

Faculty

Rachel A. Park

Artistic Director

Instructor: Pre-School 1 & 2, Primary 1 & 2, Tap, Jazz, Modern/Contemporary & Dance Company Choreography

The Dance Center is under the direction of Rachel A. Park. Rachel began her dance training at the age of three and has studied at many different dance centers throughout New England and Pennsylvania. Rachel majored in dance at Dean College and earned her Associates of Arts Degree, graduating with high honors. While at Dean she became a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Dean Dance Company and the Musical Theater Ensemble. Rachel is certified by test to teach through the Dance Teachers Club of Boston, of which she remains an active member. She completed a teacher's curriculum course with the late Rosemarie Boyden and continues to improve her teaching methods by attending workshops and master classes. In addition to serving as owner and Artistic Director of the Rachel Park Dance Center and Middleborough Youth Ballet, Rachel is married and a proud mother of two.

Michele Davis

Instructor: Pre-School 1 & 2, Primary 1 & 2, Ballet & Dance Company Choreography

Michele Davis is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a bachelor's degree in theater and dance. While attending the University of New Hampshire she performed with the UNH Dance Company and the Seacoast Ballet Company. She received her earlier training with Marylou Cunningham, Director of the Hanover School of Ballet, and went on to study with Jose Mateo's Ballet Theater of Boston and School of Boston Ballet. Michele has attended summer programs at STEPS with David Howard and American Festival at Duke University. Michele has performed leading roles in Ballet Theater's Nutcracker as well as many of Jose Mateo's original works.

Michele is EEC certified and has worked with infants, toddlers and preschoolers at Children's World Training Center in Norwell and Pilgrim PreSchool in Duxbury. She has taught creative movement, ballet and tap at Dance Workshop of Hanover and is presently teaching ballet for ages seven - adult at Ballet Theater of Boston as well as at the Rachel Park Dance Center.

Kimberlee Goble

Instructor: Jazz, Hip Hop & Dance Company Choreography

Kimberlee Goble is an honors graduate of the Dean College School of Dance graduating with an Associates of Arts Degree. While at Dean Kimmee was a member of the Dean College Hip Hop Team and the Dean College Dance Team.

She auditioned for and performed in Dean's Cabaret shows for two years, also choreographing a modern duet and a hip hop group piece for the shows. She performed in a group ballet piece for Dean's Founder's Day. Kimmee has taken master classes in tap with Jimmy Slyde and Dianne Walker and in modern with Judy Clark.

Prior to attending Dean, Kimmee danced at the Rachel Park Dance Center from the age of five through her senior year of high school studying ballet, modern, tap, jazz and hip hop. She was an assistant hip hop instructor at the Dance Center during her junior and senior years. As a member of the Rachel Park Dance Center's Hip Hop Team Kimmee competed at Starquest and On Stage America earning high gold, platinum and special awards at the regional level. Kimmee will be teaching our Wednesday hip hop classes. She will also be choreographing some of our Dance Company routines.

Office Staff

Eleanor Hurley, Donna McLeod, Karen Michaelis
Teaching Apprentices

Rachel Gunning, Sarah McKenna, Alexa Standish, Alyanna Tenorio, Alyssa Tenorio

Guest Instructors

Suzanne Blom

Suzanne has worked with the cast and crew of the Middleboro Youth Ballet's Nutcracker since its first performance in 2000. She has choreographed the Act I party scene and Act II's lively Russian Dance. Suzanne is a member of the Cranberry Players and the Middleborough Special Events theatrical companies. Her choreography credits include productions of "My Fair Lady," "Brigadoon," "42nd Street" and "Fiddler on the Roof." She has danced in the productions as well as choreographing each one, and has worked behind the scenes when needed. A dancer from childhood, Suzanne says much of her inspiration comes from watching the multi-talented Carol Burnett. Her love of musicals comes through in the small details of the productions on which she works. She especially enjoys teaching non-dancers and seeing them gain confidence on stage as they become poised performers.

Sue O'Neil

Sue O'Neil has been active in the local art scene for the past twenty-three years in many directorial roles for The Cranberry Players, Middleborough Special Events, Middleborough High School Speech and Theater and Theater One Productions. She has designed sets and costumes for these groups and the lighting for every Rachel Park Dance Center recital and MYB Nutcracker. Sue will be choreographing the party scene for the Middleborough Youth Ballet's 2006 Nutcracker.