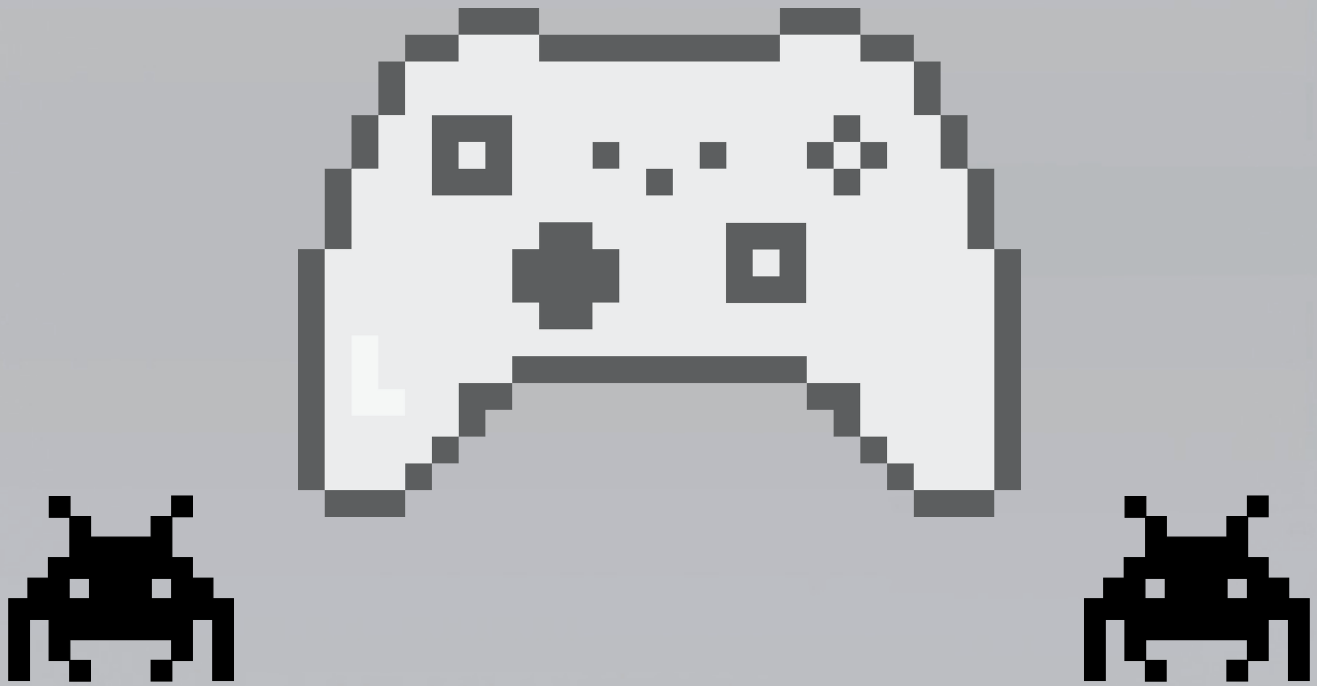




Video Games



Rozsa Center for the Performing Arts

May 18, 7pm

May 19, 3pm

Director's Note:

What a whirlwind of a year we have had at SSOD! From growth in the studio to growth in our dancers, I am constantly so incredibly amazed by our big, wonderful, dance family.

This show has been an absolute BLAST to put together! Both teachers and students have really embraced the full spectrum of these beloved video games: from silly to serious, goofy to grand, and everything in between.

I want to thank all of our teachers and assistants for helping our students grow and progress so beautifully this year, and for creating such phenomenal choreography. A HUGE thank you to our indispensable studio manager, Christina Kangas, for taking care of so much day to day work as well as big picture projects, and somehow also taking the time to know every single student at SSOD. We could not do it without her!

Finally, thank you to all of our dancers and families for putting in so much time, hard work, and love into this show. This is your time to shine, so go out there and dance your hearts out!

