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Get ready for an
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evening of through
the world of
Pokémon!

Experience high-
energy
performances that
combine dynamic
choreography with
beloved Pokémon
characters,
bringing the
spirit of
adventure and
friendship to life
on the dance floor
in an epic
tribute.

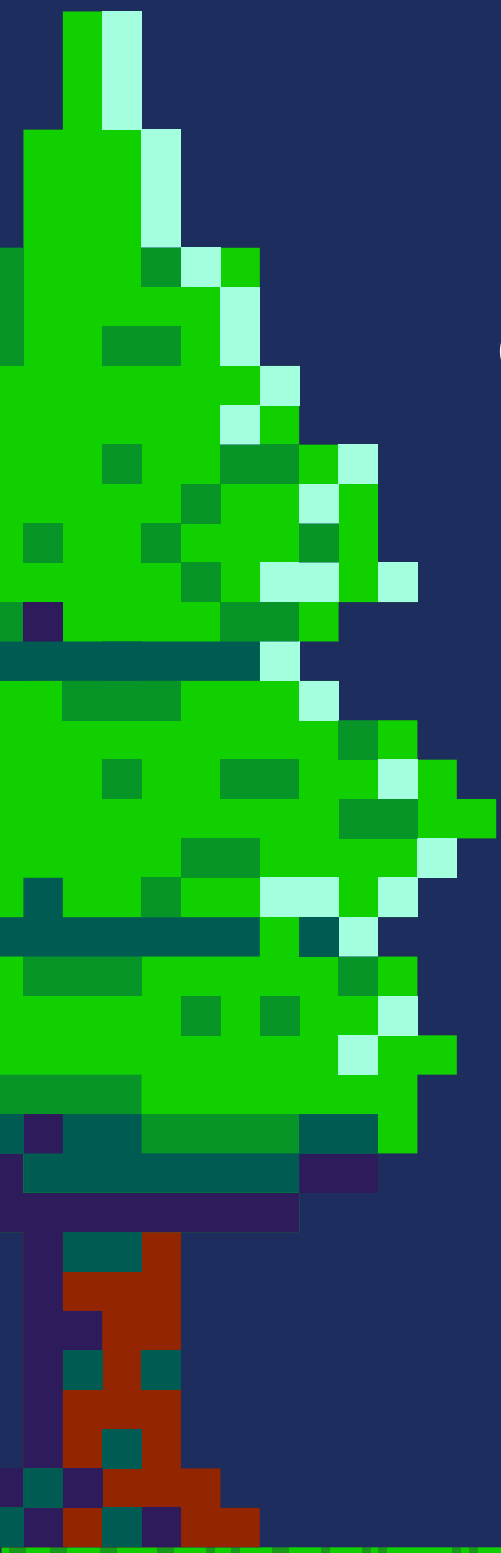


Acknowledgment Land

We at West Philly Swingers recognize Philadelphia as part of Lenapehoking, the ancestral homelands of the Lenni-Lenape who were the original stewards of this land.

A long history of broken treaties and forced migrations displaced many of the Lenape from this land.

We express our gratitude and respect to Lenape ancestors past and present by committing to build a more inclusive and equitable space for all.



Acknowledgment Cultural



We, as a troupe and community, acknowledge, appreciate, and humbly honor the roots of Swing Dance and jazz as a form of art and expression originating from the Black community.



As such, we affirm that we cannot celebrate what we do without celebrating and uplifting Black culture.



Lastly, even though this is a choreographed performance, swing dance is properly practiced on the social dance floor.





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SHOW

ORDER

SHOW ORDER



Alex Dreier
Intro..... Laura Weiner

"Route 205" by Carlos Eiene

Join West Philly Swingers as they begin their journey into the Pokémon world by venturing through this snazzy route!

Featuring: Everybody!



Riya Maiya
Greeya..... Gracie Zhang

"Gone So Long" by Naomi & Her Handsome Devils

A group of Squirtles who were abandoned by their trainers team up to cause chaos and destruction wherever they go! Presenting..... the Squirtle Squad!

