



# COUNTRY GIRLZ

*A Dance Story Rooted in Culture, Identity, and Love*

Sunday, April 26, 2026  
Hurst Fine Arts Auditorium  
Southwest Mississippi Community College  
5:30 pm



[smmeiis.org](http://smmeiis.org)

# Welcome from SMMEIIS

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Jacqueline Nobles Dillon started Southwest Mississippi Multiplex for Early Innovative Intervention Studies (SMMEIIS) as an act of radical love and innovative thought. She believed that the key to transforming community was innate; and that by providing access, opportunities, and resources, a small non-profit organization in Southwest Mississippi could change our collective story and empower children, families, and citizen artists.

We believe that any community has the potential for a cultural reset. By embracing creativity, communities can invigorate their cultural landscapes, inspire change, and create a sense of unity and purpose.

We envision a **safe** community where marginalized people embrace their social responsibilities and are compelled to use their voices and talents to empower themselves and others. We envision an **aware** community where people understand "root causes" and can speak truthfully about the past to improve multigenerational relationships and combat systemic racism. We envision a **creative** community where dreams are no longer deferred and people can operate in their gifts.

Thank you for being a part of our cultural movement. We hope you enjoy Country Girlz, a dance story that celebrates voice, place, and the beauty of where we come from.

Clinnesha D. Sibley,  
Executive-Artistic Director

# About The PIZAZZ Dance Troupe

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The year was 1990. Jacqueline Nobles Dillon had been taken aback after watching young girls perform provocatively at a talent show. She, a former majorette at Higgins High, believed that dance was about reverence, intentionality, growing a positive self-image, empathy, and yes, creativity.

She was traveling with her family on the way from Virginia one summer when the Holy Spirit spoke “PIZAZZ” to her. She even came up with a motto that would capture the ideals of the dance troupe: “Keep it clean.”

In the professional dance world, dancers of color often experience a sense of isolation and difference. Jackie also hoped to offer change in that regard.

The word quickly spread about PIZAZZ, and in 1992, she had over 30 girls enrolled. Between 1992 and 1998, practices were held at the Martin Luther King Center, Club Illusion, and The Rose Room.

In 1998, Jackie and her husband Clint had a dance studio constructed in Fernwood behind their residence. The studio, which originally doubled as a tutoring and rehearsal space, turned 27 years old this year.



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Let's do something different... meaningfully different, decidedly different, unmistakably different, remarkably different.

—Jacqueline Nobles Dillon,  
Founder of SMMEIS and The PIZAZZ Dance Troup

## Program Offerings

PIZAZZ is a performance-based dance education program for girls ages 3–18, based in McComb, Mississippi. We promote positive self-esteem, character development, and strong dance fundamentals through thematic storytelling and a range of genres including modern, contemporary, theatrical, experimental, lyrical, jazz, tap, and liturgical/praise. At our core, we create space for young dancers to explore creative expression, discover their voice, and move with confidence, purpose, and authenticity.



Clinnesha Sibley, Daria Fisher, & Angelina Jones proudly presented at the Partners for Rural Impact Summit on April 14, 2026—a national gathering focused on strengthening opportunities and outcomes for rural children, families, and communities.

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## The PIZZAZZ Dance Troupe

is a multi-genre dance education program for girls ages 3 & up.

Registration for the  
**2026-2027 dance season**  
coming up soon—stay tuned!  
[smmeiis.org/pizzazz](http://smmeiis.org/pizzazz)

# The PIZZAZZ Dance Troupe Spring 2026 Company

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## GROUP 1 DANCERS

Sunjai Givens, Jalai Sparkman, Ava Marie Thompson, Avery Harness,  
Leniyah Davis, Karlee Keyes, Kais'Lee Holmes, Ke'Myah Monae Lee  
& Kyleigh Armstrong

## GROUP 2 DANCERS

Egypt Keys, Zoé McCray, Ka'Leigh A'Lea Shields, Iva Rae Cooper,  
Anaya McGhee & Aylee Addison

