

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST accomplishment YOU COMPLETED OVER quarantine?

ATHENA REYNOLDS

"Getting a more positive attitude."

ZOEY LAFOLLETTE

"Meeting new people."

DYLAN MURANS

"Surviving corona."

RUBY SELL

"Finding new hobbies to pass time instead of being on my phone or watching tv."

ALLY MCKEEVER

"Getting through it even when it was hard."

ELLIOTT RUDY

"Keeping in touch with friends."

ADDIE MARTIN

"I attended a BLM (Black Lives Matter) protest."

DAVID TITUS

"I composed the musical soundtrack to a video game which is currently in development."

CAMERON SCOBELL

"I started working out again after a while."

BETHANY SULLIVAN

"I learned how to bake pretzels."

ALLEN MENDOZA

"I started to work."

MATTHEW PETERS

"Playing with my friends on Terraria and completing hardmode."

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sophomore Pranavi Tadikonda describes her competition experience during quarantine

Typically when people think about different types of music, some of the first to come to mind are pop, rock, and country. For sophomore Pranavi Tadikonda, it might be indian carnatic (or indian classical) music that she sings and performs.

"I started when I was 6 years old. My mom was studying to become a teacher, and meanwhile I was learning from one of her friends. when my mom finished her degrees," said Tadikonda.

From a young age, Tadikonda has enjoyed the joys of performing and being on stage. "I like performing because it makes me feel proud of all of the days and effort I put into practicing and learning music," said Tadikonda.

Not only that, but Tadikonda has also enjoyed being able to participate in competitions where she is able to gain feedback and gain a deeper insight into her performances.

"I wanted to compete because although I liked performing, I wanted to compete to get feedback from even bigger more experienced music teachers other than my mom so I could get better," said Tadikonda.

Even during quarantine, Tadikonda was able to participate in a competition through Zoom.

"It was a lot less nerve racking in the fact that it was over Zoom, but was also very scary because we were being casted live on television," said Tadikonda.

Although, Tadikonda may not been able to perform in person in front of people, she has still been able to continuously improve while practicing and competing.

"Since Covid, I have not been able to

perform at all like I usually do, but still take part in online competitions and still continue to practice as much as I can," said Tadikonda.

Even in what seems to be this new world for the time being, Covid-19 hasn't stopped people from continuing to pursue things that they are passionate about, it has just lead people to do things in a different way. We have all seen this a lot in school, but it doesn't stop there. All across the country we have seen things become virtual or limited so that things can still happen in some way.

by Amber Pietz

ARTISTICperformances

sophomore Uma Kalluparambil shares the different types of performing she does

What type of dancing do you do?

"I do two types, one is called Bharatanatyam which is an Indian Classical dance and the other is called Bollywood, which is just like hip hop with a few traditional Indian steps."

What music do you sing?

"I sing Carnatic Music which is traditional Indian music with varieties of different types of songs."

What is your favorite part about performing?

"My favorite part about performing is how I get to express myself through either the song or the dance, I can be myself on stage."

How has taking classes been different this year?

"Because of this pandemic, we've been doing individual online music classes and online dance classes as a group. Occasionally my dance teacher has classes at her house but that's only when we are learning new dances"



1 A CULTURAL PERFORMANCE Sophomore Uma Kalluparambil performs in a show pre-Covid. Kalluparambil has been able to perform in many different events. "I performed a lot at different festivals and events," Kalluparambil said. *Submitted photo*

2 CULTURED CHOREOGRAPHY Sophomore Uma Kalluparambil shows off her dance skills. Kalluparambil hasn't been able to perform as much due to Covid-19. "Since the pandemic I've only been able to choreograph dances and write music," Kalluparambil said. *Submitted photo*

3 CARNATIC COMPETITION Sophomore Pranavi Tadikonda sings Indian carnatic music in one of her performances. She enjoys competing because she is able to learn more throughout the process. "My favorite thing about competitions is that I learn a lot more than just singing through the process of competing against other kids. It also teaches me a lot about how to control my fear and other emotions that might mess me up while singing," Tadikonda said. *Submitted photo*

4 REHEARSAL TIME Sophomore Uma Kalluparambil poses for a photo doing traditional Indian steps. Kalluparambil spends a lot of time every week working on singing and dancing. "I spend around 4-5 hours a week dancing and about 2 hours singing. Usually we would all meet up at my teachers house and either sing together or dance together," Kalluparambil said. *Submitted photo*

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