

### Fairport Dance Academy Instructor Bios:

Rick Bocchieri: Rick has been teaching at the Fairport Dance Academy for over 27 years. He studied in NYC at studios such as Alvin Ailey, Steps and HB Studios. Locally he performed in LCDC, a modern dance company under the direction of Jan O'Janpa. Rick also performed at the Palace with a touring company, The Steppin Out Dancers. He has performed numerous leads and choreographs in the Cleveland area. Rick also works for Applause Dance Competition at dance competitions throughout the year.

Kelsey Daubert: Kelsey Daubert has been working at the Fairport Dance Academy since 2010 although; her time at the Fairport Dance Academy began in 1993 as a student. She graduated from Ashland University in 2010 with a BS in Early Childhood Education. Kelsey has also completed her first year at Dance Masters of America Teachers Training and looks forward to continuing with her second year in the near future.

Nicole DeBiase: Nicole is member of Dance Masters of America and Ohio Dance Masters and is certified in Ballet, Tap and Jazz. She has a BA in English from the Ohio State University. During college, she studied tap, modern and belly dance and she has been teaching belly dance and performing professionally for more than 15 years. In Los Angeles, she studied with some of the world's top belly dancers and was a regular performer at Moun of Tunis in Hollywood, CA. Nicole is always continuing her dance education through weekly dance classes and she attends dance workshops and conventions several times a year.

Katie Ely: Kate Ely received her B.A. in Dance from Western Michigan University, studying with professionals such as George Faison, Robert Battle, and Derrick Evans. After graduation, she moved to New York City. Years of competitive dance led to the non-competitive world of yoga. In 2008, Kate received her 200hour Yoga Alliance from the first completely donation-based studio, Yoga To The People. Continuing her studies in dance as well as yoga, Kate studied at the Integral Yoga Institute, Jivamukti Yoga, Steps on Broadway, Peridance and other studios in the city. While there she performed at small venues and began teaching dance within the public school system in Brooklyn. Back in the Midwest, Kate has begun to focus even more on her love of teaching movement and has felt blessed to become a part of the Fairport Dance Academy family.

Cheryl Hill: Cheryl has been the owner and director of the Fairport Dance Academy since it was founded in 1973. She attended Kent State University, where she actively performed with the dance and the drama departments. After college, she became a member of Dance Masters of America and was tested and certified through their Teacher's Training and Post-Graduate programs. As a dance educator, Cheryl has been able to share her love of dance not only with students at FDA, but also with students in private and public schools, local colleges and community theatres in the Lake County area.

Erin Hill: Erin Hill has been a part of the Fairport Dance Academy since birth, never missing a recital. She has been an official assistant/instructor at the studio for ten years now, but has been assisting dance classes nearly her whole life. She has a BA in Natural Resources with a specialization in Wildlife Management and Wildlife Biology from The Ohio State University. She studied belly dance for six years in Columbus, Ohio, teaching and dancing professionally for three. She is certified by the Yoga Alliance to teach Yoga at the 200-hour level and has been pursuing her 500 hr certification at Kripalu in Stockbridge, Massachusetts. She is also a certified Reiki Master, practitioner and teacher. She continues the dance certification process through Dance Masters of America, and has also continued to further her dance education by attending the Dance Teacher Conference in New York City 2005, 2007 and 2012.

Robin Hribar: Robin has been a part of the Fairport Dance Academy from its beginning as one of Cheryl's first students. Certified by Dance Masters of America in both ballet and tap, Robin has been teaching dance for the past 37 years. By attending workshops in Cleveland, Kent, Buffalo, and New York City she continues to further her dance education. Robin has also been a Registered Nurse for the past 36 years and works in the Critical Care Unit at Tripoint Medical Center.

Kelly Rice: Kelly has been involved with the Fairport Dance Academy for the past 25 years as an instructor, assistant and costume assistant. She was a principal dancer with the Lakeland Civic Dance Company for 10 years under the direction of Jan O'Janpa. Kelly has studied under many master teachers through Dance Cleveland and has attended 3 summers of dance at the Dance Teachers Conference in New York City. She has taken classes with company members from Alwin Nikolai Company and Alvin Ailey. She studied dance under Bill Crotty, who was the Artistic Director of the Jose Limon Company. She has also studied under Douglas Neilson. Kelly was an instructor at Willoughby Fine Arts for 7 years. She has attended Dance Masters of America and has also received a degree in Creative Movement and ECE. Kelly has recently been certified as a Reiki Master practitioner and hopes to continue her education to include teaching yoga to children. Kelly teaches all ages at FDA, but admits her passion is with the young ones! Kelly is very happy to be working, teaching and learning with such great instructors and assistants at a place she calls "home".

Desiree Wood: Desiree has taught at Fairport Dance Academy for thirteen years and was also a student at the dance school for thirteen years. She graduated from John Carroll University in 2005 with a BA in Early Childhood Education. In 2007, Desiree became a certified dance instructor through Dance Masters of America in ballet, tap and jazz.