Featuring: Riya Maiya, Gracie Zhang, Wangari Mbutia, Saúl Escorza, Paulina Bargalló, Sergio Carballido, Nadia McGrath, Gisselle Porcayo



Camellia Bui
Remi..... Reginald Kwarteng

"Ain't Nobody Here But Us Chickens" By Louis Jordan

These trainers are out in the tall grass looking for new Pokemon to catch, but it looks like there ain't nobody here but chickens...?!

Featuring: Raven Tang, Nathan Nguyen, Laura Weiner, Qingquan Bao, Riya Maiya, Ashna Khemani, Reginald Kwarteng, Camellia Bui

SHOW ORDER



**Same Person, Nadia McGrath
Different Font..... Gisselle Porcayo**

"Zuzu Blues" by The Schwings Band

Back in the old days, as Nadia and Gisselle's friendship bloomed, Nadia proposed a wild idea: let's be sewn together with elastics and Lindy Hop in front of her Visual Studies class for her studio project. Can you imagine the giggles, twirls, and snaps? Despite our different and unique backgrounds, we are still the same person. The famous STEM and Humanities, now senior, duo.

Featuring: Nadia McGrath and Gisselle Porcayo



**JazKat..... Jazmyn James
Katherine Hopf**

"Show Time !!" by Yuki Hayashi

Get ready for trouble and make it double!

Featuring: Jazmyn James, Katherine Hopf, Ashna Khemani, Laura Weiner, Qingquan Bao, Riya Maiya, Gracie Zhang, Saúl Escorza



Intermission



**Newbie Jazmyn James
Number..... Wangari Mbutia**

"LOVE" by Naomi and Her Handsome Devils

The fall newbies are a LOVE-ly bunch of people. Watch them shine in their first show!

Featuring: Tanisha Gerg, Elizabeth Ong, Ivy Ding, Jasmine Ye, Darsh Vithlani, Khang Le, Angelina Wong, Parisa Khashayar

SHOW ORDER



Laura's Senior Solo..... Laura Weiner Jazmyn James

"Times are Hard for Dreamers" by Phillipa Soo
Times may be hard for dreamers, but these nunu siblings will always be there for each other.

Featuring: Laura Weiner and Jazmyn James



GLaurie..... Greg Avakian Laurie Zimmerman

"Lil Boo Thang" by Paul Russell
Pokemon shootin' that shot like 2-K!

