HAMDEN HERONETTES ARTISTIC SWIM TEAM ISATEISATISTIC SWIM TEAM

June 17 @ 7:00 pm & June 18 @ 11:00 am HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL -2040 Dixwell Avenue Tickets: \$12 at the door

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Special thanks to Laura Luzzi, the Town of Hamden, Hamden High School & the amazing custodial staff!

Welcome to our Annual Watershow A note from the Board President

For the first time since 2018, we are back in our home pool to present to you this water show, as a celebration of our swimmers' personal and athletic achievements! These past 2 years have not been easy for the Heronettes, but our swimmers' perseverance, grit and tenacity have been palpable this year. Each swimmer has boldly risen to each occasion during the season to being the best they can be. A year of growth and development, with a team that is supportive, positive and united -I am proud to present this water show to you!

Tonight, our swimmers will show you the results of 9 months' worth of hard work, to perform rather than compete, and most importantly, share the joys of their sport with you. We are grateful to the Town of Hamden's Department of Arts, Recreation and Culture, Laura Luzzi, Hamden High School and its amazingly awesome custodial staff (that's you Jim!), our Head coach, Anna Montgomery and Team Manager, Patty Simell, The Hamden Heronettes Parents Association & Executive Board, all of our advertisers and donors and to all of the volunteers who dedicate hours of hard work to help this organization run smoothly.

Please enjoy the show!

Cassie Sherry, President The Hamden Heronettes Parents' Association

A note from the Hend Conch

This year has seen the start of a return to normal, and at the same time, several new beginnings. Having a regular in-person competitive season and normal practices in our home pool has been fantastic! This year the Heronettes have been able to offer a non-competitive training team class in addition to the competitive intermediate and age group sections and the introductory classes. While the club has returned to its old pool, it has had to respond to one new change; the updated name of the sport on a global level.

Over the decades the performance of movement in the water to music has had several names. Water ballet was an entertainment spectacle, focused on patterns made by swimmers in the water. The name changed to synchronized swimming when it became a competitive sport and started to include acrobatic moves using only the strength of the swimmers. These acrobatics, such as lifts, throws and dolphin chains, are all executed without the use of the bottom or sides of the pool! Over the years the routines have become faster, harder, and more dynamic in their choreography. While synchronization is still a major part of the sport, it's also common to see routines with different moves being performed simultaneously, or in cadenced or syncopated rhythms. In 2020 the USA national governing body of the sport voted to align with the rest of the world and change the name to artistic swimming, to better reflect the changing nature of the sport, and this year the Heronettes have as well. While we are now proudly the Hamden Heronettes Artistic Swimming Club, there will always be a place for "synchro" in our hearts!

I am so very proud of every one of these athletes! The swimmers who have stayed with the club over the past few years of many challenges, and the new swimmers who have taken a chance on this amazing sport. It's been a pleasure to coach these talented artistic swimmers.

Please enjoy the performances, and feel free to cheer loudly and often!

Anna Montgomery Hamden Heronettes Head Coach



Mission: to develop artistic swimmers at all levels into competitive athletes, confident performers, and compassionate teammates.

2021-2022 TEAMS

18/19 AGE GROUP TEAM

Beatrice Brock Ashley Jeon Emily Kogut Jade Lee Elle Nadzam Kylie Oblena-Williams Laney Sherry Lydia White Samantha Lewandowski



13/15 INTERMEDIATE TEAM

Ruby Banks Lexi Booth Lia Dunford Zoey Hume Mei-Lin Nuñez





NOVICE TRAINING TEAM

Chloe Butts Josephine "Josie" Dooley Belle Ingraham Elizabeth "Zee"Lang Allyson Shipman Eliza Stewart



INTRO CLASS SWIMMERS



Yuiza Arce Sanchez Mia Castellano Isabella Castillo Sofia Guillen Viktorija Janusaitis Rachel Phinney Samantha Ung Stephanie Ung

MEET OUR GRADUATING SENIORS We'll miss you!

Bentrice Brock



Beatrice joined the Hamden Heronettes Training Team in 2016 and has been with the team for 7 years. She is presently on the 18/19 Age Group team. In addition to being a competitive swimmer Beatrice has helped in designing some of the team routine suits and designed this years Water Show logo. In her spare time Beatrice enjoys movies, video games and web novels. She will be graduating in June from Middletown High School and plans on going into costume design.

Ashley joined the team in 2017, taking our Intro class and swimming in our Water Show that year. She has been swimming competitively for 5 years. Ashley has helped coach our summer intro class and has also assisted with some of this year's classes. She has been dealing with some medical issues and is unfortunately not swimming in this year's Water Show. She enjoys drawing, watching TV, and tutoring children in her spare time. Ashley will be graduating from Cheshire High School in June with plans to study finance at Colgate University.

