

Colors of the Wind

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The dance that influenced me was my ballet dance “Colors of the Wind”. The reason I chose this was because it was the recital I won my fifth year award and it was the last recital my grandma Mo saw before she passed away. It impacted me because my family had been watching me for five years and I wanted to show them the progress I made.

Some of the memories I’ll remember are the lights shining, the applause and how I felt like I was a colorful leaf blowing through the wind while I danced. I remembered that I was a girl again and not a leaf when I heard the applause.

I learned a lot of challenging skills, and lots of turns for this dance. Some of them were three step turns, releved twirls. I think having 5 years behind me made me able to feel like a leaf in the wind. The song “Colors of the Wind” and the dance were flowy. Sometime I like the song but not the dance. Sometimes I like the outfit but not the song. This time everything was wonderfully put together.

I especially enjoyed performing many new moves I learned. I laved the hand and arms movement that I had never done. They were graceful and soft. I liked how the moves matched the song. I felt like I was literally in the song!

My costume was very beautiful. I loved the flowiness of the skirt. I glided on the stage. The costume made it easy for me to move on stage. The colors were crimson and orange.

Being on the stage brings out lots of feelings. I felt good when I got on stage and when the lights came on I felt less nervous. I forgot about all the people starring at me so that wasn’t as nerve wracking. I felt more comfortable, confident, and proud than I had ever before. All these things made “Colors of the Wind” my favorite dance!