## GROUP 3A DANCERS

Kailee Butler, Jurnee Givens, Layla Jackson, Fallon Isaac, Aaryn  
Pittman, T'Nae Gordon & Teyunna Carson

## GROUP 3B DANCERS

Valecia Cameron, Autumn Keys, Marigold Doman, Karlee Sibley,  
Charleigh Pittman, Liliana Cortez, Jordyn Weatherspoon, Makenna  
Weatherspoon, Katelyn Magee, Kaylee Sibley, Amariyah Dillon,  
Kieryn Thompson, Trinity Gordon & Carlyee Jackson



## INSTRUCTORS/ CHOREOGRAPHERS

Daria Fisher & Angelina Jones

# Program/ Show Order

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Opening Prayer

Welcome

Prelude: "Spaghetti"

"Welcome to the Country" - Group 2

"Let 'Em Know"- Group 3A

"Texas Hold 'Em"- Group 1

"Break them Chains and Shackles"- Group 3B

"9 to 5"- Group 1

"Breathing Wave" featuring Kaylee Sibley

"Somebody Take Me in Your Arms"- Group 3A & 3B

"Tribal" featuring Kieryn Thompson & Jordyn Weatherspoon

"Seeds"- Group 2

"Julie" featuring Marigold Doman

"Apple Tree"-Group 3A

"Bridge Over Troubled Water"- Group 3B

"There's a Leak in this Old Building"- Group 2

"Mother Earth" featuring MaKenna Weatherspoon

"A Change is Gonna Come"- Group 3A

"Black Like Me" featuring Karlee Sibley

"The Storm is Over Now"- Group 1

"Strange Fruit"- Group 3B

Country Girl Chronicles

One Last Ride: "Boots on the Ground"

Awards & Recognitions

Closing Remarks



# ENGAGE. EMPOWER. ACTIVATE!



Grateful to share the RYL journey this year with you, Angelina and Daria, and for your partnership and stewardship with all these incredible young women in your community, Clinnesha. *Congratulations all!*



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Continue doing the great work of uplifting our beautiful youth and showing them that there is absolutely nothing abnormal about positivity! God Bless!!  
- Nicholas Mallard



*Congratulations*

*Ava Marie Thompson*

Love the early innovation intervention available to our young girls! Keep up the greatness.

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**Our Sweet Kieryn,  
We are so proud of you! Keep glowing  
and glistening and know that we will  
be front and center cheering you on!!!**

**We love you BIG!!!**

**-Doc & Mama Ellis**



# Congrats

*Karlee Mae, may God guide every step you take and let your light shine on stage and beyond. We are so proud of you girlfriend!*

*Love,  
Daddy, Mama, Kendalyn &  
Markale*



*Dance like there's no tomorrow!*

*Love, Union MB Church*

# CHARLEIGH AND AARYN

I'm so proud of you both!!! Shine bright and enjoy every moment on stage. I love you always!!! ~Alannah



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Carlyee, we are so proud of you!  
Watching you use your gift to dance is such a beautiful expression of joy and grace. Keep shining and letting God use you in everything you do! "Let them praise His name with dancing..." — Psalm 149:3  
We love you and are cheering you on always!

**KIERYN**

You are a beautiful and talented young lady and I am extremely proud of you!  
—Altronsye Cunningham

Congratulations to my favorite, Country Girl, Iva Rae Cooper!  
GrannyBaby loves you to infinity...

**KIERYN,**  
*Congratulations.*  
*Keep up the good work!!*  
—Uncle Mechee

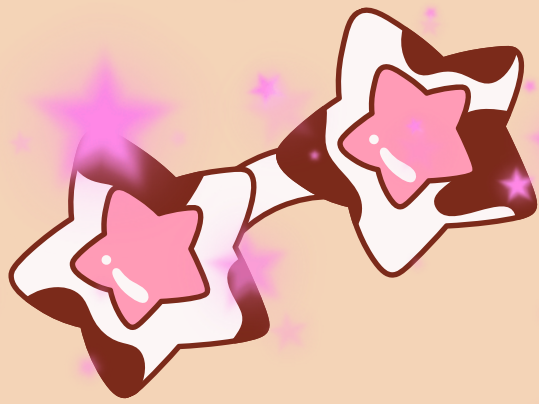
# Congratulations!

