporary dance.

Olahna is extremely passionate about dance and is excited to see where her journey after graduating from CASA takes her. She hopes to continue studying dance in college.

JENNA RHOADS

Jenna is a junior who has attended CASA's dance program since the ninth grade. Currently, she attends The Studio, where she takes various classes and enjoys performing on the competition team. Jenna enjoys being an assistant teacher and taking on service projects in her community. She would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support.

ALYSSA SLATKY

Alyssa is a junior and this is her first year in the CASA dance program. She has been dancing since the age of eleven in a competitive studio environment. Alyssa continues to expand her training with visits to New York City, masterclasses, and intensives. She would like to thank her friends, family, and all of her teachers and coaches throughout the years for pushing her to be the best dancer and person she can be.

TENIAH STENSON

Teniah is a senior who has attended the CASA dance program since her freshman year. She attended the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater School of Dance: Junior Division of Dance and is locally attending One Broadway Dance Academy. As her school journey continues, she plans to focus her studies in math and biology.

AMANI WEARY

Amani is currently in 11th grade at CASA for dance. Some of her recent productions include *The Addams Family* (Gomez), *West Side Story* (Chino), *The Wiz* (the Lion), *The Fantasticks* (Huckabee), and *the Moors* (Hudley). Amani hit the stage at the young age of four and has enjoyed performing ever since. She would like to thank her family for their unwavering support throughout her journey as an artist.

11TH AND 12TH CREATIVE WRITING TEAM

Je'Shawn Bobbitt (writer & speaker), Lilia Bomberger (writer & speaker), Clancy Cottingham-Frye (writer), Bodie Ko (writer), Gabrielle Kpakiwa (writer & speaker), Carrine Lawson (writer & speaker), Freeda Moussa (writer & speaker), Daniya Royster (writer & speaker), Shelby Rudy (writer & speaker), Rowan Valera (writer) and Miss Alexandra Johnson (Creative Writing Teacher)

CASA PERFORMANCE ETIQUETTE REMINDERS

Please silence your cell phones.

No flash photography. Our film department is recording this performance.

Please only polite applause for our performers.

Thank you!

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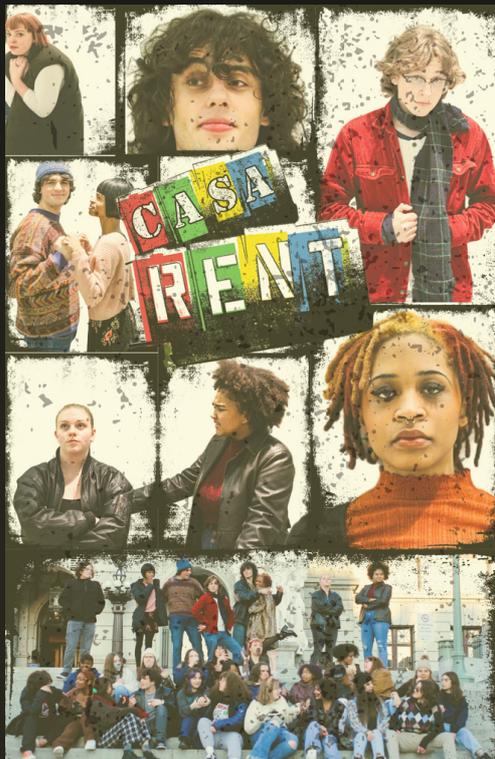
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Tickets for our spring
musical, RENT, are now on
sale!

March 24 at 7:00 p.m.

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All performances will be on
stage at the Whitaker Center.

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