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Dance Dimensions
is where family,
friends
and dance
go arm & arm!



Connecticut Invitational
Scholarship Competition
Title Winners
Jackie D'Aquila & Kaitlin Lipner



Studio 1



Studio 2



Studio 3



Studio 4



Waiting Room



Student Center



Dance Masters of America Chapter winners:

Shannon DePaul

Teen Miss Dance of Connecticut 2008

Jackie D'Aquila

Teen Miss Dance of New York City 2008

Kira Flynn

Junior Miss Dance of New York City 2008

Ashlyn DeLoughy

Petite Miss Dance of Connecticut 2008

Paula Taylor began studying dance at three years old. She has studied tap, jazz, modern dance and yoga. Miss Paula was the Co- Founder and Co-President of the Dance Ensemble at Fairfield University. She has more than 15 years of experience teaching dance. Miss Paula is a certified yoga instructor. She especially enjoys working with young dancers and introducing students of all ages to experience modern dance and yoga. Miss Paula has a B.S. in Physics from Fairfield University.

She resides in New Milford with her husband, Chris, and three children, Eli, Kimi, and Scott.

Erica Thompson has been dancing since the age of three and has studied tap, jazz, ballet, Hawaiian and modern. She has taught dance for 13 years in the San Francisco Bay Area and has now been teaching at Dance Dimensions for 7 years! .Erica has further shared her passion for the performing arts in organizing various school performances and teaching summer dance camps. Erica holds a BA in Liberal Studies with a minor in dance from California State University at San Jose.

Miss Erica is an active member of Dance Masters of America Dance Teachers' Club of CT Chapter 18.

Erica is a certified elementary school teacher with 6 years experience as an elementary school teacher. She is currently tutoring students in a New Milford public school.

She lives in New Milford with her husband, Matt, and two children, Justin and Carleen.



Dance Dimensions offers instruction to students of all ages and levels in a family friendly atmosphere.

We provide both the recreational and the pre-professional student with a strong background in technique, while instilling a love of dance.

Our studio features:

- * Classes in Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Modern and Yoga.
- * 4 studios totaling 5,000 square feet to dance in.
- * Air conditioned, sprung floored studios.
- * A student center for homework.
- * A comfortable waiting area.

Our highly qualified and caring staff strive to satisfy every students' needs by offering the highest quality in dance education, in an atmosphere that is creative, supportive, and cheerful.

Our teaching staff are either working towards, or are Certified by test to teach with Dance Masters of America.

Dance Masters of America is an International Organization of dance educators who have been certified by test to teach. This organization has been setting the standards in dance education since 1884. There are more than 30 chapters throughout the United States and Canada.



Studio Policies & Information

Registration

- ◆ To guarantee class placement current students should return registration forms and fees to the office by the recital.
- ◆ New students should return registration forms and fees by mail or in person as soon as possible.
- ◆ ALL Registration fees are non-refundable.
- ◆ Parents/ Guardians are asked to notify the staff of any condition which may limit a students' participation in any way.

Class Placement

- ◆ The Dance Dimensions staff and the Director will carefully determine the proper class level for all students.
- ◆ Placement is determined by years of experience, skill level and age. Individual students will be moved only by the recommendation of the staff, and with the approval of the director.
- ◆ Dance levels do not coincide with school levels.

Class Cancellations/Changes

- ◆ Dance Dimensions reserves the right to cancel or combine classes due to enrollment, or as necessary.
- ◆ Missed classes for personal reasons may be made up in a class of an equal or lower level. Make up lessons cannot be done during observation weeks.
- ◆ Tuition rates allow for three cancellations, per teaching day, before make-up lessons are held.
- ◆ We DO NOT follow the school calendar.
- ◆ We DO NOT follow school cancellations.
- ◆ Cancellations due to inclement weather will be announced on the studio answering machine after 8:30am for morning classes, after 12:00 noon for the early afternoon classes and after 3:00pm for the evening classes.

Dawn Perlman has been teaching dance for 10 years at studios in the North Eastern Ohio area. Miss Dawn received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance from the University of Akron, Ohio (Cum Laude) in 2002. During her time at the University of Akron, Miss Dawn studied ballet, modern, jazz, tap, dance history, dance kinesiology, dance notation, choreography, stage lighting, and many other dance forms by guest master teachers. She also choreographed for the student production Choreographer's Workshop, in which her piece was chosen by the faculty of the dance department for the University of Akron's Dance Company performance. Miss Dawn was a teacher and a soloist for many of the Dance Company's performances. She has also studied and performed professionally: Middle Eastern Belly Dance, Tahitian, and Polynesian dance forms. Miss Dawn has choreographed award winning modern routines for our Competition Teams.