## KIERYN

Watching you grow as a dancer has been one of the greatest joys of our lives. Your dedication, strength, and passion shine through every movement, and we are endlessly proud of the hard work you put in both on and off the stage. Dance has taught you discipline, confidence, and grace—but more than anything, it has shown the world your beautiful spirit. No matter where this journey takes you, always keep God first, keep chasing your dreams, and keep believing in yourself as much as we believe in you.

Love Always, Mom & Dad





CHARLEIGH & AARYN

Go out there and dance like the stars you are! I am so proud of you!!! I love you both, my beautiful dancers! ~ Angela



# KAIS' LEE

Congratulations on your beautiful performance. We are so incredibly proud of your grace, dedication, and the joy you bring to the stage. Your journey has just begun, and we will be cheering you on with all of our love always.

## WE LOVE YOU

Mom, Dad, Lee-Lee, L-Jay, Lay Lay & Meir

*Kais'lee Holmes*





## TO MY DAUGHTER, AMARIYAH

I may not always have the right words, but I'll always have your back.  
I'm the mom who will always love, protect, and cheer for you forever.  
No matter how old you get you will always be my little girl.

Love, Your Mom



AMARIYAH JONAE  
DILLON  
*Papa & Meme*

*love you*



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and keep God first!!  
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- David Taylor and Tomeka Harris

*Congratulations*  
KAYLEE & KARLEE

*Put God first and people above self.*



Your Uncle David Myers & Family

# KIERYN

Watching you  
chase your dreams  
is the greatest gift.  
Keep shining, my  
beautiful  
granddaughter.

Love Always,  
Granny



## BEST WISHES!

### FALLON

*We are so proud of  
the young lady you  
are growing to be.  
Keep reaching for the  
stars and never lose  
your smile.*

*Love, MawMaw and  
PawPaw*



### CARLYEE

We are so proud of you!!  
Watching you dance brings us  
so much joy—you are amazing,  
beautiful, smart, and full of faith.  
Keep shining for God on and off  
the stage. We love how much  
you love Him and your family!  
"Let them praise His name with  
dancing..." – Psalm 149:3

We love you always!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Carson, Shan, Lee-  
Lee, Laysia, and Simba

**YOU GOT  
THIS!**

KE'MYAH LEE



Dance with your heart, even if your feet are small!

*With Love from the Family*

so proud  
of  
You

KARLEE &  
KAYLEE



To My Beautiful Granddaughters:

You fill my heart with so much joy and make me proud every single day. I have watched you grow up to be smart and talented young girls. May God order your steps always.

With much love, Your Maw Maw

—Ms. Paulette Sibley

JORDYN & MAKENNA



Continue to "Soar" Girls! We are so proud of you!  
Love, Gram and Gaffa

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KAYLEE &  
KARLEE



*We are so proud of you  
for carrying on the  
PIZZAZZ legacy!*

*We love you!*

*Dee-Dee, Madison &  
Morgan (Team TX)*



FALLON

*Brown, we are so proud  
of you. Keep being  
beautiful in every way.*

*Love Always,  
Mom and Dad*



# KAYLEE & KARLEE



live  
your  
dream.

We are so proud of the passion, grace, and confidence you bring to the stage.

Keep shining and becoming all you were created to be.