Ashley Jeon



THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING GOAGHES

Intro Class Intermediate





CIT - Conches in Training



Emily

Hend Conch



Age Group



Melizza





2021-22 AWAR



Hamden Heronettes Holiday Figure Meet

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Congratulations Samantha & Mei-Lin!!

Both participated in a Levels Assessment in New Canaan and

Samantha passed Level 1 Mei-Lin passed Level 1 & Level 2

Your teammates and coaches are very proud of all your hard work and accomplishments!!

OPRAH WINFREY

Congratulations to our Age Group Swimmers Injury & illness did not stop the Hamden Heronettes from an excellent performance at the East Zone JR/SR Championships!!

> Junior Team Technical Routine 7th Place -Beatrice, Emily, Jade, Kylie, Lydia Junior Team Free Routine 8th Place- Beatrice, Jade, Kylie, Lydia





Intermediate Figures 11/12 Mei-Lin 1st place 13/15 Ruby 1st place Lexi 5th place Zoey 8th place

Intermediate Routines 11/12 Solo Mei-Lin 1st place 13/15 Solo Samantha 1st place 13/15 Duet Samantha & Mei-Lin 2nd place 13/15 Team Ruby, Alexis, Lia, Zoey LMei-Lin 2nd place

Age Group Routine 18/19 Solo Beatrice 1st place 16/17 Duet Free & Tech Emily & Laney 2nd place 18/19 Team Free & Tech Beatrice, Emily, Jade, Kylie, Laney I Lydia 1st place

All of the Hamden Heronettes routines have qualified to move on to the East Zone Intermediate Championships and Junior Olympics!!



The Hamden Heronettes Intermediate Team went for Gold at the **Connecticut Association Championships!!!**

Gold-13/15 Bollywood Team- Lexi, Ruby, Lia, Zoey & Mei Lin

Gold-13/15 Intermediate Duet- Samantha & Mei-Lin Gold-13/15 Intermediate Solo-Samantha Gold-11/12 Intermediate Solo- Mei-Lin Gold- 13/15 Intermediate Figures- Ruby Gold-11/12 Intermediate Figures- Mei-Lin

13/15 Intermediate Figure Results 3rd Place-Samantha 9th Place- Zoey 6th Place- Lexi 10th Place- Lia



Congretulations to our Intermediate Team!

2022 East Zone Invitational Results

Figures 11/12 Intermediate Figures: Mei-Lin - 3rd place 13/15 intermediate Figures: Samantha - 10th place

Routines

11/12 Intermediate Solo: Mei-Lin - 1st place 13/15 Intermediate Solo: Samantha -2nd place 13/15 Intermediate Duet: Mei-Lin & Samantha - 3rd place 5 Intermediate Team: Ruby, Lexi, Lia, Zoey & Mei-Lin – 1st place

stratulations to the swimmers who participated in their first ever competitive meet!!

Always amazing to watch you in the water, JADE!!! ove, Dad, Mom & Owen ¡Que hace un paz perezoso; NADA! We are so proud of you. Love you ISABELLA!

Shine bright and have fun Coco!! We love you, Mom, Dad and Owen

EMILYwe are so proud of your hard work & determination!!! Love Mimi & Poppa

Have fun CHLOE LYNN we are so proud of you! Nana, Pa, Googs, Aunt Aimee and Kaiden Make a splash ZOEY. Our mermaid! We love you, Mom, Dad & Arya

Way to go, ALLYSON! So proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, Ryan & Taylor

LANEY -Just keep swimming! Just keep swimming! Love you! Mom & Dad

So proud of you, JOSIE, on your first water show ! We love you--Mama & Dad

> RUBY, I'm sad I can't be here but I know you'll do great Love Lyla

KYLIE We are so proud of you! ♥ Uncle Jeff and Auntie Ashley

EMILY you continue to amaze and inspire us! We love you! Mom and Dad Go ZOEY shine bright like the diamond you are. Love Auntie Charlotte KYLIE, eggbeater your way down the pool. We you! Mommy & Daddy

Let's go ELLE!! Jake yelling really loud

Way to go, LYDIA! We are so proud of you! Loive, Mom & Dad LANEY -You are a beautiful swimmer! We are so proud! Love, Mom & Dad

EMILY -You are AWESOME! Love Nick

Go ELIZA!

Love watching you swim! All the love, Jade. You are doing an awesome job ZOEY! We are proud of you! Love, Papa,Gram and Titi.