Miss Dawn is currently a second grade teacher at the Sherman School and completing her Masters of Science in Special Education.

Miss Dawn resides in Sherman with her husband, Scott.

Lisa Popielasz has been dancing since the age of three and has studied ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and modern. Miss Lisa has studied at several schools in Connecticut before coming to Dance Dimensions. She has studied dance in New York City at Broadway Dance Center with Frank Hatchett, Peter Schabel, Michelle Barber, and Germaine Salsberg.

She recently passed her Dance Masters of America Ballet exam and is a certified member of the Dance Teachers' Club of Connecticut, Chapter 18. Miss Lisa is also currently working towards her certification in Jazz by attending the Dance Masters of America Teachers Training School each summer at the State University of New York at Buffalo, New York.

Miss Lisa has been with Dance Dimensions for 5 seasons, and resides in Naugatuck.

Marissa Mayes has been taking dance at Dance Dimensions since the age of three, when the studio first opened. She was a member of the competition teams for two years under the direction of Beverly Legge. Marissa has also earned her Dance Masters of America certification in Ballet.

Miss Marissa is a graduate from Western Connecticut State University with a degree in Elementary Education and History. She has continued as a graduate student studying for her masters education with an option in reading. She is a literacy teacher at Huckleberry Hill School in Brookfield.

Miss Marissa is planning an October wedding with her fiancé, Michael.

Mary McKenzie has been dancing for 24 years. She studied at various studios and also in college. She was a member of the dance team for 3 years in college and captain her senior year. Mary graduated from Eastern Connecticut State University in 2002 with a B.A. in fine arts with a concentration in dance. Miss Mary is in her 5th season with Dance Dimensions and has choreographed award winning routines for our competition teams.

She is currently working towards her certification by attending the Dance Masters of America Teachers Training School each summer at the State University of New York at Buffalo, New York.

In addition to dance, Mary enjoys acting and singing. She has been in musical productions with the Orange Players and Act II Theatre at Albertus Magnus College.

Sarah Menichelli has been dancing since the age of four and has studied ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop. Miss Sarah has studied at a variety of schools in Connecticut and has worked with Shamil Yagudin, Ballet Master of the Bolshoi Ballet in Moscow.

Currently she is a communications major at Western Connecticut State University and a member of the WCSU Dance Team. This is her fifth season with Dance Dimensions, and first on staff.

Attendance

- ◆ Good attendance is important to the individual dancer as well as to the class as a whole.
- ◆ Excessive absences may result in the student being lowered in level, or dismissed from the class.
- ◆ Please notify the office if you are going to be absent.
- ◆ Any student 15 minutes or more late to a class may be asked to sit aside. This is for their own safety as they will have missed much of the warm-up period, important to maintain no injuries.

Observation

- ◆ Observation for Pre-Dance and Basic classes only, is allowed for the opening week of September.
- ◆ Pre Dance, Pre Basic Dance, Basic Dance, 6-7 year old Combination and all Level 1 classes will have an observation week at a date to be announced.
- ◆ Any specific questions concerning observation, please contact the office.



Recital

All students will participate in our annual recital, usually held the weekend before Memorial Weekend.

Students will also not be allowed to participate in the recital if fees are not paid in full.

Costumes

- If a student cannot participate in the show(s), please notify the office on or before November 1st so a costume will not be ordered.
- One costume per class, which includes tights, is a required purchase.
- Any student who leaves a particular class or the studio after November 1st will remain responsible for payment of the costume(s). Anyone who leaves a class, and a costume was purchased for you, you have one month from the recital to claim it or it will be donated to charity
- Students will receive costumes sometime in May, provided all fees, up to and including that month's tuition, are paid.

Staging Rehearsal

- In April students will attend Staging Rehearsal. This rehearsal is mandatory for all students in order to participate in the recital.
- This is a closed rehearsal for students only. Parents / guardians can wait in the cafeteria for their student to finish.
- Classes are assigned times for rehearsal, this information is available in late March.
- Students will wear class attire for this rehearsal.

Amy DeLoughy has been studying dance for the past 30 years, and has been on the staff of Dance Dimensions for fourteen of those years. To further her dance education she attends various workshops and master classes.

Amy is a certified member of Dance Masters of America, Dance Teachers' Club of CT, Chapter 18 as well as the chapters Treasurer. She is also an associate member of Dance Masters of America, New York City, Chapter 26. Amy is a Nationally Certified Examiner, and has been the head tabulator for the Dance Masters of America National Competitions, as well as serves on the finance and long range planning committees for the organization.

