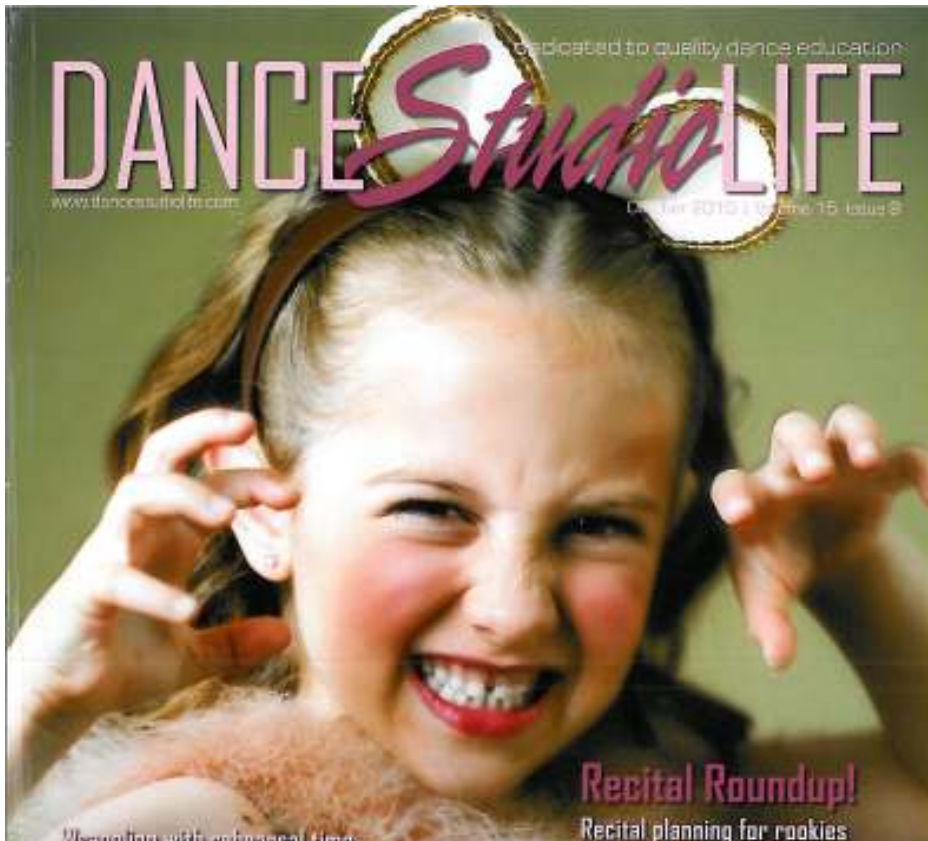


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## Dancing for the President at 17

Alex Flamm, an admitted non-singer, found herself singing onstage at the White House in July, with Barack Obama and the first family in the front row. How nervous was she?

"Very," Flamm says. "The hardest part was dancing and singing at the same time, by far. I almost messed up in front of the president!"

Flamm, 17, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, is in her eighth year with Joy of Motion Youth Ensemble, a Washington, DC-area dance troupe. Sixteen members performed July 19 as part of a tribute to Broadway that included Nathan Lane and a bevy of other musical theater stars. It's scheduled to be telecast by PBS on October 20.

In the show's finale, Joy of Motion danced to "You Can't Stop the Beat" from *Hairspray*. Broadway veteran Danny Austin drilled the teens in Jerry Mitchell's choreography over two intense days of rehearsal, says Flamm, who takes 15 hours of ballet, modern, and jazz a week.



Joy of Motion dancers perform at the White House in a tribute to Broadway. Alex Flamm is the blond woman in the light-blue T-shirt leaning forward on the right.