

HAPPY SUMMER!

This year has been quite the adventure! It definitely didn't end without a few bangs.



End of the year events:

- April 21-25, 2016 We took our last trip as a team to NYC, performing on 42nd Street and Broadway!
- May 10, 2016 Our last outreach with the juniors at a very sweet retirement home.
- May 15, 2016 Our four seniors graduated high school! The whole junior/levitical company was honored to be involved!
- May 20, 2016 We had our last concert of the year with the junior company! It was a blast!

The end to a great year.

The whole second semester was quite crazy, with performances and outreaches left and right. From tour to India to New York, we definitely kept busy. That was the case up until the very last day!

The last two weeks of classes were filled with concert prep, show and tell with the junior company, swing and tap classes, and our very last outreach with the juniors. Our last day concluded with a fun swing class, worship, and just prayer over those staying and those leaving.

We had our end of the year concert with the juniors that started with worship (lead by myself, two other company members, and two juniors) and ended with a fun joyous celebration. It was a bittersweet ending to a wonderful year, as many are not returning for the next season. Some are moving on to where God is leading them next, to school or another company.

DID YOU KNOW?

Our junior company consisted of nine beautifully talented girls this year, two of which were little sisters of two of our Levitical members. They are some of the most incredibly young ladies that I've had the honor of knowing. They are sweet, talented, and have pure and loving hearts that are made to worship the Father.





New York, New York!

Giving God all the glory in the heart of the city and one of the biggest entertainment blocks in the world.

Our directors have played big roles in starting and running Project Dance, something that started about 15 years ago. Project dance is all about bringing together Christian dancers from all over the world, all to glorify the name of the Lord. It's a three-day event that will change your life. On the first day, the dancers learn a huge group dance that will be performed every hour the next day during the eight-hour live concert. The weekend

kicks off with a PD worship night that includes a few performances by students and faculty.

The second day is an all day outdoor concert, with performances by the dancers involved with Project Dance.

The third day gives the dancers the opportunity to take master classes from renowned dancers and PD staff members, all who are there for the same reason

you are: to use your gift and passion for dance to worship the Father.

Since that first year, PD has been all over the world, from Costa Rica to Panama to Japan, and many places in the U.S. Next year, in 2017, they are planning to come to our own OKC, with Arrows hosting. How cool is that? God has big and beautiful plans for this organization.

Nothing short of a miracle.

When we first began preparing for NYC, we had been sadly told that only eight of us were going. It was going to cost about \$1000 per person, and unfortunately, not every team member could afford that after our trip to India. About a week before we were supposed to leave, we were informed by our directors really felt like it was important that we go to NYC and perform our piece, *Invade the Earth*. They felt that we really needed all of our team members there, to bring heaven to earth, and to bring as much unity to the city (two of our biggest themes of the year). With only a week to raise the rest of their funds, God provided in a big way, as we added the last four members to our trip! Amy unfortunately couldn't go with us, due to work; which, oddly enough, she was the only one (besides our directors) who had ever been to NYC before! God really moved, as we were all able to go and do what we were called to do!





It's nothing but kicks and giggles on our end!



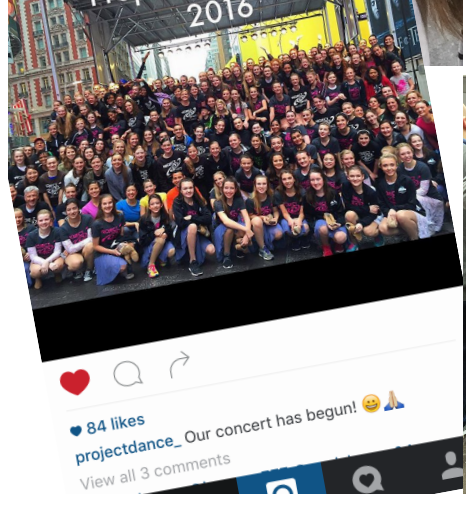
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After performing our very last piece of the concert, Resurrecting, a man came over to us and began just thanking us. He began to tell us that he was leading a team of Bible translators to another country, but their flights had been messed up and they had a 12-hour delay in the city, so they decided to walk around and explore. They happened upon our Project Dance concert, and were so blessed by it. "We were just talking about the differences between resurrecting and raising from the dead," He told us. "Thank you for being such an encouragement to us!"