Along with Miss Dody, her sister, she directs the Dance Dimensions Competition teams. Her students have won many awards and scholarships including costume, choreography, and high score. Like Miss Dody, some of Amy's students have gone on to study and perform professionally.

Amy holds a Business Administration in Accounting degree.

She resides in Sandy Hook with her husband, Mark and three children, Ashlyn, Markie, and Riley.

Janet DePaul has been dancing since the age of five. She became a member of the Dance Dimensions teaching family in 1984, the studio's second season. She is a 1987 graduate of Dance Masters of America's Teachers Training School, and is a certified member of Dance Teachers' Club of CT, Chapter 18 and an associate member of Chapter 26. Miss Janet has also choreographed award winning routines for the Dance Dimensions Competition Teams.

In addition to her dance studies, Miss Janet holds a B.S. degree in elementary education from Western Connecticut State University, and has a MS degree in school guidance counseling from Central CT State University in New Britain. She is an elementary education teacher in the Danbury Public School System.

She resides in Danbury with her husband, Guy, and two children, Carly and Shannon.



2008-2009 All Star Faculty



Dody Flynn– Director has spent her last 30 years pursuing the art of dance. She is a graduate and a Bachna scholarship recipient of Dance Masters of America Teachers Training School. Dody also holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Graphic Design.

She is a certified member and Past President of the Dance Teachers' Club of Connecticut, Chapter 18 and an associate member of New York City, Chapter 26. She is a Nationally Certified Examiner for Dance Masters of America and has served as Area I Vice President overseeing 6 chapters.

Dody is also in her ninth term as an administrator for the Dance Masters of America Teacher Training School program held each summer at the State University of New York at Buffalo. At the school she oversees the "Test to Teach" certification program. She also serves as a head tabulator for the scholarship & title pageants with Miss Amy, her sister, for the Dance Masters of America National Convention.

For the past three seasons of the Danbury Music Centers production of "The Nutcracker" Dody has worked as the props coordinator as well as two seasons as an Associate Choreographer.

Dody is the director of the Dance Dimensions Competition Teams. Her students have won many awards, including judges specials, high score, choreography and scholarships. Dody has also been an adjudicator for several dance competitions.

She resides in Sandy Hook with her husband, Herb, their two children, Kira and Logan, and their two nieces, Brianna and Hanna.



Dress Rehearsal

- Dress rehearsal is held the day before the shows, usually Saturday.
- This rehearsal is mandatory for participation in the recital.
- This is an open rehearsal and parents / guardians are encouraged to stay and watch their dancer(s).
- Students will arrive to the school in their full costume.

Recital

- There are two shows. Parents/guardians will be notified in March which show(s) each student(s) will participate in.
- Ticket sales usually take place in late April. Tickets are non-refundable / not exchangeable. We do not have reserved seating and there is not a limit to the number of tickets a family can purchase. Any child 12 months or younger are not required to have a ticket, and must sit in their parents / guardians lap for the show(s).



Competition Teams



Dance Dimensions offers competitive teams for those interested. Each team has specific mandatory weekday as well as weekend classes. Our teams also travel throughout New England and the Tri-State area competing in 6 competitions per year.

Our team season begins after the recitals with mandatory classes in June and August. Please speak directly to Miss Dody for more information.

Class Descriptions & Dress Code

All leveled students can choose their own individual subject and are encouraged to enjoy multiple subjects.

All Classes:

- To provide a professional atmosphere, and for the safety of all, proper dance attire must be worn in *ALL* classes.
- *The following be strictly enforced:* No large earrings, jewelry, sweatsuits, T-shirts or pants.
- Hair must be secured and away from the face.
- Failure to comply with our dress code may result in dismissal from the class.

Ballet Classes:

Level 1 thru 5 - Ballet classes (ages 7 & up):

These classes meet for one hour or one hour and 15 minutes depending on the level.

Attendance in Level 3 thru 5 is mandatory twice a week.

Class placement will be done by the Director.

Dress Code:

All hair must be in a bun for every class.

Do not purchase the Payless brand of ballet slippers for levels 1-5.

No attached skirts. Separate Ballet skirts are optional.

Levels 1 & 2 - light, solid, colored leotard, pink, suntan or white tights.

Pink leather ballet slippers.

Levels 3, 4 & 5 - solid colored leotard, pink, suntan or white tights.

Pink leather ballet slippers.

