

Meet the Faculty



Stacy Capone
Owner/Director

Miss Stacy's first dance class was at the age of 4. Throughout her childhood she enjoyed gymnastics, ice skating, golf, baseball, track and field and other various sports. Her passion has always been in dance. She was a competitive dancer/gymnast growing up, but her heart was always focused on teaching as a young teen and throughout high school. In 1993 she attended Ohio States "Dance Masters of America Teacher Certification". At the age of 19 she accepted her first professional performing job in the main stage show "Totally Television" at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg, VA. She then traveled to Colorado to continue her dream as a dance and gymnastics instructor. She taught for Millers Dance Studio; one of the biggest studios in Denver as a recreational and competitive instructor/choreographer, as well as other area gyms and studios. In her 5 years in Colorado, Miss Stacy was asked to be a guest teacher at Denver School of Performing Arts, and also traveled throughout the Midwest judging dance competitions with her mentor/studio owner, Sabrina Miller Helma. She won several choreography awards for her work with her performing group Tour de Force.

During her years in Colorado she studied under several master teachers including Henry LeTang, Savion Glover, Mia Michaels, Ray Leaper and the Tap Dogs. Miss Stacy returned to RI in the Summer of 2000, where she continued teaching in the studio she grew up in. She also managed a team of 18 in an Investment Company in MA, and tended bar on weekends. She started a family in 2004. In 2013 she was named Coach of the Year for RI for High



Samantha Angell

Miss Sam has been dancing since the age of 2, studying dance from teachers all throughout RI including Miss Stacy. She started competing at the age of 6 all throughout the Northeast, winning multiple awards and scholarships including "Teen Miss Starquest", "West Coast Dance Explosion Elite Dancer", and "NUVO Breakout Artist".

Miss Sam has competed at the national level across the country, and was featured as a National Elite Dancer. She began her teacher training as an assistant under Miss Stacy at age 12 and continued throughout high school and college. During her time at URI, Sam was a member of the Ramettes Dance Team, performing at all football and basketball games as well as student events all over campus. She graduated in 2019 with a double major in Ocean Engineering and French. She is looking forward to continuing to share her dance experience with the DDE Family.



Jamie Chatel

Jamie Chatel has been dancing since 1996, where she started at the Dance Corner with Diana Ricci. She studied through high school, she was the captain of the dance team at LaSalle Academy. She was a member of a dance group for Emerson College, where she earned her BA in Film and Marketing. As an adult, she returned to RI and still enjoys taking tap and ballet workshops. She is earning her MBA at the University of Rhode Island, she is a Data Visualization Specialist for MetLife, and she is a happiness coach and professional tarot reader!



Stacie started to dance at three years old. At sixteen she began teaching, competing and choreographing for regional and national competitions. Taking as many convention classes as she possibly could, Stacie set her sights on dancing professionally. She left home, Rhode Island, in 1994 to dance in Virginia for Busch Gardens. When she was there not only did she perform; but she was the dance captain for her show, danced in 4 television commercials, was on the faculty of Dance Williamsburg, and performed twice for the prestigious corporation IAAPA. Stacie's desire to teach brought her back to Rhode Island so that she can share all her experiences and knowledge and opened her own dance studio. Dance Unlimited, her studio, was opened for 25 years!!! The dancers that have trained here won numerous awards and scholarships along the way as well as her alumni are now Patriots Cheerleaders, actresses for national television commercials, as well as college teams.

She was the choreographer for Arpin Van Lines industry/corporate video, choreographer for the unveiling of the Cadillac CTS-V coupe at Paul Masse Dealerships, choreographer for PJ's Pub for their main events and was a model for Touchstone/Swarovski. Teaching guest classes and at national conventions/competitions gives the students the chance to see just how passionate she is about the art form and giving that student the tools to become the best they can be.

Judging dance competitions became another avenue for Stacie since she felt that she had the education and experience to pass along to dancers as well as teachers.

Whatever the goal, to be a recreational or a professional dancer, Miss Stacie trains/ adjudicates everyone the same, with a keen eye and a loving heart.



Miss Talia has been dancing her entire life. She has trained in all styles of dance but loves lyrical/contemporary the most. Miss Talia was a featured Cat Country dancer & also appeared on the premiere episode of Abby Lee Miller's Abby's Studio Rescue. Growing up a competitive dancer, winning countless awards, scholarships, traveling for dance and being trained by some of the best, she has been sharing all of her love and knowledge for dance around Rhode Island. Talia is so excited to train the dancers at DDE and become part of the DDE Family.



Miss Kerry has been studying the art of dance for many years. She grew up studying Ballet, Tap and Jazz. Kerry's dance training continued throughout college where she attended Rhode Island College. She received her Bachelors Degree, a Minor in Dance, and performed with the RIC Dance Company for 4 years. During that time, she received several talent scholarships including the Yetta Ranch Melcer Dance Award. Upon graduation she joined Fusionworks Dance Company and performed in Rhode Island and Connecticut.

Presently, Miss Kerry works in the field of education and is ecstatic to have the opportunity to continue teaching dance and sharing her passion of the art form to the dancers here at DDE.