LANEY synchronized at swimming. Love, Nolan

EMILY -You are our star! Love Grandma and Grandpa JO the intrepid mermaid we're cheering for you--Conall, Finnian & Frances

SAMANTHA & STEPHANIE Way to go! Love, Grandma

Act 1		
National AnthemRuby Banks		
Opening NumberEntire Club		
Round Table Rival		
11/12 Intermediate SoloMei-Lin Nuñez		
Rio Carneval		
16/17 Age Group Tech DuetEmily Kogut		
& Laney Sherry		
Pollywood		
Bollywood Novice TeamChloe Butts, Josephine Dooley, Isabelle		
Ingraham, Elizabeth Lang, Allyson Shipman & Eliza Stewart		
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Round Table Rival		
13/15 Intermediate DuetSamantha Lewandoski		
& Mei-Lin Nuñez		
Run Boy / Dauntless		
18/19 Tech TeamBeatrice Brock, Ashley Jeon		
Emily Kogut, Jade Lee, Elle Nadzam, Kylie Oblena-Williams		
Laney Sherry & Lydia White		
Hawaiian Rollercoaster		
Intro ClassYuzia Arce Sanchez, Mia		
Castellano, Isabella Castillo, Sofia Guillen & Rachel Phinney		

Intermission

What can you do during Intermission? Support our concessions & socialize. Donate to the Kim Miller Scholarship Fund Bid to win an awesome themed basket.

Marionettes 18/19 Age Group Solo......Beatrice Brock

Act 2

Calabria

16/17 Age Group Free Duet.....Emily Kogut & Laney Sherry

Bollywood 13/15 Intermediate Team......Ruby Banks, Lexi Booth, Lia Dunford, Zoey Hume & Mei-Lin Nuñez

Girls Just Want to Have Fun	
Intro Class Trio	Viktorija Janusaitis,
	Samanth Ung & Stephanie Ung

Round Table Rival 13/15 Intermediate Solo.....Samantha Lewandoski

Shakira

18/19 Free Team.....Beatrice Brock, Ashley Jeon, Emily Kogut, Jade Lee, Elle Nadzam, Kylie Oblena-Williams, Laney Sherry, Lydia White & Samantha Lewandoski

Thank you for coming to our show!

ELLE It's only a pneumothorax! Just swim! Love, M&D

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Congratulations, ZOEY! From your synchro sister, Lydia Yay ELLE!!! ope your lung holds out! Love, Casey

CHLOE Congrats on your first Synchro Season! So proud of you! Love Emily STEPHANIE & SAMANTHA Keep calm and eggbeater on! Love, Auntie Heather

> YUI We love you! Mama y Papa

You got this, KYLIE! Keep swimming. We love you, Nan and Papi

YUIZA Keep on swimming! Keep on dancing! Mama y Papa

SOFIA! Excellent job! Keep working! Congrats EMILY on another great year in the pool. Love Auntie Beth and Uncle Tom

LEX!! Congrats on an amazing first year! Have fun at the Water Show! Love, your Synchro Sister Elle

KYLIE Keep up the great work! ♥Nanay ZOEY

We are thrilled to see you row into a strong, graceful & calented Artistic swimmer Love, Aunt Rita, Miguel & Miguel James YUIZA We are so proud of you! Mom & Dad ELLE So happy to see you back in the pool! Love Babci & Dzedo We are so proud of you SOFIA!

ELIZA: To our mermaid: do your best and have fun! Love Mom, Dad and Logan JADE Do your best and have fun! From your Synchro Sister Eliza SAMANTHA & STEPHANIF We are so proud of you! Great job! Love, Mom, Dad & Katelyn

ZOEY keep up the success with The Heronettes. Your two aunties were pational champions. Love, Aunt Beth

> "Go KYLIE!" Love Auntie Yen and Uncle PJ

Great job TEPHANIE & SAMANTHA with your sinking and floating routine! Love, Uncle Doug, aroline & Lindsay

> ELIZA Just keep swimming like the fish you are! Love Grandma and Papa

Have a great swim at the Water Show ELLE! Thx for being the best synchro sister! Love, Lexi

Shine bright like the ★ you are, KYLIE! ♥ Auntie Ashley THANK YOU TO OUR BUSINESS SPONORS FULL PAGE SPONSORS

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Purchase a notecard to leave a special message for your swimmer! Notecards cost \$1.00

Kim Miller was an athlete on the Hamden Heronettes Synchronized Swim Team from 1994-2005. She was a dedicated teammate and role model. In 2001, Kim was diagnosed with a rare form of bone cancer. She underwent chemotherapy and surgery to replace part of her femur with a titanium rod. Kim continued swimming and competed in the 2002 eSynchro Age Group Championships in Federal Way, Washington only 6 months after her surgery. She went on to swim on the collegiate level at Millersville College in Pennsylvania. In the midst of her freshman year, the cancer returned. In May of 2005, at the age of 19, Kim lost her long battle with bone cancer.

In our lobby tonight we are selling notecards for you to leave a special message to your swimmer performing in tonight's show. All proceeds benefit the Kim Miller Scholarship fund established by former Hamden Heronettes head coach Teena Griggs. This scholarship helps to ensure the memory of an incredible athlete and teammate, and also to help support the continuing career of a collegiate level artistic swimmer in the East Zone.





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