THURSDAY

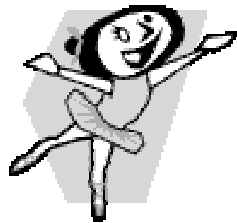
4:45-5:45 Pre Dance Ages 3-4 Beginner	5:00-6:15 Ballet Level 4	5:15-6:15 Modern Level 4	5:15-6:45 Combination Class Ages 7-9 w/exp.
5:45-6:45 Basic Dance Ages 5-6 Beginner	6:15-7:30 Ballet Level 5	6:15-7:15 Modern Level 2	
	7:30-8:30 Jazz Level 5	7:30-8:30 Yoga	



WEDNESDAY

9:00-10:00 Pre Dance Ages 3-4 Beginner	9:15-10:45 Diaper Darlings & Dudes Ages 14-36
10:00-11:00 Adult Yoga	10:00-11:00 Activity Hour

4:15-5:15 Pre Dance Ages 3-4 Beginner	4:30-6:00 Combination Class Ages 6-7 w/exp.	4:45-5:45 Basic Dance Ages 5-6 Beg. / Beg. 1	5:00-6:00 Tap Level 2
5:15-6:00 Modern Level 1			
6:00-7:00 Ballet Level 3	6:00-7:00 Yoga	6:00-7:00 Ballet Level 2	
7:00-8:00 Jazz Level 3			7:00-8:00 Jazz Level 2



Tap Classes:

Level 1 thru 5 - Tap classes (ages 7 & up):

These classes meet for one hour, once a week.

Class placement will be done by the Director and Miss Amy.

Dress Code:

All hair must be in a bun, and/or secure and away from the face for every class.

Do not purchase the Payless brand of tap shoes for levels 1-5.

Level 1 - Leotard and tights of any color.

Black patent leather tap shoes.

Level 2, 3 & 4— Leotard and tights of any color.

Tan Capezio Mary Jane tap shoes.

Level 5—Leotard and tights of any color.

Black tie tap shoes.

Jazz Classes:

Level 1 thru 5 - Jazz classes (ages 7 & up):

These classes meet for one hour, once a week.

Class placement will be done by the Director.

Dress Code:

All hair must be in a bun, and/or secure and away from the face for every class.

Do not purchase the Payless brand of shoes for levels 1-5 classes.

Level 1 - Leotard and tights of any color.

Black ballet slippers.

Level 2 — Leotard and tights of any color.

Black Bloch tie jazz shoes.

Level 3, 4 & 5—Leotard and tights of any color.

Tan jazz boot.

Hip Hop Classes:

Level 1 thru 4 - Hip Hop classes (ages 8 & up):

Come move and groove in our Hip Hop program.

Traditional, clean Hip Hop is our method.

These classes meet for one hour, once a week.

Class placement will be done by the Director and Miss Mary.

Dress Code:

All hair must be in a bun, and/or secure and away from the face for every class.

Do not purchase the Payless brand of jazz shoes for levels 1-5 classes.

Level 1 - Leotard and tights of any color.

Black ballet slippers.

Level 2 — Leotard and tights of any color.

Black Bloch tie jazz shoes.

Level 3 & 4—Leotard and tights of any color.

Tan jazz boot.

Modern Classes: Modern is a free form of movement using ballet technique already learned.

Level 1 thru 4 - Modern classes (ages 7 & up):

For any ballet students attending twice per week levels 3 –5.

These classes meet for one hour, once a week.

Class placement will be done by the Director, Miss Dawn and Miss Paula.

Dress Code:

All hair must be in a bun, and/or secure and away from the face for every class.

Levels 1—4 - Leotard and tights of any color.

Stirrup, convertible, or footless tights.

NO shoes.

TUESDAY

9:30-10:30 Pre Dance Ages 3-4 Beginner	9:30-10:30 Pre Dance Ages 3-4 Beg. 1 / Beg. 2
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10:45-11:15
Diaper Darlings
& Dudes
Ages 14-36
months

12:45-1:45
Pre Basic
Ages 4-5
Beg. 1 / Beg. 2

4:45-6:00 Ballet Level 4	4:45-5:45 Pre Dance Ages 3-4 Beg. 1 / Beg. 2	5:00-6:00 Hip Hop Level 4
6:00-7:00 Tap Level 4	5:45-6:45 Basic Dance Ages 5-6 Beg. 1 / Beg. 2	6:00-7:15 Ballet Level 5
7:00-8:00 Jazz Level 4		7:15-8:15 Tap Level 5

