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Students from the Dance Center put on a holiday-themed show Friday and Saturday at Old Fisherman's Wharf in Monterey.

## Wharf celebration wraps up with dancers, live music

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

**BRINGING** A blast of the Christmas spirit to one of Monterey's most colorful sites, Old Fisherman's Wharf hosts a busy weekend slate of holiday-inspired events this weekend, wrapping up two weeks of "Christmas on the Wharf" festivities.

Students from the Dance Center present musical theater Friday at 5 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. Ranging from fifth graders to 12th graders, the kids will put on a holiday-themed show that brings together singing, dancing and acting.

"We really enjoy spreading the holiday cheer," co-owner and artistic director Laura Jeselnick told The Pine Cone.

The Carmel-based school has three locations and more

than 600 students as young as 16 months old who receive instruction in a wide array of traditional and contemporary dance forms, as well as the theater arts.

On Sunday at 1 p.m., singer and guitarist Katherine Lavin takes the stage. Backed by a band of her family members, the 13-year-old serves up a mix of pop and rock originals and covers, including favorites by the Beatles and Beach Boys. Following Lavin Sunday will be the Peninsula Harmony Company, which performs at 5 p.m.

While the events are free, people are encouraged to bring an unwrapped new toy to donate to a less fortunate family — there's a Salvation Army toy barrel located in front of Abalonetti's Bar and Grill.