Sylvia Schourek

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are open for registration!!**

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ACT 1

Arcade Owners: *Adult Tap - Choreography by Sylvia Schourek*

Elisabeth Dennis, Annelise Doll, Anastasia Labovsky, Sylvia Schourek, Momoko Tajiri

Tetris: *Modern 5 - Choreography by Allison Mills*

Braylinn Antilla, Isabella DeYoung, Rena Goldman, Norelle Klein, Brynn Lystila, Macy Raffaelli, Olive Schmidt, Natalie Somero, Jessica Verive, Asher Werner, Bonnie Werner

Space Invaders: *Hip Hop 2 - Choreography by Abby Mauno*

Elizabeth Bates, Lillyana Birondo, Roxi Blair, Lily Brentar, Abigail Howard, Emma Johnson, Kenna Kallio, Aveline Klein, Elli Lishinski, Shanayelee Mendez, Hailey Peterson, Payton Reynolds, Tess Scullion, Alaysha Smith

Snake: *Modern 4- Choreography by Lily Ashburn*

Ida Ahiale, Cameron Bessner, Samantha Brentar, Sophia DeYoung, Madelyn Green, Adelyn Kangas, Liira Klein, Maribelle Mikkola, Emma Moilanen, Esme Schmidt, Lily Thyer, Jacey Zhou

MINECRAFT

Animals: *Hip Hop 1A - Choreography by Sylvia Schourek*

Avery Berryman, Aubrey Bukovich, Iley Bustos, Charlotte Carney, Ethan Carney, Teagan Dessellier, Sawyer Geshel, Sylvi Granroth, Harper LaBonte, Maxwell Labovsky, Ada Maki, Aria Papke, Norma Protzel, Livi Scott, Sophia Tarvainen

Creepers: *Hip Hop 1B - Choreography by Tara Scullion*

Isla Abbotts, Olivia Capello, Michael Eggart, Iliza Niemi, Eleanore Robison, Annette Sarazin, Caroline Scott, Avery Shilling, Isla Uphaus, Alexis Wagner

Ender Dragon: *Senior Solo Performance by Nora Polkinghorne*

Choreography by Nora Polkinghorne

Virus: *Copper Studio Company - Choreography by Sylvia Schourek*

Rena Goldman, Kai Griffith, Sara Neva, Olive Schmidt, Jessica Verive, Crystal Wang

Roblox: *Tap 3 - Choreography by Donna Armistead & Tap 3*

Tennyson Amidon, Cameron Bessner, Lily Brentar, Samantha Brentar,
Sophia DeYoung, Kendyll Griffith, Carly Karvako, Bonnie Werner

LEGEND OF ZELDA

Ice: *Ballet 2 - Choreography by Allison Mills, Sydney Vallier, & Brynn Lystila*

Violet Bradley, Zoey Bradley, Julianna Carter, Addison Dennis,
Tenley Goldsworthy, Mayleigh Gray, Avery Gruver, Valerie Hillstrom,
Aveline Klein, Harper LaBonte, Nora Lassila, Edy Lishinski, Allison Mettlach,
Maev O'Leary, Esther Riesgraf, Annette Sarazin, Natalie Vizina

Forest: *Modern 6 - Choreography by Sylvia Schourek & Modern 6*

Lucy Anderson, Marguerite Goldman, Kai Griffith, Sara Neva, Nora Polkinghorne,
Crystal Wang

Korok: *Modern 1 - Choreography Sara Neva & Kai Griffith*

Avery Berryman, Olivia Bett, Iley Bustos, Olivia Capello, Brielle Dunstan,
Sylvi Granroth, Aurora Hainault, Claire Hillstrom, Paytin Kokkonen,
Edith Lieburn, Alora Ollanketo, Livi Scott, Sybil Semmler Smith,
Avery Shilling, Sophia Tarvainen, Anna Zhou