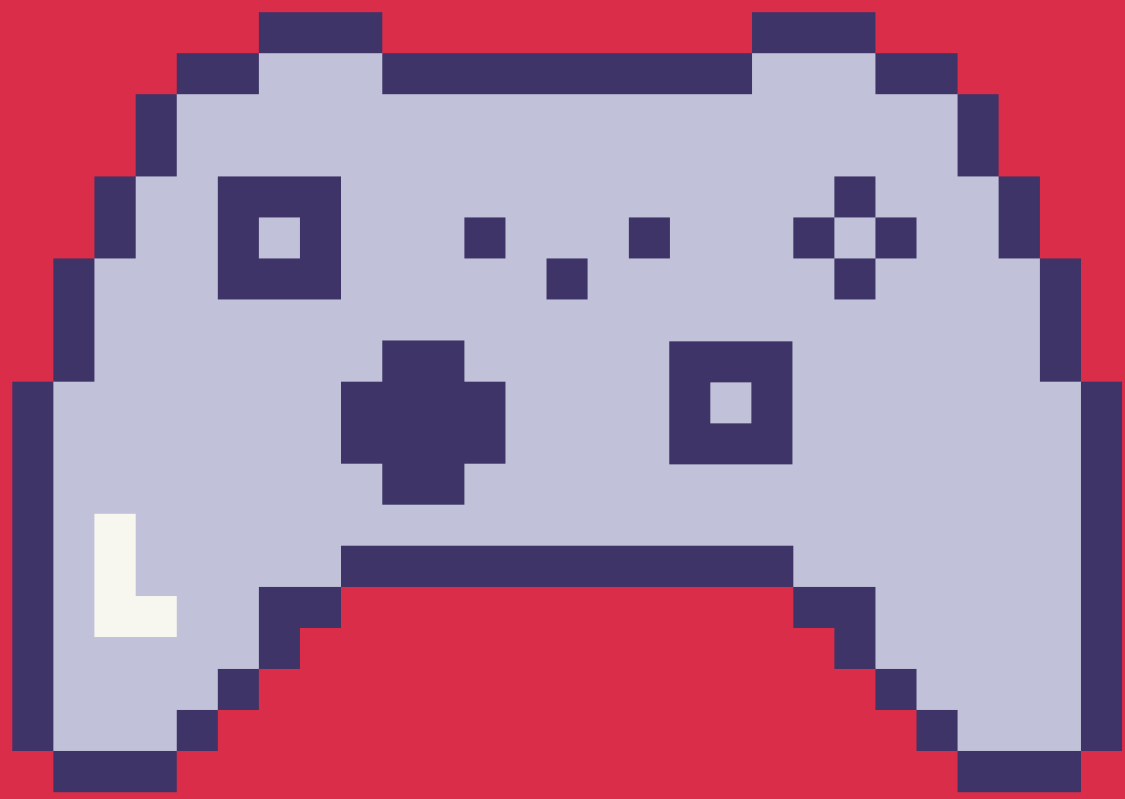
Featuring: Gracie Zhang, Gisselle Porcayo, Ian Pedroza, Raven Tang, Sergio Carballido, Camellia Bui, Reginald Kwarteng, Katherine Hopf, Jazmyn James, Paulina Bargalló



Tranky Doo..... Frankie Manning

"The Dipsy Doodle" by Ella Fitzgerald & Chick Webb
The Tranky Doo is a classic routine choreographed by Frankie Manning and is performed by the West Philly Swingers at the end of every show, but watch these Pokemon Trainers take an interesting spin on it for their 25th Anniversary!

Featuring: Everybody!



MEET THE SWINGGEARS



BOARD

Paulina
Bargallo, '25



This is my last show as Captain, it has been a long ride. I started as a freshmen and it is already senior year. I am really happy to had been part of this family. Hope you enjoy the show. Hugs are super welcomed at the end of the show or during intermission ;)

Gracie
Zhang, '26

Gracie (the one with purple hair) is currently on wanted in over 150 countries please do not share this information with anyone



Audrey
Yeung, '27



Audrey is your chronically eepy Show Producer, taking it day by day. I still can't say what "producing" a show really means, but I know it couldn't happen without the dedication of our swingers, who choreograph, rehearse, social dance, and support each other tirelessly. Nor could it happen without the tech team's wizardry with lights and sound, our creative and social media teams bringing ideas, art, and marketing to life, and Board making sure everything runs smoothly behind the scenes. I hope you see all that and more tonight. Enjoy the show! <3

Saúl
Escorza, '25

:3

Wangari
Mbutia, '25



Wangari is BE girlie from the bustling city of Joburg. Spot her spin, swivel and swingout with a smile :)



Katherine Hopf, '28

A diva is the female version of a hustler - and hustle Katherine did this semester. First time choreographer and first term on Board, in only her second semester in WPS?? Crazy. But - she would do it again and again! She wants to thank her fellow swingers and Aunt and Uncle for all their support with the troupe, and Saxby's coffee for keeping her awake on campus.



Camellia Bui, '25



"Camellia the chameleon climbs over the garden walls, Dancing through daisies, swinging to Lindy calls. Her tail sways with rhythm, as the earth spins 'round, In cascades of colors, where joy can be found. With every new hue, her heart lights anew, Camellia the chameleon, always on cue."

