

Vineland Regional Dance Company
41st Annual Spring Dance Concert

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Sound of Silence

Choreography..... Kimberly Chapman
 Artist..... Pentatonix
 Music..... Sound of Silence
 Costumes..... Jan Schleiger

**Carly Cullinane, Alyssa Littleton, Logan Littleton, Leonardo Luciano,
 Addison Mancill, Frieda Nichols, Maximus Safonof, Teagan Shover, Francesca Viso**

Serenade

Choreography..... Maxine Chapman
 Composer..... Tchaikovsky
 Music..... Serenade in C
 Costumes..... E. Huntington Parker

**Mikaela Delvalle, Isabella Salazar,
 Adriana Zikowski, Grace Zikowski
 Understudy: Ava Anderson, Morgan Papiano**

Dancin

Choreography..... Kimberly Chapman
Composer.....Rod Stewart
Music Go Out Dancin
Costumes.....Maxine Chapman

Peter Delcollo, Leonardo Luciano, Cyrus Safonof, Maximus Safonof

Selah

Choreography.....Angelina Bartolozzi
Artist..... Kanye West
Music..... Selah, Follow God, Closed on Sunday
Costumes.....Angelina Bartolozzi

**Carly, Cullinane, Alyssa Littleton, Logan Littleton,
Addison Mancill, Frieda Nichols, Teagan Shover, Francesca Viso
Understudy: Max Safonof**

*****INTERMISSION*****

Havanna Mambo

Choreography..... Kimberly Chapman
Composer.....Havanna Mambo
Music..... Mambo Jambo
Costumes.....E. Huntington Parker

**Mikaela Delvall, Addison Mancill,
Frieda Nichols, Teagan Shover, Adriana Zikowski
Understudy: Ava Anderson, Morgan Papiano**

“Hallelujah”

Choreography..... Kimberly Chapman
ArtistAndrea Boccelli
Music..... Hallelujah
Costume..... Kimberly Chapman

Logan Littleton

Sunu

Choreography.....Kassidy Gagliardi
Composer.....Rising Appalachia
Music.....Sunu meaning “Dance Beautiful Woman Dance” in Guinea
Costumes.....Renee Gomila

**Carly Cullinane, Alyssa Littleton, Maximus Safonof,
Leonardo Luciano, Francesca Viso**

Someone To You

Choreography..... Angelina Bartolozzi
Artist..... BANNERS
Music..... Song To You
Costume.....Angelina Bartolozzi

Angelina Bartolozzi*

Circle

Choreography.....Kimberly Chapman
Composer.....Elton John
Music.....Circle of Life
Costumes.....Janice Bocchetti

**Carly Cullinane, Peter Delcollo, Mikaela Delvalle, Alyssa Littleton, Logan Littleton,
Leonardo Luciano, Addison Mancill, Frieda Nichols, Cyrus Safonof,
Maximus Safonof, Isabella Salazar, Teagan Shover, Francesca Viso,
Adriana Zikowski, Grace Zikowski,
Understudies: Ava Anderson, Morgan Papiano**

The Vineland Regional Dance Company

Maxine Chapman, Director Emeritus/Founder

Kimberly Chapman, Artistic Director

Founded in 1980, the inspiring and growing Vineland Regional Dance Company (VRDC) is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 New Jersey Corporation, run by a Board of Directors and is an "Honor" company of Regional Dance America Northeast (RDA/NE). The VRDC provides professional training to young people interested in dance and offers dance culture to the South Jersey area. In 1992 the VRDC received the "Pride in Vineland Award" from the Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce "in recognition for the contributions and notoriety of NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL magnitude achieved individually and for the community of Vineland." Each year, since its inception, the company has received a grant from the New Jersey State Council On the Arts, made available by the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

Performing "The Nutcracker Ballet" since 1978, the VRDC can boast being the only company in New Jersey to have performed this ballet with a full symphony orchestra in 1988 and 1989 and it has the longest running Nutcracker in South Jersey. In 2004, the VRDC was featured in a book entitled, "The Nutcracker Backstage: The Story and the Magic" authored by Angela Whitehill and William Noble. Over 10 photographs of the VRDC share the spotlight with renowned dance companies such as the New York City Ballet, American Ballet Theatre and Pacific Northwest. This exposure has brought South Jersey to the forefront of the dance world.

