

# December

## Important Dates

**December 4th:** Henry Vilas  
Zoo Lights Performance

**December 4th & 18th:**  
Character Classes

**December 6th and 7th:**  
Tech Rehearsal for Little  
Matchstick Girl

**December 8th and 9th:**  
Little Matchstick Girl  
Performances at 7pm, 2pm,  
and 7pm

**December 5th to Jan. 8th:**  
Winter Break for Juniors

**December 23rd to Jan.  
2nd:** Winter Break for  
Standards and Pre pros

## Ballet Term of the Month



Photo Credit: Kat Steinnon  
Dancer: Nana, Pre-Pro Division

### Italian Pas de Chat

Sometimes referred to as Grande Pas De Chat, this ballet term means "big step of the cat." Typically done as a grande allegro jump, the dancer battements or developes one of their legs while the other leg goes to passé in the air. This is a very common step in the Flames dance of the finale of our Little Matchstick Girl.



#### Meet the Editor

Cindy is a sophomore at Middleton High School and dances in the Pre-Pro Division



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## Molly's Memo

Dancing with the animals at the zoo is our most exotic community performance. It's tons of fun and gets us ready for LMG too!

-Molly

## Little Matchstick Girl

Our annual Story Ballet is in full swing and almost ready to be performed! Based on the classic Hans Christen Andersen story of a young girl selling matches around Christmas time, we added our own Christmas festivities and we dance deeper into the story of Little Matchstick Girl. With Bird Sellers, Toy Makers, Dolls, Candy Makers, Perfume Sellers, and more, the stage is filled with performances and stories of all kinds for all age groups!

This is my 3<sup>rd</sup> year participating in Little Matchstick Girl, and I can't wait to be able to perform everything we've prepared. So much hard work has gone into the entire ballet, and I'm super excited to make new memories with friends, and take LOTS of pictures and traditions!



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So, come and join us on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, and December 9<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and 7pm to experience all the magic that comes from months of hard but fun work, and wonderful preparation. Tickets can be found at <http://www.cmballet.org>

## Henry Vilas Zoo Lights Performance

The second annual Henry Vilas Zoo Lighting Event is going on, and on December 4<sup>th</sup>, we'll be there performing! If you want to get a sneak peek at some Little Matchstick Girl performances, this is the perfect opportunity.

I performed last year, and it was so much fun! There were many excerpts from Little Matchstick Girl, and even though it was pretty cold, it was still a lot of fun and a great experience.