Alex Dreier, '25

Beep
boop. Just
the tech
chair.



Jazmyn James, '25



Jazz is a music genre that originated in the African-American communities of New Orleans, Louisiana, in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with its roots in blues and ragtime. Since the 1920s Jazz Age, it has been recognized as a major form of musical expression in traditional and popular music

GRAD STUDENTS

Darsh
Vithlani, '26



When life
gives you
blues,
swing to
them xd

Khang
Le, '26

Khang is one of our
newbies. He enjoys
swinging his racquets in
tennis and badminton,
but this is his first time
swinging on the dance
floor. He hopes you
enjoy the show!



Nathan Nguyen, '28

Although "old soul" and "I thought you were supposed to be the adult here," he likes to have fun and FAFO.

When not swinging and working, he likes reading, hiking, and cooking (not at the same time). Realizing recently that he needs to do more cardio when practicing for his number, he hopes that the audience enjoys the show and does not notice that he's running out of breath halfway through the performance (maybe he needs to add running to his hobbies).



Qingquan Bao, '25



A.K.A. Mr. 'Q' in the troupe, who once dreamed of being a cool hacker or assassin. Now, he believes that being a Quokka is the way to live a happier life. After all, even the greatest minds can get tired of work :0

SENIORS

Gisselle
Porcayo, '25



A bottle of rouge
Just me and you

Ian
Pedroza, '25

If you think this looks cool and
want to learn how to dance,
come talk to me and I will take
you dancing. I'm serious



Laura
Weiner, '24



This is Laura's sixth and final
show with West Philly
Swingers. From joining Kiki's
delivery service to running
around the world of
Pokémon, she has loved
every minute and is so
grateful for all the joy this
troupe has brought her!

Nadia McGrath, '25

There's just no
getting through
Without you



Reginald Kwarteng, '25



"West Philly
Swingers" star
"Reggie" stuns in
his 7th show in a
row to serve c*nt
as a fairy trainer
and pokemon -
Pop Crave

JUNIORS

Angelina
Wong, '26



angelina loves her this <3

Ashna
Khemani, '26

A wild Ashna has appeared! An ultra rare sighting in the wild! When she isn't swinging out or doing some form of the Charleston, she is usually found MEAMing (read: going insane) in the depths of Towne, watching old Bollywood movies, or blasting music/vibing in her room. Ashna evolves when presented with her trusty TI84 Plus CE.