That's what it's about. Being in the right place at the right time, to encourage those who already know the love of the Father, and to show it to those who may not have experienced it yet. Thank you God for this wonderful opportunity to be where I'm supposed to be and to do what you've called me to do!



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The end of a year, the end of a season.

The last few weeks of classes were crazy, fun and different! We had our last outreach with the junior company, a really awesome last Pas De Deux (partnering) class, show-and-tell with the juniors, and company photo shoot (which was so fun! A few photos from the shoot are scattered around on this page.). We also had two tap classes AND a swing class! Those were possibly some of my favorite classes of the entire year!

God has done some really amazing things in and through our team this year. I've been able to watch as my team members (and myself) grow in the things of God, and in life in general. It's been a year of learning to trust God with the big things, to not stress about it. It's been a year to watch God provide more than I can try to imagine. It's been a year to watch God expand my dreams, and to realize that they aren't impossible. It's been a year of learning to love myself, and to see myself as God sees me.

This year has been filled with many prayers, tears- both good and bad, sleepless nights that I wouldn't trade for anything, constant karaoke, more sore muscles (and injuries) than I've had in a long time, countless hours on airplanes, dreams coming true, adventures in airports and subways that can't be replaced, constant laughter, and an overwhelming love from multiple families that have taken me in as one of their own. I'm overwhelmed and overjoyed. My heart is so full.



A quick little vacation!

On the way home from India, Mr. Jeff and Mrs. Natalie had calculated how much it would be to go to Silver Dollar City for a fun weekend trip to treat us all, and after figuring out details prayed for God to supply that specific amount of money.

When we returned, their church had some extra money and was splitting it between different organizations in the church. They surprised our directors by giving a

huge sum to Arrows, enough that covered what they were wishing to do and more!

Because of God's wonderful surprises, we were also blessed enough to go see a live musical performance of Moses while in Branson, a gift to us from Mrs. Bea (who owns our property).

It was such a fun trip and one that we desperately needed- a time of fellowship, laughter and

fun, without having to worry with costumes, music, or outreaches. A breathe of fresh air for the team.



So what's next for me?

In case you haven't heard by now, I'm staying with Arrows! After much prayer and planning, I have gladly accepted a position as a year two in next season's Levitical Training Program! I feel that God is not done with me here in OKC quite yet, and I'm not quite finished with the company, either. God has grown me a lot this year, but I still have much to learn, as well as much to give. It is my hope that God will continue to use me, in ways that I cannot imagine or dream of.

So, while my body is able, I plan to stay and give God my talents for as long as I can. Since the program is going to be a little different (it'll be separated into four categories: year one levitical trainees, year two levitical trainees, apprentice, and company), I'm unsure how much traveling I will be doing. However, no matter where I'm called to go, I have full faith that God will provide above and beyond the funds that I need. No amount is too large for my God!

This summer, I'm currently babysitting my two little girls who are four and six. They're a handful, but they keep me on my toes. In August, my roommates (who are staying, as well!) and I have decided to change up the housing arrangements, so I will be moving into an apartment with Falan (I am SO excited!).

I'm very thankful for the year I've had with my current roommates. They have been such a blessing. I look forward to the new adventures I will have with a new apartment and new roommate (Falan is leaving the company to go back to school, so it will be different for sure!).

God has been so faithful this year and I can't wait to see how He exceeds it in the coming year.





Thank you, thank you, thank
you.

This year has been one of excitement and adventure, but it has also been one relying solely on God to provide. And He has, without fail.

Thank you for all of your prayers, financial support, and words of encouragement. It means so much that you would think of me. I ask that you would continue to pray, as I transition into this new year at the end of summer, and that God would provide a job that is flexible with our crazy schedule (and also for my car, that it would last; the transmission seems to be acting up..).

I wish you all the very best, and pray that God blesses you today!

Ps. I love pen pals. ;)

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