

Dance is the hidden language of the soul

~Martha Graham

Everyone was tired as they piled back into the car. It was mid-afternoon and the kids were secretly wishing they still took naps. "Boy, are my legs tired from all our walking!" said Halie.

"Well, if you're going to be a dancer," responded Mrs. Tolson, "you're going to have to get used to that feeling. Our own Dayton Ballet Company here practices all the time. The company was founded here in 1937 by two sisters who moved their family furniture in the dining room and began The Schwarz School of Dance. The sisters were named Josephine and Hermene. It's actually the second oldest professional dance company in the United States."

"Where do they perform?" asked Halie.

"You can see them perform at the Schuster Center and the Victoria Theater here. They have 19 professional dancers and also two pre-professional schools that train more than 400 students- the Dayton Ballet School and Dayton Ballet II."