Desert: *Ballet 4 - Choreography by Elizabeth Hoy & Amber Shaw*

Samantha Brentar, Leah Johnson, Adelyn Kangas, Audra Koski, Claire Mettlach,
Amelia Rossitto, Natalie Somero, Lily Thyer, Bonnie Werner, Hannah You

Link: *Senior Solo Performance by Asher Werner*

Choreography by Asher Werner

CARMEN SAN DIEGO

Carmen San Diego: *Senior Solo Performance by Sara Neva*

Choreography by Sara Neva

Acme Agents: *Jazz 3.5 - Choreography by Jeana Collins*

Ida Ahiale, Cameron Bessner, Samantha Brentar, Emery Kangas, Liira Klein, Audra Koski, Claire Mettlach, Maribelle Mikkola, Hannah You

Villains: *Hip Hop 5 - Choreography by Allison Berryman*

Lucy Anderson, Eliza Laplander, Sara Neva, Helene Rinkinen, Jessica Verive, Crystal Wang, Bonnie Werner

Speed Racer: *Jazz 2 - Choreography by Alex Chovan & Sydney Vallier*

Lillyana Birondo, Olivia Capello, Addison Dennis, Tenley Goldsworthy, Avery Gruver, Charlotte Kerry, Aveline Klein, Harper LaBonte, Elli Lishinski, Tuula Moilanen, Iliza Niemi, Teriana Patterson, Payton Reynolds, Esther Riesgraf, Acy Spelich, Lylliana Wanhatalo

Fortnite: *Hip Hop 4 - Choreography by Allison Berryman*

Ida Ahiale, Cameron Bessner, Rena Goldman, Savannah Hendrickson, Emery Kangas, Liira Klein, Kinsley Kunnen, Matthew Labovsky, Macy Raffaelli, Pearl Raffaelli, Esme Schmidt, Olive Schmidt, Natalie Somero, Asher Werner

INTERMISSION

ACT 2

WII SPORTS

Tennis: *Jazz 5 - Choreography by Sylvia Schourek*

Jeana Collins, Rena Goldman, Sara Neva, Sydney Vallier, Jessica Verive, Crystal Wang

Baseball: *Tap 1 - Choreography by Abby Mauno*

Brielle Dunstan, Jade Gibson, Aurora Hainault, Claire Hillstrom, Paytin Kokkonen, Maxwell Labovsky, Annelise Matz-Thiel, Lilith Meller, Ellie Pihlaja, Tenley Tollefson, Harper Tollefson

Bowling: *Adult Lyrical - Choreography by Sylvia Schourek*

Leyre Alegre, Lily Ashburn, Alex Chovan, Annelise Doll, Anastasia Labovsky, Allison Mills, Zack Osborn, Victoria Ponta, Molly Skinner

Virus: *Agate Studio Company - Choreography by Sylvia Schourek*

Lucy Anderson, Cameron Bessner, Samantha Brentar, Kai Griffith, Adelyn Kangas, Liira Klein, Norelle Klein, Brynn Lystila, Natalie Somero, Asher Werner, Bonnie Werner

Guitar Hero: *Jazz 3 - Choreography by Jeana Collins*

Gwendolyn Amidon, Lily Brentar, Madelyn Green, Avalyn Gruver, Carly Karvakko, Marlena King, Kinsley Kunnen, Matthew Labovsky, Edy Lishinski, Allison Mettlach, Miya Xue

Rockstar: *Senior Solo Performance by Crystal Wang*
Choreography by Crystal Wang

Just Dance: *Jazz 1 - Choreography by Marguerite Goldman*

Camille Bass, Elizabeth Mary Eklund, Esrey Julien, Maxwell Labovsky, Edith Lieburn, Megan Little, Maci Locatelli, Mayona Maggio, Annelise Matz-Thiel, Livi Scott, Addison Solberg, Tenley Tollefson, Harper Tollefson

RED DEAD REDEMPTION

Cacti: *47 North Fusion - Choreography by Allison Mills*

Tennyson Amidon, Lily Ashburn, Lily Brentar, Samantha Brentar, Jeana Collins, Heidi Larson, Allison Mills, Sylvia Schourek, Molly Skinner, Bonnie Werner

