

## About Us

The Rachel Park Dance Center's philosophy is to recognize, encourage and develop every student, instilling a positive self-image, a sense of discipline and an appreciation of dance as an art form. The Dance Center was established in 1993 with the goal of bringing professional dance instruction to children and adults in Middleborough and the surrounding towns. The original Dance Center, located in one of downtown Middleborough's historic buildings, consisted of one large dance studio, small waiting area and dressing room. Over the years as the student enrollment grew, the studio facilities expanded as well. The Rachel Park Dance Center presently consists of two large, air-conditioned studios with wood flooring and viewing windows, large air-conditioned waiting area and staff offices.

The Rachel Park Dance Center provides all students with experienced instructors. All are adults with prior teaching experience, degrees in dance or dance education. We feel strongly that an experienced and qualified faculty is the key to a positive dance experience. The Rachel Park Dance Center is the home of the Middleborough Youth Ballet which performs a bi-annual full-length Nutcracker and the Rachel Park Dance Company, a group of talented and highly committed students, who perform locally and attend numerous dance conventions and competitions each year. They have earned many silver, gold, platinum, high score and special awards. Several former students have graduated from college with degrees in dance as well as being accepted into the Alvin Ailey Summer Dance Intensive Program in New York City. A few have even returned to the Rachel Park Dance Center as faculty members and choreographers!