

Arts & Entertainment

Dance Elite nets hefty hardware haul at festival

Host of awards earned in Hamilton

One of Milton's dance studios shone brightly at a recent festival in Hamilton, where the studio's students garnered many gold and platinum awards.

Students of Dance Elite Studio competed at the StarCatchers Dance Festival last month, making parents and teachers alike proud. The studio received the StarCatchers Top Studio Spirit Award for the sportsman-like conduct of its dancers.

Dancer Jade Ryan won the Starlight Award, which is given to the dancer with the highest achievement. Teammate Mallory Ryan took home the Starbright Award, which is given to the dancer attaining greater than 90 per cent from each judge.

Dance Elite also won three overall highest score trophies. Love Machine, choreographed by Marnie Palmer, won Overall Mini Novice Group. This jazz ensemble includes members Taylor Albin, Devon Brown, Hannah Dines, Christina Donovan, Salina Jackson, Chloe Jeppesen, Alexandra Redden, Daniela Serverino and Elizabeth Sheppard.

The Overall Junior Novice Group award was won by the modern dance routine 'Cybertronics,' choreographed by Jennifer Pender. It included dancers Diana Best, Cassandra Brown, Sabrina Brown, Amber Fay, Brianna Fitzsimmons, Lexi Hunter, Ashley Molyneaux and Sarah Nonis.

The Overall Senior Novice Duet award went to dancers Sabrina Brown and Cassandra Brown, who performed their 'Anything You Can Do' musical theatre duet, which was choreographed by Sarah Barecca.

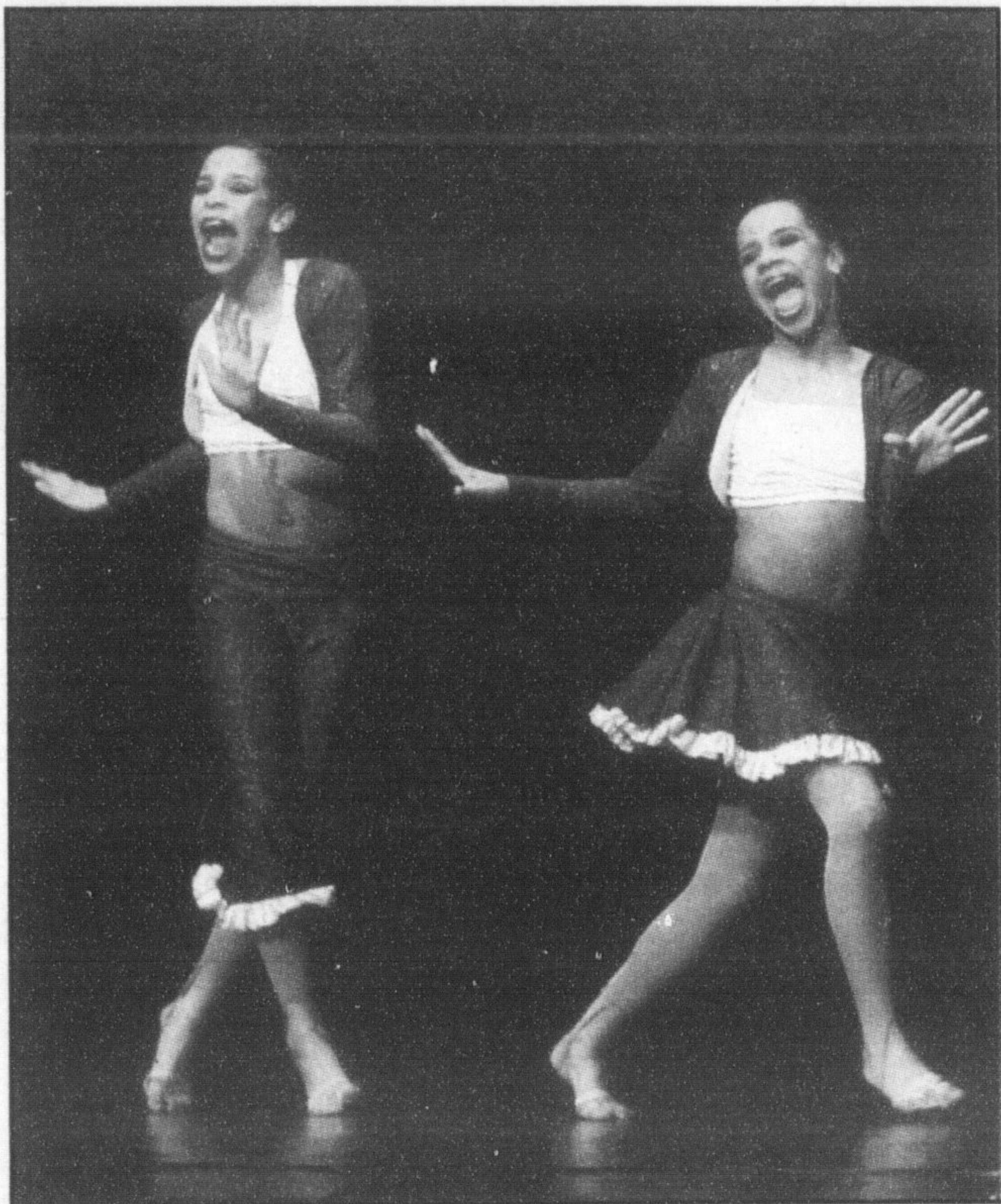


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Cassandra and Sabrina Brown strut their stuff at the StarCatchers Dance Festival.



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It's show time

Milton District High School will present Canadian comedy 7 Stories tonight and tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Here a perplexed Dave Minakakis (Michael) and a bewildered Kristen George (Joan) lean out the window to talk to Pieter de Jong ('Man') on the ledge during a rehearsal of the production.

Symphony competing

From Thursday to May 15, Halton Youth Symphony's senior orchestra will be in Windsor to compete with other youth orchestras from across Ontario in the Orchestras Canada Youth Festival.

Held every other year, this festival brings the finest in youth orchestras together to perform in a grand concert at the conclusion of the weekend.

On May 30, the full orchestra will perform a 30th anniversary concert at the Oakville Centre for the Performing Arts.

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