

## Central Midwest Ballet Academy Newsletter

## June

*Important Dates*

- June 11<sup>th</sup> Open Classes start
- June 17<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> Beyond Ballet Camp
- June 17<sup>th</sup> Junior Summer Session starts
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Beginner Summer Classes start

*Monthly Ballet Company***Miami City Ballet****Founded:** 1985**Location:** Miami, FL**Number of Dancers:** 53**What they are known for:**

Originally based on the articulate, quick footwork of Balanchine technique, Miami City Ballet (MCB) showcases Balanchine works and full-length classical ballets yearly. They bolster an expansive touring program, taking their shows to cities throughout the USA, Canada, and Europe.



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*The Graduating Seniors*

The end of CMBA's school year means it is time to say goodbye to our graduating seniors. With dedication and kindness, these three dancers have graced CMBA's studios, and we congratulate them on graduating and wish them luck in their future endeavors. Learn more about them below!

*Kendra* joined CMBA at its inception five years ago, where she also garnered the nickname Kit-Kat. She was president of CMBA's chapter for National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) for the 2018-2019 school year. As president, Kit-Kat organized school parties, promoted fundraising opportunities, and brought homemade cookies to the early 9:00<sup>am</sup> meetings, which was much appreciated by all NHSDA members. Kit-Kat is attending Wheaton College this fall, where she will study Biblical Studies and Spanish. She will continue to dance. While she will not dance professionally, she says ballet taught her to push herself beyond what she believes possible, a lesson she applies through all aspects of her life.



Ohana



Erik

Kendra  
AKA  
Kit-Kat

*Erik* started dancing with CMBA last year. He boasts lead roles, including Edward in *The Little Matchstick Girl* along with Albrecht in *Giselle*, and was secretary for NHSDA. He hopes to continue dancing throughout college. This fall, he will attend Butler University and major in International Business.

*Ohana* joined CMBA at the beginning of this past school year. Never without a smile on her face, Ohana brought much laughter into the studio, and mentions how ballet taught her to have a positive growth attitude. She is taking a gap year, where she will teach little kids ballet at Ballet U while dancing with Kanopy 2 or as a Madison Ballet trainee. After her gap year, she plans to attend a college where she will study dance and sports medicine.

*Know Your Pro*

*A monthly questionnaire with one of CMBA's faculty members.*

Faculty member Michael Knight says the best lesson dance ever taught him is perfection never exists but the journey towards it is always worth it.

*About the Editor*

Lilly is a sophomore at Waunakee High School and dances in the pre-professional division.

