

Crooked Tree ballet dancer headed to Miami City Ballet

The Crooked Tree Arts Center and its School of Ballet recently announced that 15-year-old Petoskey native Taylor Naturkas has recently moved to Miami, Florida, and accepted a place in the highest level division of Miami City Ballet's Pre-Professional 2 program.



Taylor Naturkas

Naturkas danced with the school of ballet for 11 years, and leaves the program at the standing of pre-professional dancer, the school's highest level of study. Since the age of 4, Naturkas has passionately pursued her dream of becoming a professional ballerina and this move to Miami brings her one step closer to her goal.

During her time with the School of Ballet, Naturkas studied year-round and also participated in the following summer intensive programs: Suzanne Farrell

and Miami City Ballet (2018). She has performed notable roles on stage, including Toto in "The Wizard of Oz"; Sammy in "Trumpet of the Swan"; Red Radish in "Cipollino"; Fairy Godmother in "Cinderella"; Rose and Fox in "Le Petit Prince"; and Clara, Arabian and the Sugar Plum Fairy in productions of "The Nutcracker."

For the past two years, Naturkas was also the full-time, personal teaching assistant for the school of

ballet artistic director, Heather Raue.

"Taylor always went above and beyond, without the intention of recognition, to guide, inspire, comfort, and appreciate those around her," Raue said.

Now, Naturkas dances six days a week and is working to complete her sophomore year of high school during evenings and weekends.

"This is a tremendous challenge," Naturkas said, "... but also an amazing opportunity."


For more information on the Crooked Tree Arts Center School of Ballet or Crooked Tree Dance Scholarship Fund, contact the arts center at (231) 347-4337 or visit www.crookedtree.org. The Crooked Tree Arts Center is located at 461 E. Mitchell St. in Petoskey.

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