The company dancers are afforded the opportunity to work with world renowned master teachers and choreographers. Their excellent technique has won them scholarships to: The Pennsylvania Ballet, Houston Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, The Bern Ballet, the Boston Conservatory, Boston Ballet, Adelphi University, Tisch School of the Arts at New York University, Suny Purchase, Burklyn Ballet Theater, The Hartt School, Cedar Lakes Ballet, The Craft of Choreography, Jacob's Pillow and the prestigious Juilliard School. The Monticello Choreographic Award and the Princess Grace Foundation-USA Dance Scholarship have also been awarded to two VRDC dancers. Many have gone on to become professional dancers, TV producers, Broadway managers, choreographers, and dance teachers. On April 25, 2006 the VRDC dancers received a Commending Resolution from the Vineland City Council and Mayor Perry Barse for their invaluable contributions to the local arts community and dance culture. They were praised as cultural ambassadors for the City of Vineland and for enhancing the quality of life through dance.

The VRDC is achieving multi-regional impact within New Jersey by performing 25-30 times a year in the South Jersey area. The VRDC also performs throughout the Northeastern United States. By presenting new works of high artistic quality and works from standard repertoire such as "The Nutcracker Ballet", "The Sleeping Beauty", "Peter and the Wolf", "Les Sylphides" and "Coppelia", the VRDC is inspiring audiences and forcing them to notice that dance can enhance the quality of life as well as stimulate economic vitality.

The VRDC recently received a NJ State Commendation from Senator Jeff Van Drew and NJ State Congressional recognition from Frank LoBiondo on their 40th Annual Nutcracker Ballet. They also received proclamations from Mayors Anthony Fanucci of Vineland, NJ and Albert Kelly of Bridgeton, NJ.

The VRDC is full of unparalleled discipline, dedication, determination and commitment, and has been justly acclaimed as one of the finest dance companies in the northeastern United States. To become a member of the company that dancers with panache, write to VRDC, 2388 N. East Ave., Vineland, NJ 08360, phone 856-691-6059 or for more information visit our website at www.VRDC.org.

The Vineland Regional Dance Company Directors

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Maxine Chapman

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Commission/NJ State Council on the Arts: Proposed Resolution

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Maxine Chapman

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Donata Dalesandro
Florence Diorio
Dondero Diamonds and Fine Jewelry
Morgan Doherty
Eileen Duffy
Nicole Duane Horan *
Kassidy Gagliardi *
Jamison Goodnight *
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*- Alumni

Maxine Chapman

Director Emeritus/Founder

Owner, teacher and choreographer of Maxine's Studio of Dance which she opened in 1970, Maxine Chapman also founded and became the Artistic Director of the Vineland Regional Dance Company (VRDC) incorporated in 1980 under the laws of the State of New Jersey as a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation to further cultivate and develop interest in the Art of Dance.

Ms. Chapman is a lifetime accredited member of "Dance Educators of America" and in 1982, through her efforts, the VRDC became a full performing company member of the Northeast Regional Ballet Association, now known as Regional Dance America/Northeast (RDA/NE).



Maxine trained in this discipline for 17 years, even while attending Trenton State College. At the age of 5, she was enrolled in the renowned "Wayburn's School of Dance" where she trained the major part of her career. She studied under master teachers such as Joan Holmes and Joseph Layton who later became a Broadway and Hollywood Choreographer.

Maxine has choreographed and staged the full productions of "The Sleeping Beauty," "Coppelia" and "The Nutcracker Ballet" which is presented annually. Over 25 other works choreographed by her are presently listed in the company's repertoire. In 1985, Maxine received a Choreographic Fellowship from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to create a new ballet, "Cappriccio Espagnol" with music by Rimsky-Korsakov. In 1992, Maxine, as Artistic Director of The VRDC, received the "Pride in Vineland Award" from the Greater Vineland Chamber of Commerce "In recognition for the contributions and notoriety of NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL magnitude achieved individually and for the community of Vineland."

