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MUNDELEIN SCHOOL OF DANCE SCORES BIG AT COMPETITION

SCHAUMBURG, IL – 45 dancers of Mundelein Dance Company

(<https://www.mundeleinparks.org/programs/dance/>), the competitive team of the Park

District's Mundelein School of Dance scored big at the Hall of Fame Dance Challenge

(<https://www.halloffamedance.com/Regionals/>) at the Schaumburg Convention Center over

the weekend. Besides three regional championship first place dances (The Rose, Buenos Aires and Stepsisters Lament), Company Dancers were awarded many accolades.

Highlights from the weekend include Mundelein Dance Company receiving 6 of the top eight awards in the Senior Solo Category including:

- Sophie Volk for "The Rose" in Senior Lyrical Solo category: Platinum, 1st Overall High Score.
- Shannon Ouimet for "Singing in the Rain" in Senior Tap Solo: 2nd Overall High Score.

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- Tori Collins for “When He Sees Me” Senior Musical Theater Solo: Platinum, 3rd Overall High Score.
- Sarah Page for “Defying Gravity” in Senior Lyrical Solo: Platinum, 4th Overall high Score.
- Sarah Georgescu for “Adelaide’s Lament” in Senior Musical Theater Solo: Platinum, 6th Overall High Score.
- Kayla Baltazar-for “Neverland” in Senior Lyrical Solo category: High Gold, 7th Overall High Score.

In the Teen Solo category, Matilda Pimentel was awarded Platinum, 4th Overall High Score for “Footloose”. In the Senior Duet/Trio category, Sophie Volk and Sarah Georgescu were awarded Platinum, 1st Overall High Score for “Stepsister’s Lament”. In the Junior Duet/Trio category, Addison Ross and Matilda Pimentel were awarded Platinum, 6th Overall High Score for “Faith”. In the Senior Large Group category the Advanced Dance Company took the top spot with Platinum, 1st Overall High Score for “Buenos Aires”. In the Teen Large Group category, Mundelein was awarded Platinum, 5th Overall High Score for “Found Tonight”. In the Junior Small Group category Mundelein’s Intermediate Dance Company was awarded High Gold, 9th Overall High Score for “Crusin for a Brusin”.

In addition to the great scores, some Mundelein Dance Company performances received special Judge’s Awards including:

- Choreography: “The Rose”, by Heather Burnes.
- Entertainment: “Stepsister’s Lament”, Sarah Georgescu & Sophie Volk, Senior Musical Theater Duet.
- Choreography: “Footloose”, by Stephanie Nece.

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- Entertainment: "Schuyler Sisters" Suzy Brown, Stella Hunter and Yana Ostrovskiy, Junior Musical Theater Trio.

Studios and dance programs from around the Chicagoland area competed in the program on April 2nd and 3rd. Dancers competed in large group, small group, solo, trio, and duet categories in a variety of dance forms including tap, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, contemporary, and musical theater. A panel of independent judges critiqued and scored each dance entry and awards were presented live on stage at the competition.

Mundelein School of Dance offers instruction in a wide range of dance styles from Jazz and Ballet to Hip Hop and Tap for ages 1.5 to adult. Dancers will conclude the season at the annual spring recital in May. For more information please visit <https://bit.ly/3r6cd9L> .

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Mundelein School of Dance Advanced Company pictured left to right:
Front row: Stephanie Aquino, Kayla Baltazar, Tori Collins
Middle row: Sophie Volk, Sarah Page, Annalie Salski
Back row: Ella Kasamis, Addison Salski, Kendal Teper, Riya Patel



Mundelein School of Dance Intermediate Company, Cruisin' For A Bruisin' pictured left to right:
Front Row : Carly Volk, Mollie Pimentel
Middle Row: Noelle Marx, Bella Mele, Ruth Plohr Back Row - Chloe Kraemer, Camryn Plohr,
Zoey Rusk, Karoline Calderon

