

Michele Xiques Torgerson, Director

It has been the pleasure of the director to develop the First State Academy of Dance with an incredible staff since the beginning.

Ms. Torgerson's studies have included:

Point Park College, PA

North Carolina School of the Arts, NC

Joffrey Ballet, NYC

Steps & Broadway Dance Center, NYC

Empire State Ballet, NY

Atlanta Ballet, GA

While achieving professional status with the Empire State Ballet & the Atlanta Ballet companies, she also performed in "Annie" (Joanne Worley), "My Fair Lady" (David Baxter-Bernie), "42nd Street", "Fiddler on the Roof", "Hansel & Gretel" and "Funny Girl" obtaining the Actors' Equity Card.

Ms. Torgerson has choreographed many pieces not only for the Diamond Dance Company but also for Eastern Shore Ballet, Take II Drama Club, Mid Atlantic Ballet and the Delaware Ballet. She has also developed a dance program and a dance company (Central Ballet Theatre) at Sussex Central High School's Centre for the Visual and Performing Arts, Georgetown, DE.

Every young person deserves the opportunity to explore the arts which makes us glad to be able to offer all we have!



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Striving for Excellence!

**Now in two locations! Milford and Smyrna
Smyrna opening September, 2008
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Welcome to the First State Academy of Dance (FSAD). While striving for excellence, FSAD offers several areas of dance, mainly concentrating on ballet technique which is a necessity for a well rounded dancer. Students are able to choose from a variety of styles including:

- ~**Ballet**
- ~**Pointe technique**
- ~**Tap**
- ~**Jazz**
- ~**Hip Hop** (9 and older)
- ~**Lyrical**
- ~**Modern**
- ~**Introduction to Dance** (4 & older)
- ~**Teen and Adult Jazz**
- ~**Ballroom (Milford only)**
- ~**Belly Dancing (Milford only)**

The Introduction to Dance levels include ballet and tap in a 45 minute class. Uniforms are available for purchase at FSAD.

Please call us or go online for a registration form and a schedule if one is not already enclosed. Send in the registration form along with the fee and show up for the class unless you hear from us.

What We Are About:

FSAD offers Introduction to Dance to pre-professional dance training through a variety of dance styles. The staff of FSAD gives students the opportunities to broaden their talent scope in order to succeed in the artistic world through summer and winter sessions. Most students can eventually go on pointe (dancing on their toes) after several years of ballet training and strengthening. Students will be selected for pointe when they are properly prepared for the task.

Performance Opportunities:

FSAD is home of the **Diamond Dance Company**, which is a non-profit organization that performs:

- Nutcracker Ballet
- Delaware Dance Festival
- Spring performances
- Local community events

FSAD ends the school year with a Dance Concert. We also participate in community events throughout the year and occasionally compete and participate in different dance conventions.

Master Class Opportunities:

FSAD offers these classes for our more advanced students to take classes from other professionals that we are able to bring into our facility. Past and current master teachers have included:

Julie Voshell– Broadway’s “Swing” and Billy Joel’s, “Moving Out”

Andrei Govorov-Russian Ballet Theatre

Sara Taylor Neal & Patrick Korstange-
Mid Atlantic Ballet

Eric Ragan– Suzanne Farrell Ballet

Kimberly Dyer-North Carolina Dance

And many more.....

Mission Statement

Our mission is to develop the artistic talents of dedicated students by giving them the knowledge, background and techniques needed to accomplish their personal goals.

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