

Extended Spring Semester: M&M's Fairytale Corner

Connecticut Dance School Alumni

Molly Rigney & Madeleine Purcell



Miss Molly completed her ballet training with Connecticut Dance School in 2015. Post high school, she attended Loyola University Maryland where she studied Elementary Education. In 2018, Miss Molly had the wonderful opportunity to study abroad in Spain where she continued to develop fluency in the Spanish language. She is a certified elementary school teacher, currently teaching fifth grade in Baltimore, Maryland. For the past six years, she has enjoyed teaching art to CDS students ages three through twelve as a part of their Summer Dance Program.

Miss Madeleine is a professional ballerina who has performed across the United States and internationally, and currently dances for the Oklahoma City Ballet. Before her pre-professional training at ABT's JKO School, she attended Connecticut Dance School and would have graduated class of 2016. She is a certified teacher of American Ballet Theatre's National Training Curriculum in Levels Pre-Primary through Level 5. For the past five years she has enjoyed teaching ballet to all levels, including at CDS and other schools in Connecticut and Oklahoma City.

Both Miss Molly and Miss Madeleine are very excited to meet you!

Three & Fours

Over the next few weeks, dancers will engage in an exploration of classic children's literature through both dance and art. Dancers will bring these stories alive through their creative movement and artistic ability. Each class will include a story, craft, and time for movement.

Going on A Bear Hunt: Dancers will explore the story [Going on a Bear Hunt](#) using music, art, and movement in order to become immersed in the story. By the end of the week dancers will create a prop they can use to facilitate their connection to the characters, further explore their understanding of prepositions, and their physical relationship to space.

- Paper Bag Bear
- Binoculars



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Waoa3iG3bZ4>

Very Hungry Caterpillar: Dancers will bring the story The Very Hungry Caterpillar to life by dancing through the story. Using rhythm and clapping, dancers will explore keeping time to the music as it relates to the story. Dancers will also create a caterpillar and butterfly dance buddy to use in class.

- Egg crate
- Color the caterpillar
- Butterfly (coffee filter, paper plates)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=75NQQK-Sm1YY>

From Head to Toe: This week, dancer's movement classes will implement the cross-lateral and parallel movements exhibited in the story in order to further engage their movements in the context of a story. Crafts will include a noisemaker or windsock to further explore how things move.

- Shakers (easter egg, paper towel roll)
- Wind Sock (paper towel roll & string)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CuMwcv-aMts>



Three Little Pigs: Dancers will continue their creative exploration of literature as they dance through the story The Three Little Pigs. Using musical qualities, such as tempo and rhythm, dancers will take on the role of different characters in the story. Dancers will also create their own dancing buddy to use in class.

- Coloring page
- Pig...template sent to parents
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HtHjB6rRmQc>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SKxWJP_LH7A (who's afraid of the big bad wolf)

Giraffes Can't Dance: Dancers will challenge themselves to be brave when dancing just as Gerald does in Giraffes Can't Dance. The story of acceptance will promote self-confidence and encourage us to be unselfconscious in our movements. Dancers will create their own Gerald to use as a dance buddy in class.

- Paper towel roll giraffe
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZjsLK5vwNU>



Goldilocks and the Three Bears: This week dancers will immerse themselves in the story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Students will have the opportunity to bring the characters alive through movement and craft. Crafts will include a headpiece and bear activity to help dancers connect with the characters.

- Hair tie w/ ribbon



- Hair headband
- Bear ears (template & color)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KndSVsY5HWM>

Ballerina School (Fives through Sevens)

Students' classes will incorporate the stories of classical ballets, including modified movements and music from the ballets. Students will be told a basic synopsis of each ballet, and will participate in creating a craft with which to incorporate into their class at the end of the week. Coloring pages will also be provided to further illustrate the story for the dancers. By dancing to different tempos and different styles of music, dancers will explore rhythm and dynamics. After a warm up to get their muscles ready, dancers will explore original steps from the ballets tailored especially for them. Music includes classical masters such as Tchaikovsky, Stravinsky, Delibes, Adam and more as we explore the connection between story, music and dance.

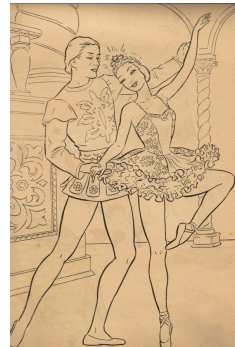
Week I: Sleeping Beauty <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xx52wDCtD0A>

Class I

- Warm Up
- Story
- Fairy movements
- Wand craft

Class II

- Warm Up
- Fairy Movements Review
- Dance with Craft
- Coloring Page



Week II: Swan Lake <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MHOJTaKN57Y>

Class I

- Warm Up
- Story
- Swan Movements
- Crown & Swan craft

Class II

- Warm Up
- Swan Movements Review
- Dance with Craft
- Coloring Page



Swan Lake (1995)
 Choreographer: Mikhail Prince; Composer: L. I. Tchaikovsky
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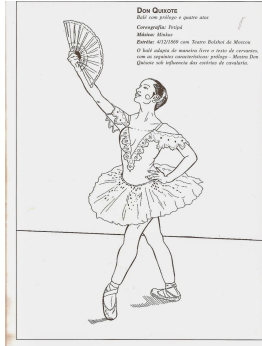
Week III: Don Quixote

Class I

- Warm Up
- Story
- Fan movements
- Fan craft

Class II

- Warm Up
- Fan Movements Review
- Dance with Craft
- Coloring Page



Week IV: The Firebird (golden apple craft or firebird headpiece)

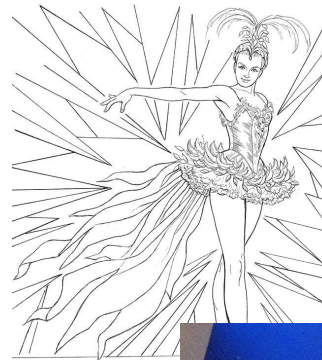
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nvL-hwAylmY>

Class I

- Warm Up
- Story
- Firebird/Princess movements
- Craft

Class II

- Warm Up
- Firebird/Princess Movements Review
- Dance with Craft
- Coloring Page



The Firebird
Choreographer: Michel Fokine
In this story of enchantment based on Russian fairy tales, a prince encounters a group of maidens, as well as a warden "bird of fire." Through the help of the

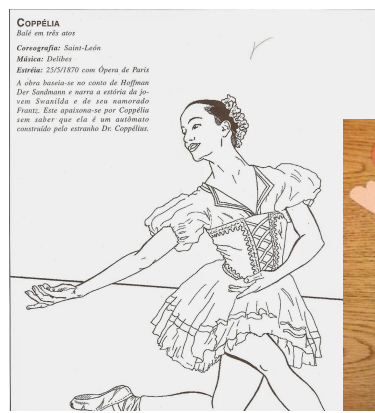


Week V: Coppelia

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAAxZocoThU>

Class I

- Warm Up
- Story
- Doll Movements/Sneaking



- Doll craft

Class II

- Warm Up
- Doll Movements/Sneaking Review
- Dance with Craft
- Coloring Page

Week VI: Giselle

Class I

- Warm Up
- Story
- Dancer/Wili movements
- Flower Pinwheel Crafts

Class II

- Warm Up
- Dancer/Wili Movements review
- Dance with Craft
- Coloring Page

