

Perrysburg Academy's 25th Year Opens With Classes In Dance, Gymnastics, Cheerleading And Theater

The staff of Perrysburg Academy of the Performing Arts is ready to welcome new and returning students in dance, gymnastics and theater with classes beginning on Sunday, August 28.

Studio director Vicki Hartkopf and the staff of Perrysburg Academy recently returned from the National Dance Teachers' Conference in New York City, where they learned the latest trends in the industry to share with their students.

This summer, Perrysburg Academy dancers performed at the Lucas County Fair, the Toledo Zoo and Toledo Botanical Garden.

The studio is also preparing for its ninth production of *The Nutcracker*, which will be held at the Maumee High School performing arts center on Saturday, December 10.

Perrysburg Academy staff members include:

Sarah Radabaugh – ballet and modern dance – A Perrysburg resident, Radabaugh received her degree in dance from Bowling Green State University. The artistic director of Contemporary Ballet of Perrysburg, she also does choreography for high school musicals. She is the assistant director of the



Dancers from the Perrysburg Academy of the Performing Arts, celebrating its 25th anniversary, look forward to another great year of dance, gymnastics and musical theater.

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Bowling Green *Ice Horizons*.

Jennifer DeVane – jazz, musical theater and lyrical dance – DeVane received her degree in education from BGSU and is an art teacher in the Elmwood School District. She has been seen in many community theater performances and worked with the Perrysburg High School dance team. DeVane has trained with the Radio City Rockettes.

Emilia Hartkopf – Dantz Bratz and hip-hop – Hartkopf is an accomplished

dancer, singer and actress, having studied extensively with Broadway performers and some of hip-hop's top choreographers and directors.

She recently auditioned and was selected to lead a performance in New York City choreographed by Friedman, best known as Britney Spears' choreographer.

Brent Slater – hip-hop – Active in his church youth group, Slater will teach hip-hop with Hartkopf and offer

"Hip-Hop 4 Boyz."

Marissa Cutcher Glenn – tap – A graduate of BGSU, Glenn has taught in the Oregon City Schools. She

has choreographed musicals at Lake and Clay High Schools and is the founder of Oregon's "Tap-Aholics."

Molly Kujawa – Irish

step dance – New to the Perrysburg Academy staff, Kujawa received her certification in Irish dance in 2005 and competed at the national level and at the world championship in team dancing.

Mr. Bob – gymnastics and cheerleading – "Everyone's favorite" gymnastic coach will offer competitive team and recreational gymnastic classes for children ages 2 and older. He also teaches recreational and competitive cheerleading.

Melissa Yeager – cheerleading – Along with Mr. Bob, Yeager will teach recreational cheerleading classes and competitive all-star squads.

For more information on the many programs offered or audition information for *The Nutcracker*, please visit www.perrysburgacademy.com or call (419) 874-6773.

Presentation On Future Of Passenger Trains Scheduled For August 29 At MLK Jr. Plaza

People interested in the future of passenger rail for Northwest Ohio and Southeast Michigan are invited to a breakfast meeting on Monday, August 29 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. at the Grand Lobby of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza.

The title of the presentation is "Passenger Rail: How Can We Fulfill its Economic Promise for our Region?"

The featured speaker is James Seney, executive director of the Ohio Rail Development Commission. He will describe the need for

and economic benefits of rail investment, particularly passenger rail. His comments will include the status of Amtrak reform and federal capital grants.

David Johnson, assistant director of the National Association of Railroad Passengers, and Rick Harnish, executive director of the Midwest High Speed Rail Association, will also speak, describing successful passenger rail efforts in other regions of the U.S.

The speakers will also discuss the urgent need for a

consistent, long-term policy of federal support for passenger rail as a partial solution for growing highway congestion.

The meeting is sponsored by the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments (TMACOG), Regional Growth Partnership, the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority and the Toledo Area Chamber of Commerce. The meeting is free but reservations are requested by calling (419) 241-9155, ext. 120.

Town Center At Levis Presents Fine Art

The Town Center at Levis Commons in association with the Michigan Guild of Artists & Artisans presents Fine Art at the Center on Saturday, August 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, August 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at The Town Center at Levis Commons in Perrysburg.

The Michigan Guild of Artists and Artisans, the same group that produces the popular Ann Arbor Summer Art Fair, is produc-

ing and jurying the festival.

Fine Art at the Center features more than 125 juried artists and artisans from 13 states. Items to be found include jewelry, ceramics, painting, glass, photography, fiber and more.

Children are invited to attend the Imagination Station, an interactive children's area featuring one-on-one art activities as well as the Perrysburg Fire Department's Snoopy House and a chil-

dren's wall mural.

Parking and admission are free.

"Fine Art at the Center was created to share our passion for making life in Northwest Ohio bigger, brighter and better than ever," said Casey Irons, Town Center at Levis Commons marketing director. "The Michigan Guild has a reputation of bringing together superior talent for its events. We anticipate this becoming a signature event."

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