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THE DANCE CENTRE

- Owner, Director and Instructor at The Dance Centre in Rocky River for 33 years (since 1989).
- Instructor of all genres offered at TDC including Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap, Contemporary, Ballet, Pointe, Acrobatics, Jumps-Leaps-Turns, Preschool Dance, Musical Theatre
- Producer and director of annual performances 1990-2022
- Worked all aspects of the business
- Studio sold in September 2022. Continued to teach regularly and mentor instructors at TDC through January 2025.
- Heidi's students have earned scholarships to train at The Edge Performing Arts Center & Millennium Dance Complex in LA and The Broadway Dance Center in NYC. Her students at TDC have also worked professionally as performers and dance captains on Broadway, off Broadway, in touring companies, for cruise lines, and NBA Dance Teams.
- Heidi has enjoyed experiencing former students' return to TDC with their own children.
- Taught ballet to students with cerebral palsy

BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY

- Master Class Instructor (2010-2013)
- Adjunct Professor of Dance (2014-2020)
- Developed BWU's first Hip Hop Dance Course which was one of the first hip hop dance courses offered across the USA at the university level
- Instructor of Hip Hop, Tap, Movement for Actors courses in addition to long term substitute teaching, Jazz Dance course
- Choreography for Senior Showcases and Recitals
- Dance Instruction for BWU Musical Theatre Program Auditions
- Taught classes for Overtures summer program for high school students

TAP ARTISTRY PROJECT

- Owner, Director and Instructor
- Spent decades developing tap curriculum and presenting award-winning tap pieces, some scoring "highest point total" in dance competitions where this genre typically does not get noticed. In 2019 Heidi's tap piece was nominated for Dance Awards having received the highest point total from 350 entries.
- Mission: Elevate tap dancing for youth and adults and bring the joy, artistry, and entertainment of tap dancing to broad audiences. To create tap work that stands out and leaves people talking!

CERTIFICATIONS

- Dance Masters of America
- Acrobatic Arts
- Progressing Ballet Technique

MASTER CLASSES and PRESENTATIONS

- Hip Hop Classes for Dance Masters of Pennsylvania's summer convention
- Tap classes for Ohio Dance Festival and Playhouse Square events
- Lead National Dance Day Routine for DANCECleveland's Day of Dance
- Jazz classes at Lorain Community College
- Lecture Demonstrations for Playhouse Square (42nd Street and Cats)
- Social Dance workshops for Rocky River Middle School
- Dance Lecture Demonstrations at public schools
- Extreme Theatre Workshop for Playhouse Square

ADJUDICATION

- Playhouse Square's DAZZLE AWARDS (2021-present)
- Show Choir Competitions in 7 states
- Dance Masters of Ohio Scholarship Auditions
- Dance Masters of PA summer competition
- Cavs Dance Team Auditions, 1998, 1999, rebrand 2023 and 2024

CHOREOGRAPHER

- Cleveland Cavaliers Dancer Team 1995-1999 (Team Coordinator 98-99)
- NBA All Star Weekend 1997
- Cavaliers mascot, Whammer
- Cavaliers' music video "He's So Fine" coordination and choreography
- 1998 WNBA Cleveland Rockers Opening Ceremonies
- 1998 WNBA Cleveland Rockers Jr Jammers program
- 1997 WNBA Cleveland Rockers Inaugural Season Patriotic Halftime Performance
- MLB Cleveland Indian's mascot, Slider & "Slider Guiders"
- Cleveland's and Canton's televised Lighting of the Square events (1996, 1997, 1999, 2000)
- 1998 NFL Cleveland Brown's Countdown Show with Michael Stanley
- Sister Sledge (back up dancers), 98 Degrees (opening act), Luke (back up dancers), Jibb (back up dancers), Billy Hufsey (performance for album release party)
- "Back to School Jam" concert with Smooth Approach
- Spotlight Youth Singers for Cleveland's Bicentennial Performance
- Home & Flower Show, FloralScape, Cleveland Convention Center
- Industrial Shows for:
 - American Heart Association Gala
 - American Advertisers' Association, "Rockin' the Ad World"
 - Lake Erie Marine Trades Association's Mid American Boat Show
 - MAASTO Convention for ODOT at Cleveland Renaissance
 - Beauté Craft Convention in Detroit
 - Surveyors' Association
 - Flashmob performance for Our Lady of the Wayside fundraising event
- Show Choir Camps of America, Inc at Millikin University, Illinois and Heidelberg University, Ohio
- Summer show choir camps at Indiana State University
- The Singing Angels, Cleveland
- Harry Hershey Orchestra
- Close to 20 musicals for high schools and community theatre
- Performance for Cleveland's APL fundraising event
- Lakewood Country Club Western-themed fundraiser performance
- Music Box Supper Club for Kyle Jean-Baptiste fundraiser performance
- Cavs Dance Team Reunion 2024
- Rocket Arena 30th Anniversary Halftime
- Thriller Dancers for Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall (2012 to present)
- Cleveland Orchestra's MLK Open House Performance
- Benefit Show Choreography for Stage Door Dance in North Carolina
- Wedding Dances
 - Flashmob
 - First Dance
 - Father / Daughter
 - Mother / Son