Cowboys: *Ballet 6 - Choreography Kayla Jaynes*

Leyre Alegre, Olivia Cischke, Elizabeth Hoy, Kayla Jaynes, Sara Neva, Pearl Raffaelli, Helene Rinkinen, Crystal Wang, Asher Werner

OREGON TRAIL

Pioneers: *Ballet 5 - Choreography by Donna Armistead*

Lucy Anderson, Rena Goldman, Kai Griffith, Norelle Klein, Brynn Lystila, Zack Osborn, Olive Schmidt, Jessica Verive

River: *Modern 3 - Choreography by Alex Chovan & Allison Mills*

Gwendolyn Amidon, Ryan Anderson, Briana Antilla, Lily Brentar, Tenley Goldsworthy, Avalyn Gruver, Ishanvi Hatti, Emery Kangas, Carly Karvakko, Maggie Klein, Audra Koski, Kinsley Kunnen, Matthew Labovsky, Ellen Mattila, Claire Mettlach, Amelia Rossitto, Meta Semmler Smith, Jasmine Tang, Hannah You

River Duet: *Performance by Elizabeth Hoy & Zack Osborn*
Choreography by Elizabeth Hoy

POKEMON

Pokemon: *Tap 4 - Choreography by Donna Armistead & Tap 4*
Isabella DeYoung, Kai Griffith, Savannah Hendrickson, Sara Neva, Crystal Wang

Trainer: *Senior Solo Performance by Victoria Ponta*
Choreography by Jeana Collins & Victoria Ponta

STARDEW VALLEY

Farmers: *Modern 2- Choreography by Alex Chovan*
Elizabeth Bates, Lillyana Birondo, Addison Dennis, Jaeda Gagne-Marzan,
Abigail Howard, Charlotte Kerry, Aveline Klein, Nora Lassila, Edy Lishinski,
Allison Mettlach, Tuula Moilanen, Maev O'Leary, Hailey Peterson,
Esther Riesgraf, Tess Scullion

Flowers: *Ballet 3 - Choreography by Elizabeth Hoy & Lily Ashburn*
Ida Ahiale, Gwendolyn Amidon, Rory Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Sophia DeYoung,
Madelyn Green, Avalyn Gruver, Kayla Harwood, Emery Kangas, Carly Karvako,
Marlena King, Liira Klein, Ellen Mattila, Esme Schmidt, Meta Semmler Smith,
Gwenyth Skoog, Jasmine Tang, Miya Xue, Jacey Zhou

Mario Mashup: *Jazz 4 - Choreography by Jeana Collins*
Lucy Anderson, Braylinn Antilla, Kai Griffith, Leah Johnson, Adelyn Kangas,
Norelle Klein, Eliza Laplander, Brynn Lystila, Emma Moilanen, Victoria Ponta,
Olive Schmidt, Natalie Somero, Lily Thyer, Bonnie Werner

MARIO KART

Bananas: *Tap 2 - Choreography by Sylvia Schourek*
Roxi Blair, Julianna Carter, Kayla Harwood, Emma Johnson, Marlena King,
Elli Lishinski, Esther Riesgraf, Tess Scullion

Red/Blue Shells: *Hip Hop 3 - Choreography by Alex Chovan*

Gwendolyn Amidon, Rory Anderson, Ryan Anderson, Briana Antilla, Samantha Brentar, Allison Damsteegt, Aster Davis, Tenley Goldsworthy, Kendyll Griffith, Ellen Mattila, Maribelle Mikkola, Sylvi Riutta, Meta Semmler Smith, Jasmine Tang, Helena Xie, Isabella Xie, Miya Xue, Hannah You

Rainbow Road: *Ballet 1 - Choreography by Tara Scullion & Crystal Wang*

Grace Bittner, Reyna Callejas, Olivia Capello, Paytin Kokkonen, Hazel Lawrence, Eliza Manser, Emily Marcotte, Violet Nadeau, Iliza Niemi, Alivia Pihlaja, Caroline Scott, Addison Solberg, Riley Tanner, Anna Zhou