Parisa
Khashayar, '26

slay

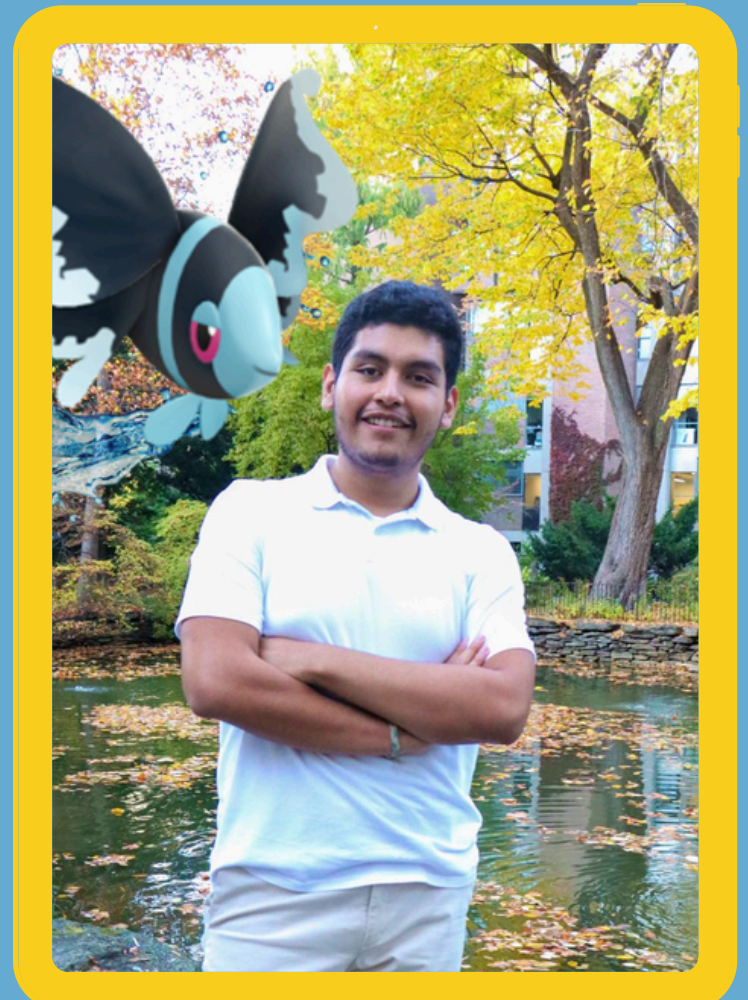
Riya
Maiya, '26



When she's not being pulverized by her latest physics insanity, Riya is ready to girlboss her way into leading the Squirtle Squad of Destruction! Catch all 12 of her toes on stage at Iron Gate Theater

Sergio Emilio
Carballido, '26

gentle giant who's a
connoisseur in coffee and
master jester



SOPHOMORES

Raven
Tang, '27



Raven really, really loves milk, maps, and museums. Most of all, she loves the members of the audience! Thank you so much for being here tonight. It is a delight for us to perform for you, and we hope it is an even greater delight for you to enjoy this performance.

Once upon a time, there was a curious soul named Tanisha. She was part student, part plant-whisperer, and part...gecko? Yes, that's right. Geckos are her spirit animals, and she may or may not spend a concerning amount of time admiring their tiny toes. Tanisha often embarks on heroic missions, such as running around in circles to generate "positive vibes".

Her super secret superpower, however, is activated by intense plant-staring sessions. When she locks eyes with a leaf, she swears she gains wisdom that can only be described as "verdant knowledge."

Tanisha
Gerg, '27



FRESHMEN

Elizabeth Ong, '27



Elizabeth is a Victorian child who curates squishy things on top of her woozoo. She particularly enjoys the act of holding a pencil, but don't take your eyes off her because next time you look back she'll have created a masterpiece. Similarly, don't take your eyes off her tonight as she dances through her first show with her newly acquired excellent dance skills!

Jasmine Ye, '27

Jasmine's lucky red fedora gives her mystical, magical powers. Some of her special skills include breathing life into balloon animals, transforming fall foliage into whimsical crowns, and vertically jumping to touch any ceiling. This is Jasmine's first show and she is super excited to show off everything we've been learning!! Bless all of y'all's hearts <3.



FRESHMEN

Ivy Ding, '27



I'm absolutely thrilled to be making my debut as a swinger. Learning charleston and double tuck turns has been quite the journey—filled with plenty of energy and the occasional stumble. Dancing has been so much fun, and I never would have imagined myself gliding on the dance floor like this! This is my first time performing, so please ignore any little mess-ups. I hope you enjoy the show as much as we've enjoyed putting it together.

