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MUNDELEIN PARK DISTRICT DANCERS TO PERFORM IN NATIONALLY TELEVISED PARADE

Mundelein, IL– **Thirteen Mundelein School of Dance students will be participating in the first ever opening dance for the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival Parade on Saturday, November 23 at 5pm.** The event will be televised live on ABC7 and nationally syndicated throughout the month of December. The dancers are part of the Park District program's Senior and Advanced Company that participate in dance competitions. About twenty dance studios from the Chicagoland are participating in the opening dance along with the Park District's Mundelein School of Dance.

"Mundelein Dance Company has never participated in something of this magnitude," said Heather Burnes, Dance Coordinator at the Park District, "I'm so excited for our dancer's to have this amazing opportunity."

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The students performing in the parade include Beth Aquino, Madeline Aquino, Stephanie Aquino, Kayla Baltazar, Tori Collins, Emma Holton, Ella Kasamis, Lexi Kasamis, Derek Lee, Lily Lopez, Shannon Ouimet, Taylor Petersen and Sophie Volk. The dancers will learn the choreography for the performance in advance and then rehearse as a group with all the dance studios on the Friday evening before the parade on Saturday. The parade takes place rain, snow or shine.

Mundelein School of Dance offers instruction in a wide range of dance styles from Jazz and Ballet to hip Hop and Tap for ages 1.5 to adult. The next dance session begins in January and concludes with a spring recital. For more information on classes visit www.mundeleinparks.org/recreation/dance or contact Heather Burnes at hburnes@mundeleinparks.org.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Students of Mundelein School of Dance participating in the Magnificent Mile Lights Festival Parade:

Front Row, Left to Right: Tori Collins, Kayla Baltazar, Stephanie Aquino, Taylor Petersen, Shannon Ouimet

Back Row, Left to Right: Derek Lee, Ella Kasamis, Madeline Aquino, Emma Holton, and Lily Lopez

Not Pictured: Beth Aquino, Lexi Kasamis, Sophie Volk