As a member of the Regional Dance America/NE, her leadership qualities did not go unnoticed, as she was the elected President of the Board of Directors of Regional Dance America/NE from 1987-1995, from 1998-2001 and 2007 - 2012. The Daily Journal Newspaper has also recognized Maxine's leadership qualities. In the Fall of 1993 Maxine was chosen as "Today's Woman to Watch." Maxine has also served as a judge for several Jr. Miss Scholarship programs and preliminary Miss America Pageants. In 2002, at the VRDC's 25th Annual Nutcracker Ballet, Ms. Chapman was presented with a proclamation from the Senate & General Assembly by Assemblyman Nicholas Asselta, honoring Maxine Chapman on 25 years as the choreographer, producer, director and designer of the VRDC's Nutcracker Ballet. It commended Maxine on her talents, artistry and determination. Maxine was awarded the 11th Annual Paul Aiken Encore Award from the South Jersey Cultural Alliance in May of 2006 for the honor and distinction that she has brought to the South Jersey community through her efforts as the Artistic Director of the VRDC. She received an Assembly Commendation for this award from Jeff Van Drew and Nelson Albano. In 2015 Maxine was nominated for the Rotarian Paul Harris award by the Vineland Rotary club for her humanitarian-based leadership.

Maxine has been teaching for 50 years and has taught thousands of students, she is highly noted for her training and directing of young dancers and adds to her list of accomplishments 24 students who were winners in the New Jersey Jr. Miss Scholarship Programs, and 25 students who were winners in preliminary pageants in New Jersey for the Miss America Scholarship Pageant. Her strong love for professional and artistic excellence is transmitted to her disciplined company. She has achieved this through countless hours of devotion and dedication to her students. Maxine continues to produce dancers and shows in a professional manner of excellence for the Vineland Regional Dance Company and her studio.

Her service to the dance community is exemplary. As the owner of Maxine Studio she oversees the instruction of over 100 dancers, 4 employees and numerous assistants. Her fairness and family environment keeps employees with her for an extraordinary number of years. Her influence on young dancers goes beyond them becoming professional dancers. Yes, Maxine teaches plié's and tendu's but more importantly she teaches the 3 D's: Dedication, Discipline, and Determination. All of Maxine's students know that hard work pays off and when Maxine gives you a compliment you earned it. Her partnership with Donna Bennett and Big Brothers Big Sisters has enabled one student per year to study for free. Maxine's business and professional leadership is humanitarian based with ethical standards that are a welcome in today's society.

In December of 2017, Maxine was awarded a Congressional Recognition from Frank LoBiondo and Joint Legislative Commendation from Senator Jeff Van Drew for the VRDC's 40th annual Nutcracker Ballet as the longest running in South Jersey. She also received a joint Legislative Resolution from the Senate and General assembly by President of the Senate Stephen Sweeney. She also received proclamations from mayors Anthony Fanucci of Vineland and Albert Kelly Mayor of Bridgeton for the 40th annual Nutcracker Ballet. Maxine was honored on April 25, 2018 by the Cumberland County Women's Hall of Fame Inc. as the woman of the year for 2018. She is married to her supportive and loving husband Philo for 57 years, and has 3 children and 7 grandchildren.



Kimberly Chapman
Artistic Director/Resident
Choreographer Vineland Regional
Dance Co.

Born in Vineland, New Jersey, Kimberly began her dance training at her mother's Studio in 1971 and was a soloist member of the VRDC from 1979-1985. She entered and continued her training at the School of the Pennsylvania Ballet from 1983 – 1985. After graduating Juilliard in 1988 with a BFA Degree in Dance and a minor in Music in just three years, Kimberly danced professionally with the Eliot Feld Ballet Company, dancing throughout Italy and the United States. Kimberly was the recipient of the full scholarships to Jacob's Pillow in 1985

and 1986, received the coveted Monticello Award for Choreography in 1987 and was also the recipient of the prestigious PRINCESS GRACE FOUNDATION – USA DANCE SCHOLARSHIP in 1987. Choreographing since 1982, Kimberly was the choreographer in collaboration with a playwright and composer on a full length ballet "Chains of Fire" set on the Gateway Ballet of St. Louis, Missouri, which premiered in 1992. Kimberly has over 40 choreographed ballets listed in the VRDC repertoire. Many of her works have received notoriety at Regional Dance America festivals.

