

## Central Midwest Ballet Academy Newsletter

## August

## Important Dates

- August 10<sup>th</sup> Big Brother Big Sisters Backpack Picnic Appearance
- **August 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Pineapple Poll Performances**
- August 24<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Open Classes
- September 4<sup>th</sup> First Day of Classes

Ballet Term of the Month  
Grand Battement

Dancer: Natalie, pre-pro division  
Photo Credit: Kat's Photography

Battement, which means to beat, is a movement in which both legs are kept straight, and one leg is kicked outward from the body. Grand Battement is where the dancer kicks their leg to the highest point

## About the Editor

My name is Nana. I am very excited to be the new Editor! In the fall, I will be a sophomore at Madison West High School and a dancer in Standard 3. Lilly has done such a wonderful job as the Editor, and I hope I can continue with her great work and write entertaining and informative newsletters for you.



## Pineapple Poll

Pineapple Poll is a comical ballet with original choreography by Marguerite Luksik and Michael Knight, accompanied by live music by Arthur Sullivan. The performance is a part of our comedic collaboration with the Madison Savoyards.

I expected the one-act to be heavily focused on the dancing aspect, but to me, watching Pineapple Poll was like watching a funny cartoon. The dancers expressed the emotion of each character using a vast array of dramatic facial expressions and gestures, making the story easy to follow.



My favorite scene from the ballet was when Jasper, the barkeep, confessed his romantic feelings towards Pineapple. When Pineapple let her guard down, he rushed to her side to spin her. He then goes faster and faster, with Pineapple looking more displeased than ever. The townspeople pick up on this new unlikely connection and lean in to try and find out more, but they all end up on the ground, dizzy, from Jasper's speedy partnering. I noticed quickly that Pineapple and Jasper's relationship was one-sided, but it seemed like by the end of the scene, Jasper had caught Pineapple's eye just enough that perhaps he had a small chance with her.

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## We hope you can make it!

Saturday August 17 - 7:30  
Saturday August 18 - 3:00

There will also be a FREE children's (12 and under) pre-show on August 18 at 2:00. Register online.

**Tickets at [TrialbyPineapple.com](http://TrialbyPineapple.com) or CMB's website.**