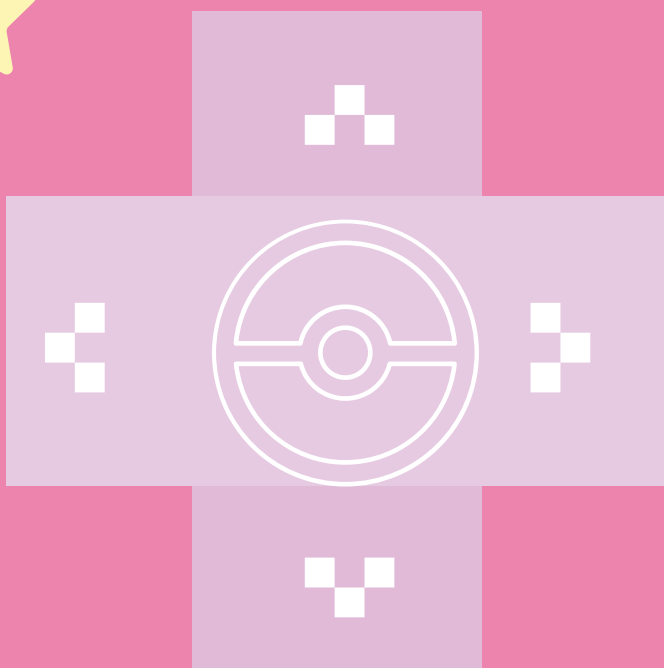





LET'S READ SOME
SHOUTOUTS,
JIGGLYPUFF



Shout-Outs





Parents! You have done such an amazing job, thank you for being there for the troupe, your newbies, but also for me. I love you both so much and could not be more grateful to have you in my life. Thank you for all the support you have given me this semester.

-PAU



LOVE YOU GISSELLE GONNA ROCK THIS SHOW LIKE EVERY OTHER ONE!! - Hector Cerda Jr.



Greg, Laurie, Lauren & Nick. Thank you so much for all of the time you have invested for all of these years into West Philly Swingers.

You do not only teach us how to dance, connect with people enjoy music and know the history. But you are there for us, you recognize when we are tired and anxious, you hear our worries and you shake them out by dancing with us. It has been such a gift to have you as my instructors. Thank you so much for being such a big part in my life at Penn and US.

-PAU





Bort

I just want to say a huge thank you for everything we pulled off together this year! From putting on two amazing shows to planning socials, weekend trips, and all the other fun stuff, it's been a crazy ride – and none of it would've happened without you all. Your hard work, creativity, and good vibes kept this group going strong, and I'm so grateful to have shared this experience with you. Thanks for stepping up, making it fun, and building something awesome together. Hope you enjoy the end of your term as bort if you are Senior and if you are not, hope you can stick around to keep growing with the troupe.


Much love,

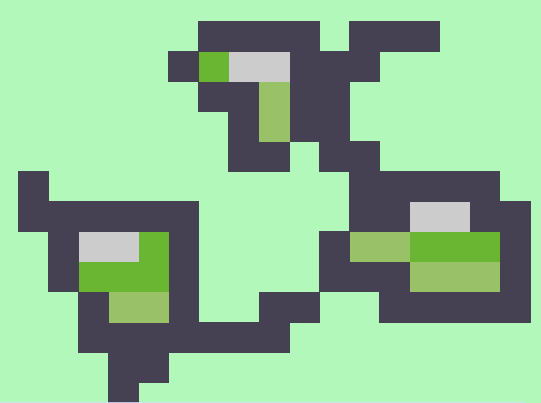
Paulina





Dear Fall '24 Newbies,
We are so proud of you all. You guys picked up the choreo so quickly and you look so slay doing it. Thank you all for bringing us so much joy this semester. We can't wait to see you grow as dancers!