Love always,  
Your Family



Let's  
go  
Girls

**CONGRATS TO THE  
PIZZAZZ DANCE TROUPE**

From the Board Members of SMMEIIS



## FALLON

Good luck with your performance. Don't mess up, we'll be watching! Lol Just kidding, Kenner and Mason



*My sweet Charleigh & Aaryn, Dance your hearts out and enjoy every moment. I am cheering for you!*

*~Brenda Kay*



# KE'MYAH LEE



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*Shine and Sparkle*

# Acknowledgements

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*Founding Partner of The PIZAZZ Dance Troupe*

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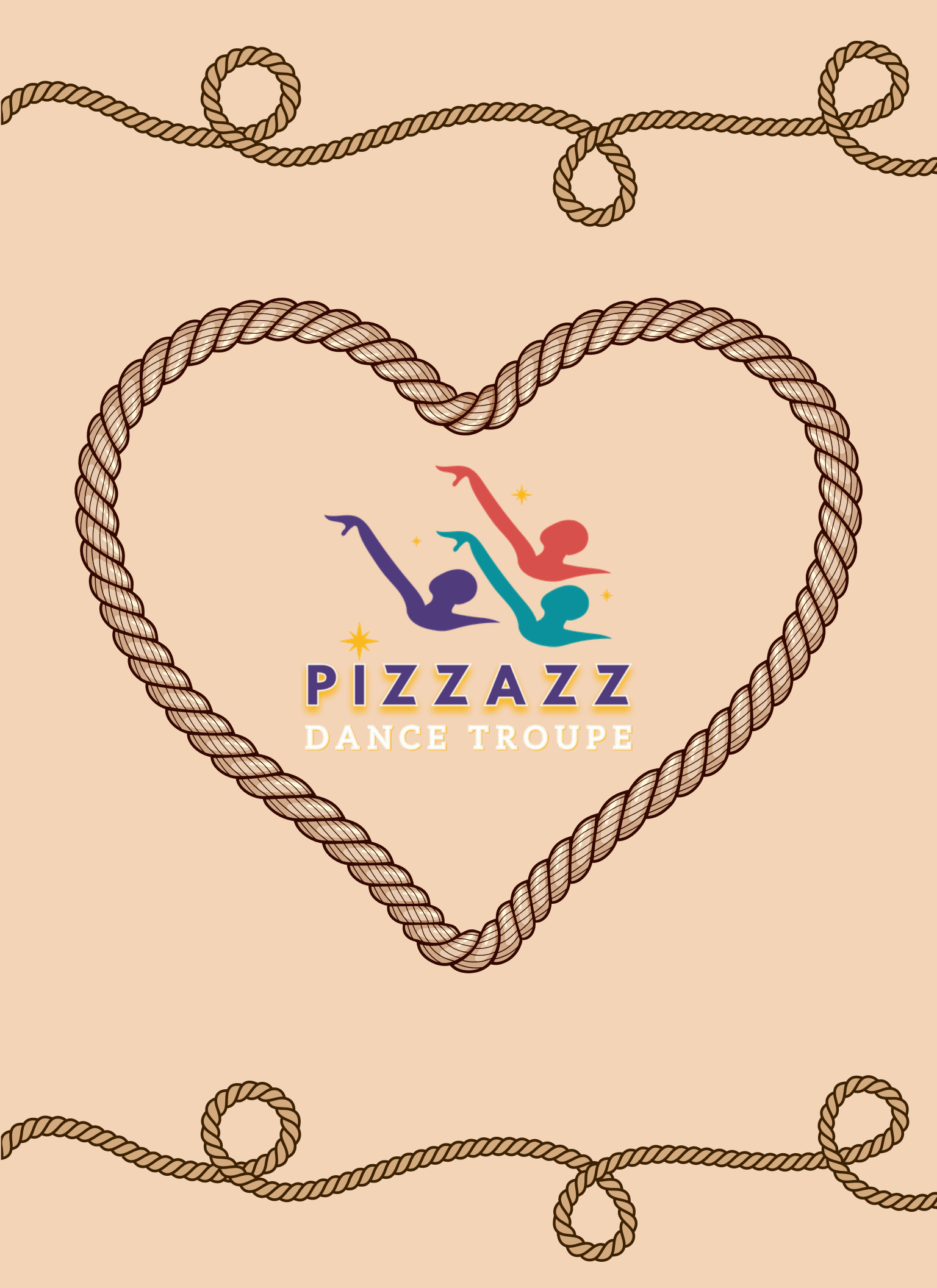
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