



BRIDGEWATER, NJ - The Honors Gifted and Talented Dance program at Somerset County Vocational and Technical High School recently took part in *The Jazz Choreography Project* at the Salvatore Capezio Theater at Peridance in New York, New York.

Jazz Choreography Enterprises, Inc. (JCE) presented *The New York Jazz Choreography Project*, which is a dance concert devoted exclusively to jazz dance. JCE features works from emerging to established choreographers. Since 2007, Artistic Directors Marian Hyun and Merete Muenther have presented more than 95 choreographers and 671 dancers from the US, Japan, South Africa, and Germany.

At *The New York Jazz Choreography Project*, SCVTHS students Rachel Ambrose of Basking Ridge, Brianna Bolt of Hamilton, Ciani Crosby of Bedminster, Katie Rose Davis of Skillman, Eleanor Faherty of Basking Ridge, Maggie Fairley of Basking Ridge, Jessica Moschette of Flemington, Cassie Mountney of Raritan, Jessica Paolillo of Hillsborough, Melodee Petrushka of Somerville, and Erin Stewart of Bridgewater presented choreography entitled "Hats off to Fosse," which was created by their instructor Mary Lynne McAnally. The student dancers were the only non-professional dancers selected to be part of the performance.

Mary Lynne McAnally spoke of the event saying, "The performance was a wonderful opportunity for the students to experience jazz dance in a professional setting. The producers of the performance were very complimentary and said the students performed with poise and professionalism on and off the stage."

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