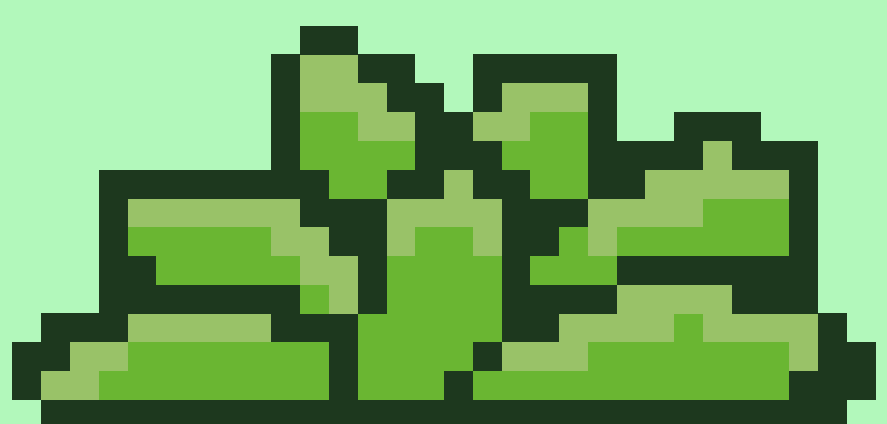
 Love your parents, Jaz & Wangari





To Angelina: SHOUTOUT TO THE DANCE OF THE LITTLE FROG FOR GETTING US HERE!! Swing 'Em In for him <3 - Callista



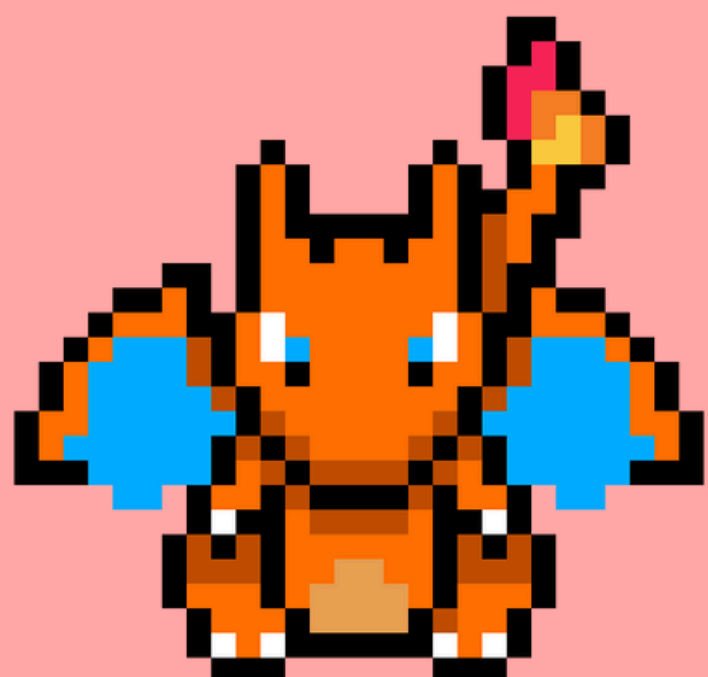
Pau!!! It has been such a pleasure having you as our captain and role model to the troupe! You are an incredible leader and always look out for the troupe. Thank you for all that you do! - Wangari

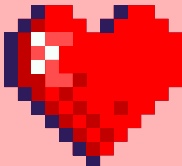




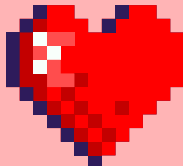
Fall 2022 Newbies, Another show, another slay. Can't believe it's been two years already since y'all took your first triple step <3 your parents are immensely proud of where you all are both in and out of the troupe. Pls don't send us to a retirement home ~ Your parents, 🐣🐣

Nadia,
What would you do if when you okay so he said yes would go?
~ hoa hoa hoa hoa hoa





THANK YOU!



West Philly Swingers Would like to
thank YOU!

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Laurie McCall

Megan Edelman

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Amanda Labonte

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Nick Cruickshank

Lauren Levey

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Ivy Ding

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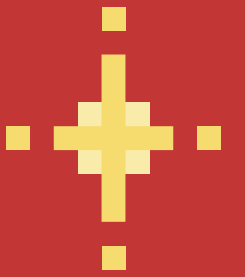
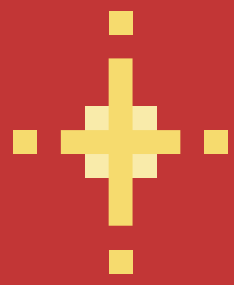
Megan Zhang

Selina Zou

Penn Live Arts Ushers

all of our alumni, family, friends, and YOU, our
audience! We hope to see you at our next
show!

Come
audition
next
semester!



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Thanks
for
coming!



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