AWARDS

- TDC was featured as 1 of 50 top studio in North America by Dance Spirit Magazine
- Received three separate "Dance Educator of the Year" awards being noted for training versatile dancers
- Through 22 years of training competition dancers, awards included Best Choreography, Judges' Choice, Best Direction, Most Entertaining, Most Versatile Studio. The Dance Awards nomination for highest scoring convention dance (tap dance), National Champions

COMMUNITY / VOLUNTEER WORK

- DANCECleveland Board of Directors (2024-present)
- Kyle Jean-Baptiste Foundation
 - Co-Founder and Board Member (2014-2020)
 - Logo and tagline development
 - Project management, social media, financial management
- TDC Benefit Show and season long fundraising for non-profits (2021-2024)
- Girls Geared for Greatness
- 9 week dance sessions for SAW Adult Activity Center in Rocky River
- "Metamorphosis" Artistic Production to benefit American Cancer Society
- "Relay for Life", Westlake & Fairview Park
- Rocky River Community Challenge
- Career Day Presentations, Rocky River, Westlake, Lakewood, St Joseph Academy
- Career Shadowing programs, Lakewood, Magnificat, Fairview Park High Schools
- Pep Rallies, Bay Village Middle School, Our Lady of Angels
- Positive Action Assembly, Goldwood Elementary
- 1st Grade Nutcracker Performances, Goldwood Elementary
- Rocky River High School Dance Team clinics and auditions
- St. Joseph Academy Dance Team
- Rocky River Jr High theater choreography workshop
- Rocky River HS seniors' after graduation choreography for parent performances
- National Dance Week Performances
- Cleveland CAVS related promotions & charity work

BENEFIT SHOW PROGRAMMING

- Developed programming at TDC in the 2020-2021 season that turned performance team focus from competitions to philanthropy. The spring benefit show has been just a portion of season long fundraising and volunteer campaigns supporting a selected non-profit organization each season.
 - In 2021, \$12,067.95 was raised for Our Lady of the Wayside. An additional donation of \$20,000 was made to Wayside by a donor following our Benefit Show
 - In 2022, \$20,000 was raised for Prayers From Maria
 - In 2023, \$35,0000 was raised for Elle's Enchanted Forest
 - In 2024, \$24,024 was raised for Village Project

GIRLS GEARED FOR GREATNESS

- Introduced this programming in the 2021-2022 season at TDC. The program continues to be offered annually at no cost to attendees.
- The mission is designed to empower and inspire girls ages 8-18 through meaningful and unique training and development opportunities, workshops, and seminars.
- Inaugural event speakers were Pamela Bobst, Mayor of Rocky River; Tiffani Tucker, Channel 19 News Anchor and TDC dance mom; Tera Sumpter, Speech Pathologist, Author and TDC dance mom.

TRAINING

- Local studios and gymnastics schools beginning at age 3
- School of Cleveland Ballet
- DMA Teachers Training School, Kent State University
- Summer Teacher Training program at Edge Performing Arts Center in Los Angeles
- Annual trips (for decades) to LA and New York to train at Edge, Millennium, Broadway Dance Centre, Steps
- Annual conventions
- Jazz Dance World Congress
- Rad Tap in San Francisco
- LA Tap Fest at Debbie Allen's studio
- LA Tap Experience with Gregg Russell
- Hollywood Vibe Summer Teacher/Studio Owner Convention in Burbank
- Rhee Gold Studio Owner Conventions and Workshops
- Wellington Sports Dance Medicine, Cincinnati Ballet
- Dance Medicine Symposium, Cleveland Ballet

PERFORMER

- Cleveland Cavaliers Dance Team (1995-1999)
- Red Hot Broadway (New York, South Carolina, Ohio)
- Performances with Sister Sledge, Quad City DJ, Jibb, Luke, 98 Degrees, CeCe Peniston, Billy Hufsey and Cindy Crawford.
- Harry Hersey Orchestra Dancer
- Higbee's Department Store fashion shows:
 - "Obsession" with Cindy Crawford
 - "GQ"
 - "Seventeen"
 - Swatch"
 - "Chaus"
 - "Esprit"
 - "Mademoiselle" and more.
- Modern Dance piece at Cleveland Public Theatre