

Kids for Christ Performing Arts to become Exalt Dance and Cheer

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For over thirty years, Debbie Cashion has been teaching dance and cheer while sharing God's word with students all over the metro area. On June 1, the baton will be passed to Clinton native Casey Collier Rogers and her husband, Andrew Rogers. Casey was born and raised in Clinton, graduated from Clinton High School and is an Attachè alumna.

Casey is no stranger to Kids for Christ. She first came to Kids for Christ as a five-year-old student and recently ran several of the studio summer camp programs. Casey has a degree in dance from the University of Southern Mississippi, has trained with top rated instructors from New York to Los Angeles, and has danced professionally with a Christian Dance Company in Houston, Texas.

"Kids for Christ has always been more than just a dance and cheer studio," said Cashion. "For Mike and I, this was a personal ministry. We are so blessed to be able to have Casey and Andrew continue to provide the best-in-class instruction in a God-centered environment."

As for Casey and Andrew, they say they are looking forward to returning to Clinton.

"We are so excited about this opportunity," said Casey. "Kids for Christ has been a central part of the Clinton community for a very long time. My degree in dance and professional experience, coupled with my strong faith, has prepared me to build on the incredible foundation and legacy that Debbie and Mike Cashion have built. We are humbled by the opportunity and can't wait to see our first class of students."

The transition will be effective June 1. The studio will remain at 941 Highway 80. Registration for summer and fall classes are now open. For more information, visit www.exaltdanceandcheer.com.

Fire Safety Art Competition winners announced by CFD



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Pictured (l to r, front row) are Clinton Park Fire Safety Art Competition winners Grayson Wood and Joseph Arcement, first grade students. Joining them are (l to r, back row) Kelli Pope, Clinton Park principal; Kimberly Atwood, art teacher; and Levius Buckley, Clinton Fire Department.



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Eastside School Fire Safety Art Competition winners display their fire safety art that brought them first place recognition by the Arts Council of Clinton and the Clinton Fire Department. Pictured (l to r) are Brittany Ricker, Eastside assistant principal; Rhonda Browning, art teacher; artists Rachel Byrd, Jacob Taylor, and Makenzie Speed; and Fire Chief Jeff Blackledge.

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Winners of the annual Fire Safety Art Competition sponsored by the Clinton Fire Department and the Arts Council of Clinton have been announced. First-graders Grayson Wood and Joseph Arcement, students of Kimberly Atwood, took the honors at Clinton Park Elementary School.

Fourth-grader Rachel Byrd and fifth-graders Makenzie Speed and Jacob Taylor were recognized at Eastside School. Their art teacher is Rhonda Browning.

In announcing the competition winners, Arts Council president Robert Blanton said, "The Arts Council is pleased and honored to coordinate efforts with the Fire Department and the Clinton elementary schools to encourage young artists and to promote their knowledge of fire safety. An outstanding array of talent was reflected in original paintings submitted this year. While this created challenges for our judges in picking winning submissions, it gave us great satisfaction in the success of another year of the competition."

The winning paintings are framed for display at Fire Station 2 on Old Vicksburg Road throughout the year.

The Arts Council welcomes new members. The membership fee of \$35 can be mailed to the Arts Council treasurer, Wayne Richey, P. O. Box 572, Clinton, MS, 39060.

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