No stranger to the pageant world, Kimberly was third runner up to the Miss New Jersey Scholarship Pageant, and for 5 years was the Director for the Cumberland County Jr. Miss Program. Kim has also performed in two rock videos for KYW –TV and was featured in Mademoiselle Magazine in the cover story. "Burn, Calories, Burn!" In 1995, Dance Magazine published an article written by Kimberly on "Lyric Jazz". Kimberly was

the Artistic Co-Director, resident choreographer, and Ballet Mistress of the VRDC from 1990 – 1996.

From 1996 – 1998 Kimberly was on the faculty at the University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV), where she taught ballet and jazz. She also taught pointe at the Conservatory of Las Vegas and performed nightly in the show “Jubilee” at Bally’s Hotel and Casino, Kim was on the faculty at the Cincinnati Ballet from 1998-2003.

She returned in 2004 to become the Artistic Director for the VRDC and the Co-Director at Maxine’s Dance Studio. Most notably Kimberly is making a difference in boy’s perception of dance. Ms. Chapman started a free boys class to help boys realize that dance can improve their sports. The class is offered to afford boys the opportunity to understand and appreciate the art of dance while improving their agility, flexibility, coordination, memorization and athleticism. Kimberly has two children Angelina and Joseph.

Angelina Bartolozzi is a dancer, teacher, and choreographer. Originally from



Vineland, New Jersey she trained with Maxine’s Dance Studio LLC., where she was also a teacher on staff. Additionally she was a soloist with the Vineland Regional Dance Company (VRDC). Angelina has also choreographed five works for the VRDC. Her work “Run” was chosen to close the Emerging Choreographers Showcase Performance at the Regional Dance America Northeast Festival in 2016, making her the youngest choreographer in the organization to do so.

Additionally, Angelina has spent her summers training with Alonzo King Lines Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, Burklyn Ballet, and the Pennsylvania Ballet. She has also been awarded many scholarships from numerous organizations and is the recipient of the VRDC 2018 Jonathan Phelps scholarship, the 2017 Martha Godown Scholarship winner, and a two time Marie Bayuk Scholarship recipient; she has won cash awards at both the

Regional Dance America Festivals and the Delaware Dance Festival.

Throughout her dance career, Angelina has danced works by many choreographers including, Alonzo King, Joseph Mazalier, Marius Petipa, Jonathan Phelps, and Keelan Whitmore. Angelina graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2018 from Vineland Senior High School. She is currently furthering her dance education at the Conservatory of Dance at SUNY Purchase College with a double major in dance and arts management.



Kassidy Gagliardi began her dance training in 2001 at Maxine’s Dance Studio LLC under the direction of Maxine and Kimberly Chapman . In 2010, Kassidy joined the Vineland Regional Dance Company, a pre-professional dance company in Vineland, NJ. As a dancer with VRDC, Kassidy was required to attend Regional Dance America Northeast (RDA/NE) yearly festivals. These festivals provide learning opportunities to foster the growth and education of dancers. She attended Burklyn Ballet Theatre in Vermont, Georgian Court University’s summer intensive, and received a full scholarship to attend Philadelphia Dance Theatre Summer Intensive. Kassidy began her college dance training in 2015 at Montclair State University. During her time there, she had the opportunity to work with renowned choreographers and perform in numerous performances. Kassidy has taught at various dance studios throughout New Jersey while pursuing her college degree. Ms. Gagliardi graduated in December 2018 from Montclair State University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in dance. Ms. Gagliardi is now in her second year as the dance teacher at Buena Regional High School.

SPECIAL CREDITS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

- We would especially like to acknowledge our excellent stage crew for doing such an outstanding job coordinating this entire production.
- A special thank you to guest artists: **Angelina Bartolozzi and Kassidy Gagliardi**
- Founder/ Director Emeritus.....Maxine Chapman
- Artistic Director.....Kimberly Chapman
- Technical Director Vineland Regional Dance Co.....Chris Totoro
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