

SCVTHS Newsletter

Summer 2022

# DANCE!

"To dance is to be out of yourself. Larger, more beautiful, more powerful.



This is power, it is glory on earth and it is yours for the taking." Agnes de Mille

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*Bad* by Jillian Shaughnessy

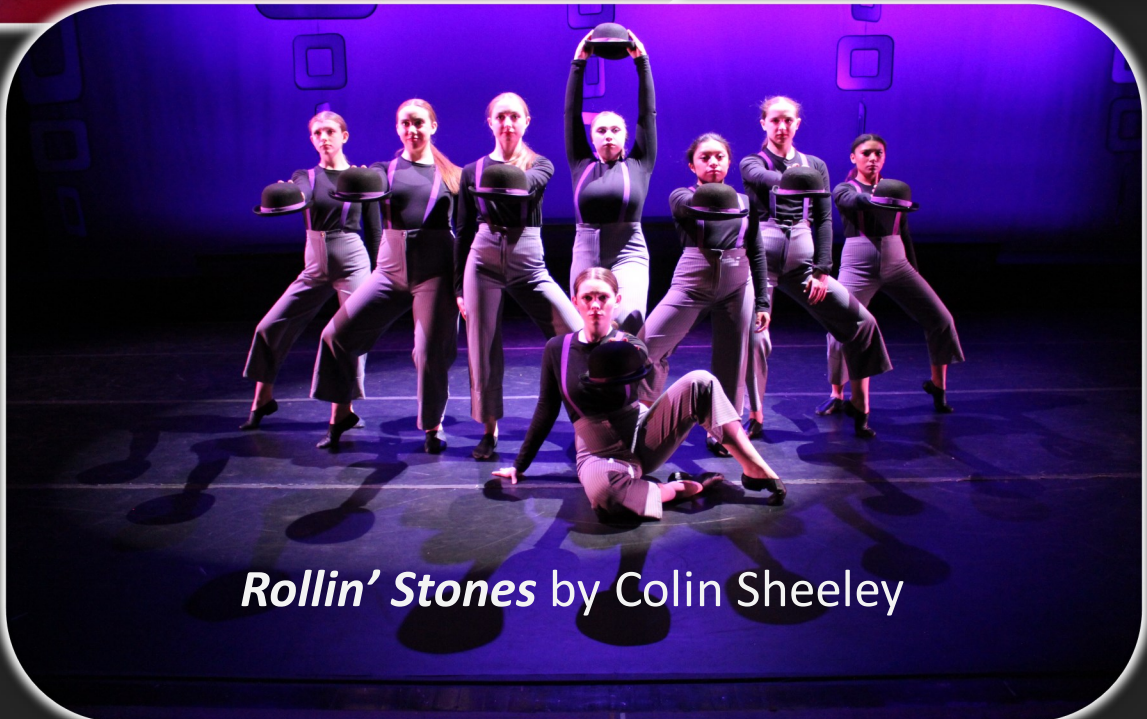


*Sway* by Lily Levine



*Woodstock 1969*

By Rebecca Wolin



*Rollin' Stones* by Colin Sheeley





## SCVTHS Dance Students Compete at Teen Arts Festival

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In April, three Somerset County Vocational & Technical High School dance program juniors, Athena Bernaz of Basking Ridge, Mia Cirafesi of Branchburg, and Caitlin Eswein of Branchburg presented their dance work entitled *Breaking Through* during the Somerset County Teen Arts Festival, coordinated by the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission.

*Breaking Through* “exemplifies how women are breaking through the glass ceiling and insisting on equality in the workforce,” said SCVTHS Dance Department coordinator Sheila Sullivan.

The three students were chosen by SCVTHS faculty to choreograph for the annual dance concert in April. They collaborated on the movement, choice of music, production aspects like costumes and lighting, all while dancing and choreographing their work. They would film the rehearsal and each individually “clean” the work by watching the video at home.

This year, the students’ work was submitted virtually to the festival, where a dance educator adjudicated, gave critiques on the work, and ultimately made the decision if the work could progress to the state level. *Breaking Through* was one of four dances in Somerset County chosen to be presented at the State Teen Arts Festival in Middlesex. “This recognition for these three young choreographers is a wonderful attribute to their hard work, commitment and love of the art form,” said Sullivan.

Sullivan went on to add, “The Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission has done an excellent job adapting to our ever changing COVID lives and have adapted the festival so that as many young artists and their schools that want to participate can. They really go above and beyond offering this opportunity to our students.”

# Congratulations to our Seniors!

## SCVTHS DANCE CLASS 2022



Graduates from left to right; Jillian Shaughnessy, Rebecca Wolin, Colin Sheeley, Lily Levine. Not pictured Laura Jacobson.

*"Life is pure adventure, and the sooner we realize that, the quicker we will be able to treat life as art." Maya Angelou*

Happy , Healthy, and Safe Summer to Everyone!