MONDAY

4:30-6:00 Combination Class Ages 6-7 w/exp.	4:30-5:30 Hip Hop Level 2	4:30-5:30 Pre Dance Ages 3-4 Beg. / Beg. 1	4:30-5:30 Basic Dance Ages 5-6 Beg. 1 / Beg. 2
	5:30-6:30 Ballet Level 3		
6:00-7:00 Jazz Level 1		5:45-6:45 Hip Hop Level 1	5:45-6:45 Lyric Level 1 / 1.5
	6:30-7:30 Tap Level 3		
7:00-8:00 Tap Level 1		6:45-7:45 Hip Hop Level 3	6:45-7:45 Ballet Level 1-1.5
	7:30-8:30 Adult Tap		
		7:45-8:30 Lyric Level 2	



Lyrical Classes: Lyric is considered a free form of ballet and jazz. Students learn how to express movements using the lyrics within a song.

Level 1 and 2—Lyric classes (ages 8 and up):

This program meets once a week for one hour.

Class placement will be done by the Director.

Dress Code:

All hair must be in a bun, and/or secure and away from the face for every class.

Levels 1—2 - Leotard and tights of any color.

Stirrup, convertible, or footless tights.

NO shoes.

Adult Tap: Come and “Tap” away the stress of your day.

Adults of all levels are welcome.

Dress Code:

Comfortable clothing, Black tie tap shoes.

Yoga Classes: These classes are based on the Hatha method focusing on the physical principles of traditional Yoga.

For ages 9 and up.

Dress Code:

Comfortable clothing or leotard and tights.

You'll need to supply your own Yoga mat.

Activity Hour :

An hour where the children are having supervised play / activities so the adult can take Yoga without interruptions.

Diaper Darling and Dudes Classes: In the class we allow the child to begin to discover the beautiful world of dance thru basic movements.

This program meets once a week for thirty minutes.

For ages 14 months –36 months / walkers.

It is an adult participation class.

Dress Code:

Comfortable clothing to move around with.

Leotards and tights are optional.

Ballet slippers (pink for girls, black for boys) or socks with grippers on the bottom.

Pre Dance, Pre Basic and Basic Dance Classes:

These classes consists of 20 minutes of Tap, Ballet and Jazz.

Pre Dance: ages 3-4

Pre Basic Dance: ages 4-5

Basic Dance: ages 5-6

This program meets once a week for one hour.

Class placement will be done by the Director.

Dress Code:

All hair must be in a bun, and/or secure and away from the face for every class.

Leotards and tights of any color and style.

Pink Ballet slippers & black patent leather tap shoes.

Tap / Jazz / Ballet Combination Classes:

The class consists of 30 minutes Ballet, Tap and Jazz.

Ages 6-7 and 7-9

This program meets once a week for 90 minutes.

Class placement will be done by the Director.

Dress Code:

All hair must be in a bun, and/or secure and away from the face for every class.

Leotards and tights of any color and style.

Pink & Black Ballet slippers & Black Patent Leather Tap shoes.

Tuition

- ◆ Tuition is payable the first lesson of each month. For those who choose to make the monthly payments, your two costume payments are in your coupon booklet.
- ◆ A \$10.00 late fee will be charged for any account (tuition or costume) received or postmarked after the fifteenth of each month in which it is due. If this past due amount is not received by the first of the next month an additional \$10.00 will be charged, etc (see the office for more details).
- ◆ Any student whose account is two or more months past due may not be allowed to participate in class until the account becomes current.
- ◆ There are **no refunds** for missed classes. Any student who leaves a particular class or the studio after November 1st will remain responsible for payment of the costume(s), and any tuition up to that date of notification.
- ◆ There will be a \$35.00 charge for returned checks.
- ◆ Dance Dimensions legal business entity is as a dance studio, not a daycare facility. Therefore we cannot release the tax identification number, as your tuition payments are not deductible for tax purposes.

Year In Full Payments: If tuition and costumes for the season (9 months), is paid in full by September 30th, you will receive a 10% discount on tuition only (discount does not apply to recital costumes).

Monthly Tuition Rates (rates are per student, per month)

<u>1 class per week</u>	<u>\$45.00</u>
<u>2 classes per week</u>	<u>\$86.00</u>
<u>3 classes per week</u>	<u>\$123.00</u>
<u>4 classes per week</u>	<u>\$156.00</u>
<u>5 classes per week</u>	<u>\$195.00</u>
<u>6 or more classes per week</u>	<u>\$222.00</u>
<u>6-7 & 7-9 year old combination classes</u>	<u>\$65.00</u>
<u>Diaper Darlings & Dudes class</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>
<u>Adult class card / Activity Hour class</u>	<u>\$10.00 per week</u>