



Dance Matters



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2015-2016

Calendar of Events

Christmas Break

Thursday, Dec. 24th -
Friday, Jan. 1st, 2016

Classes Resume

Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 2016

Family Bowling Party

Sunday, Jan. 17th, 2016
11 AM—1 PM

Show Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, May 14th, 2016
East Aurora High School

Performance Date

Sunday May 15th, 2016
East Aurora High School

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From the Desk of the Director Sheila Dollas:



Dear Friends & Family,

Season's Greetings! On the heels of our annual Fall Fundraiser and Christmas party soon we will be ushering in the New Year. As we count our blessings, HALO awards were given to two deserving people for **Helping and Leading Others**. I would like to applaud Tony Annunziato, SASi Executive Director, with nearly 38 years of service and Jean Coyle, dancer Emma's mother who is a retired school teacher of 30 years. Their professional careers have been punctuated with a steadfast sense of volunteerism, leadership and contributions, all promoting the greater good of our Western New York community.

Speaking of community and time-honored traditions, Moving Miracles' families would like to congratulate Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant on their 50th year of family, fine food and philanthropy. Restaurant owners Dennis and Mike and the values of the whole DiPaolo family are an intrinsic part of the tightly knit fabric of ministering to our Buffalo community every day. Aligning forces for 30 years is Buffalo Bills' athletic trainer, Bud Carpenter who serves as the president of the Ilio DiPaolo Scholarship Fund, established in 1995. Service, humility and integrity come to mind as we recognize the nearly \$900,000 given by the Scholarship Fund in support of community groups and scholarships.

On Sunday, May 15th we will present our 18th annual production, "People, Places and Possibilities". Countless people and places flood our minds in this fast-paced, sometimes reeling, technology riddled, spectacular world we live in. Waiting in the wings for the right moment to step into the spotlight, the "People" and "Places" theme was decidedly agreed upon by our teaching staff last year. Shaping and solidifying the direction of our creative works was the addition of "Possibilities". This theme gives us freedom to step back and reflect on decades of influences, while simultaneously giving us the liberty to explore and push the boundaries of what could truly be countless possibilities for our performers.

Happy Holidays!

Ms. Sheila

PLEASE JOIN US!

For: Family Bowling Party

When: Sun., January 17th, 2016
11 AM—1 PM

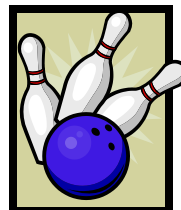
Where: Striker's Bowling Lanes
50 Michael Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127

Cost: \$12/person

Includes: Bowling, Shoes,
Soda & Pizza

Drawings & prizes
throughout the day!

Space is limited, make your
reservations today!



GRATITUDE!

Moving Miracles would like to thank the Josephine Goodyear Foundation, a foundation under The Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, for their generous grant contributing to our scholarship fund. Through their thoughtful giving, many of our students' dreams of dancing have now become a reality. We applaud the board of trustees thoughtful efforts towards the many community organizations that they support to improve lives in Western New York.



Josephine Goodyear Foundation

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Dance Instructor



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Dance Instructor



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Dance Instructor



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Announcements

Welcome Ms. Molly!



Molly Sergi has volunteered in our Day Habilitation program for the past two years. She has danced on stages across WNY, including Artpark and Shea's Performing Art Center. Molly also worked in entertainment at Walt Disney World for several years. Her three children keep her very busy along with her new position as Music Director for the West Seneca Youth Theatre. Molly says encouraging her students to express themselves through dance has been among the greatest joys she will ever know and she is grateful to be a part of the Moving Miracles family.

Beautiful Spaces

This past spring, we were honored to have local illustrator, cartoonist and published author Nick Cherre paint a beautiful mural inside studio A. Nick, who has been drawing animals his whole life, has just released his second children's book "*A Day in Buffalo*" which follows "*A Giraffe in Buffalo*". His talent is evident in the serene space he has created for our dancers here at Moving Miracles.



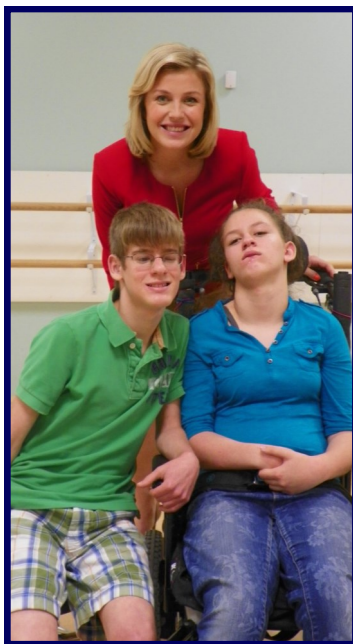
Special Attention from WIVB - Channel 4

After sharing emcee duties with Al Vaughters at this year's annual performance, Nalina Shapiro from WIVB Channel 4 News, proposed the idea of bringing more awareness to Moving Miracles. Nalina and her crew stopped by the studio to learn more about therapeutic dance and film a segment on our program.

Featured in the news clip were talented sibling dancers Maddy and Mitchell who have been dancing for several years. Maddy summed up her feelings: "*I feel free when I am dancing. Dancing is my life*".

The story highlighted many of the wonderful things about Moving Miracles and our students.

Visit www.MovingMiracles.com to see the full story!





Community Outreach 2015

Dancing through the Seasons

Community Services for the Developmentally Disabled Summer Picnic

“Step Up for Down Syndrome” Awareness Walk

SASi Celebration
Celebrating Arts & Abilities

Fredonia State College
“Dancing with the Athletes”





 * 16th Annual *
 * Fall Fundraiser *
 * Featuring: Terry Buchwald *
 * Saturday, Nov. 7th, 2015 *
 * Michael's Banquet Facility *





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* *“Thank You” to all of the volunteers who helped* *
* *make the Fall Fundraiser a huge success!!* *
* *Erie 1 Boces, Harkness Career & Technical Center,* *
* *Daemen College - Sigma Pi Epsilon Delta,* *
* *Sharon Bistoff & Kohl’s Cares Associates in Action,* *
* *RJ’s Concessions & Catering,* *
* *Moving Miracles Friends & Family* *
* *SASi Volunteers* *





Annual Holiday Party

*"The Spirit of
Christmas
Is the Spirit
of Love, Genorosity
& Goodness"*

*Congratulations to our
HALO winners!
Tony Annunziato
& Jean Coyle*



"'Tis the season to be JOLLY!"



Moving Miracles would like to thank everyone who made our holiday gathering a jolly success!

- 🍷 Dennis DiPaolo & the staff from Ilio DiPaolo's Restaurant
- 🍷 Mr. & Mrs. Bud Carpenter and the Buffalo Bills Training Staff
- 🍷 Students from St. Francis HS, Immaculata Academy & Mt. Mercy Academy
- 🍷 Sen. William Stachowski
- 🍷 The Women of AT&T





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"Pre - Patrick's Day"
Master Mind Dinner &
Theme Basket Raffle



Saturday, March 5th 5:30 - 9:30

Michael's Banquet Facility

4885 Southwestern Blvd., Hamburg, NY

Tickets are \$39.50 each OR
\$38.00 each, for tables of 8 or more

For more information or to reserve tickets

call SASi's Development Office
at (716)805-1555 or purchase
online at www.sasinc.org



"People, Places and Possibilities"

Moving Miracles

18th Annual Performance
Sunday, May 15th, 2016

