

Spectrum in Motion – Winter Sharing & More

On March 16th Spectrum in Motion began their performance schedule for the year with a “sharing”, not a performance, something a little less formal but in many ways just as important. Olivia Ilano-Davis’ goal with her dance program has always been more that just to teach dance or to provide professional dance performances, at it’s core it has been about community, bringing people together. She just does it with dance, and with movement at the core of dance, because that’s what she knows best. She also knows that it takes a long time for dance – rhythmic, graceful movement – to soak into a person. When it does though, it’s for life; it is life.



So she put’s a lot of energy into the very little one’s from the preschool at the Boys & Girls Club, like planting seeds, just as she did with the many dancers who now are professionals.

It’s not that the harvest will be great dancers in 10 or 15 years, though some may be, but that all of them will go on in life with a little more rhythm, a little more grace and a better appreciation of the beauty of movement.

The “Sharing” is the chance for the community, parents mostly, to see and

for the children to show what they have learned and maybe catch the performance bug that can sustain them through the many hours of practice needed to master this ancient art form. But even those who never become performing dancers can benefit from the healthy effects of dance. So it’s fitting that the first event of the year is the “Sharing”. Next will be the *Solos & Duets* on April 16th. This annual fundraiser includes professional dance and a five-course dinner for a really memorable evening. It takes place at Asylum Hill Congregational Church. Next is the annual performance *Sumayaw Sa Lahat* June 10th & 11th. Rounding out the offering is the **Stretching for Life** classes Saturday’s from January to June at the B&G Club and **The Community Dance Class** Monday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00 also at the B&G Club.

Information for all of the above is available by calling 413-218-0013 or by email at spectruminmotion@gmail.com and more photos as well as flyers are available at

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