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## **Millennium Dance Complex Recaps Their 2018 Showcase**

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This May, Millennium Dance Complex of Pittsburgh hosted their biggest Spring Showcase to date. The show marked the first full studio display of 75 total performers including company dancers, MDCKIDS, student choreographers, and faculty. A lot of new things were brought to the two-hour show, and next year looks to be even better!

The showcase was held at the Hillman Center for the Performing Arts at Shady Side Academy on May 6<sup>th</sup>. MDC hosts a yearly dance show to display student progress, new dances, and local talent. For 2018, the idea was to have an elite dance showcase presenting even more. Tawni Darby, the Millennium Dance Complex Studio Owner, had some great things to say for the amazing talent and choreographers in attendance for this year's event.

"It was so nice for me to see the show as a highlight for new strengths and seeing that final product of student work." Tawni says Millennium plans on keeping students in focus and incorporating more faculty pieces for next year's show, which is bound to become an established yearly tradition from now on. She continued to say, "We have a very talented instructional staff that are already planning unique pieces for next year!"

The main categories of dancers at the show were broken up by age and skill level. Styles of dance at this show included contemporary, hip-hop, jazz, and ballroom. **Faculty** performances and company dancers were included and showed the professional diversity they bring to Millennium. As with every Spring showcase of MDC, students were able to present what they have learned from class. The **MDCKIDS** student base is anywhere from 2-13 years of age. Of course, the two-year-olds stole the entire show. Student choreographers finished off the showcase and are 14-21 years old. They were invited to really bring their stuff! Millennium hosted open auditions for these young performers to submit routines of their own.

A fun addition that a lot of the audience enjoyed was having a host for the showcase to announce dancer backgrounds and titles. Millennium partnered up with Miss Pennsylvania herself! She was a great MC for the night with a lot of character, adding to the entertainment.

This year's showcase was one of largest among Pittsburgh dance studios. Next year is shaping up to be even more fantastic! For updates on Millennium Dance Complex's events, classes, and talent, check out their [schedule](#) or dance [blog](#). Summer events and classes are ready for sign-ups now!

## **About Millennium Dance Complex Pittsburgh**

Millennium Dance Complex Pittsburgh, first opened in 2014, is dedicated to creating training opportunities and celebrating the dance community in our vibrant city. With a weekly schedule of more than 30 drop-in classes, MDCP provides beginner to professional dancers with convenient training options at an affordable price.

Our studio, located on the corner of 25th and Carson in South Side, offers drop-in classes in many of today's most popular dance styles, including hip hop, contemporary, and Burlesque; training programs for students who may be interested in pursuing dance professionally; private lessons, studio rental opportunities and much more!