Mario Kart Race: *Teacher Dance - Choreography by Sylvia Schourek*

Donna Armistead, Lily Ashburn, Allison Berryman, Alex Chovan, Jeana Collins, Marguerite Goldman, Kai Griffith, Elizabeth Hoy, Kayla Jaynes, Robin Lieburn, Abigail Mauno, Allison Mills, Sara Neva, Sylvia Schourek, Tara Scullion, Crystal Wang

Finale: *Choreography by Sylvia Schourek*

Seniors:

Sara Neva, Nora Polkinghorne, Victoria Ponta, Crystal Wang, Asher Werner

Virus: Agate & Copper Studio Company Dancers

Cameron Bessner, Samantha Brentar, Rena Goldman, Kai Griffith, Adelyn Kangas, Liira Klein, Norelle Klein, Brynn Lystila, Natalie Somero, Jessica Verive, Bonnie Werner

Senior Spotlight

Sara Neva is a senior at Houghton High School. She started dance 5 years ago because of her love of Musical Theatre, and has been dancing at Superior School of Dance ever since. She loves all of the styles, especially Modern and Jazz, and has a passion for performance. Sara is a member of the Copper Studio Company and loves traveling with them to conventions. She would like to thank all of her amazing dance teachers, friends, and family for always supporting her pursuit of a career in the performing arts. She is also grateful for the opportunity to become a dance teacher, and wants to thank all of her students for allowing her to share her passion with them. Outside of the studio, she is a member of the Houghton Band and Choir, and loves all things music and art. Sara plans to attend Northern Michigan University next fall to major in Dance.



Nora Polkinghorne is a senior at Houghton High School and has been dancing at Superior School of Dance for 7 years. She started dance at 4 years old. Being a military family, she belonged to studios in Florida, North Carolina and Virginia before moving to Michigan. Nora's favorite styles are Modern and Jazz. She would like to thank her incredible dance teachers and her parents, Casey and Anne, for all of their support. Nora plans to attend Northern Michigan University in the fall of 2024 to major in Clinical Laboratory Sciences.



Victoria Ponta is a senior and valedictorian at Houghton High School. She has been taking Jazz at the SSOD for 2 years, and she has loved every second of it! She plans to continue her dance journey when she attends Michigan Tech in the fall for Social Sciences. Outside of dance, Vicky enjoys reading and going for walks.

Senior Spotlight

Crystal Wang, a senior at Houghton High School, began dancing at the age of 4 and immediately fell in love with it. Since then, she has expanded her dance vocabulary to include ballet, modern, jazz, hip-hop, and tap, though ballet will always hold a special place in her heart. Crystal would like to thank Miss Sylvia, Miss Kayla, Miss Donna, and Miss Allison for the endless inspiration and amazing experiences throughout the years. She's also eternally grateful to her parents and sister for their unwavering support, and her dance family, who have always been there for her. Beyond the dance floor, Crystal also enjoys playing the piano, figure skating, and singing. Crystal will be attending the University of Chicago this fall with plans to major in astrophysics, and will no doubt continue dancing wherever she goes.





Asher Werner is a senior at CLK (Calumet Laurium Keeweenaw) Highschool and has been dancing at SSOD for six years. Asher's favorite style is ballet but also loves modern and hip hop. He loved being a member of Agate Studio Company and going to the Fluid Dance Conventions. Asher would like to thank his wonderful teachers for making dance enjoyable through all the years and his mom for always being supportive. Outside of the studio, Asher enjoys being outdoors and gaming. Asher plans to attend Gogebic Community College in the fall of 2024 to study construction technology.

Well Wishes

Kai-

Dance to the beat of your dreams.
Always proud of you!"
Love, Mom and Dad

Caroline -

"Live it! Love it! Dance it!"
Love, Mom & Dad

Harper L. -

"Dance your heart out! We love you!"
Mom & Dad

Audra -

"We are so proud of all your hard work and commitment to dance. Enjoy being on stage. It's a joy to watch you do what you love!"
- Love Mom and Dad

Asher -

"Hope this show is your best ever.
So proud of you!" - Mom

Ellen -

"Dance your heart out!"
- Love, Mom and Dad

Lilly Birondo -

"Dance from your heart, spin free,
and let your passion shine bright,
Lilly! xoxo" - Tia

Maribelle -

"Your drive, passion, dedication, and
HEART amazes me every day."
Love Mom

Ada -

"Give it your all Ada Potato"
Love, Mom, Dad, and Eero

Lillyanna Rose-

"I'm so proud of how hard you worked and the progress you made this year, Lils!" - Love, Mom

Livi -

"Live it! Love it! Dance it!"
Love, Mom & Dad

Bonnie -

"Congratulations for going on pointe! So proud of all your hard work."
Mom

Elizabeth Bates -

"Movies are fun. Cartoons too. But what we love most is watching you!"
Kinsley & Delaney

Well Wishes

Helene Rinkinen-
"Always follow your heart and your
dreams will come true"
Gram and Grandpy

Lilly Birondo -
"We love you, and we are
incredibly proud of you!"
Clover, Rachel, and Aunt Amy

Megan Little -
"We love donuts, candy too.
but neither as much as we
love watching you!"
Kinsley & Delaney

Caroline & Livi-
Bravo!! Have fun on stage!
Love, Grammy & Grandpa

Ryan-
"We're so proud of all of your
hard work this year!"
Mom & Dad

Lillyana -
"Congrats on another fabulous
year of dance! I'm so proud of your
strength, passion, and Sis.
You light up the stage honey,
whether it's in the living room
or a big auditorium!"
Nana Nancy

Ellie Bates-
"You've worked so hard and
learned so much. Have a blast
on stage, baby girl."
Love You, Mom

Adelyn & Emery -
"To my favorite humans,
have a BALL on that stage!!"
Love, Arlo :)

Livi & Caroline -
"We are so proud of your
hard work this year!"
Grandma & Grandpa

Rory -
"You will always make the whole
place shimmer! We love you!!"
Mom and Dad

Megan -
"We are so excited to watch you
perform in your first show!
We are so proud of you for trying
something new, and for all the
hard work you put into it."
Love, Mom, Dad and Jake

Acy -
"Congratulations
on all of your hard work.
Enjoy your show! We love you."
Mom & Dad

Kendyll -
"Dance to your own rhythm daily.
Always proud of you!"
Love, Mom and Dad

Lilly Birondo-
"We love stardust, pixie dust too,
but neither as much
as watching you!"
Kinsley & Delaney

Nori, Liira & Avi-
"We are so proud of you.
We've loved watching you dance
in the living room all year, and
we know you'll shine on stage!"
Love, Russell, Alfie, and Uma

Megan Little -
"Hope you have fun dancing
the night away. Love you."
Gramma & Grampa

Helene -
"We have loved watching you
dance over the years and are so
glad to be here tonight!"
Love, Nana and Pappy

Lilly Birondo-
"Great dancing, Lilly! So proud of
my little sweetheart!"
Ammi

Elizabeth Bates-
"Ellie, you were born for the stage!
Dance your heart out!"
Love, Auntie Amy, Uncle Allan,
and Dane

Claire & Allison -
"We are so proud of all of the hard
work you have put in this year. We
love you so much and can't wait to
see you on the big stage.
Congratulations and,
as always ... ATD!"
Love, Mom and Dad

Emily Marcotte -
"To our beautiful ballerina Emily,
we are so proud of you! You shine
so brightly on stage and off."
Mum, Dad, Trista and Maija

Marlena-
"You're absolutely pawfect!
We know you'll light up the stage!"
Coco, Violet, Reggie, and Odie Mac