



Students from Pottstown Dance Theatre at Carnegie Hall.

Local Dance School with International Ties Turns 60 Years Old

The Pottstown Dance Theatre, founded by Phyllis Dersh Rudzitis and currently directed by Michelle Jones Wurtz, turns 60 years old this year! Yes, it was 1964 when Ms. Dersh (as she was known to by literally hundreds of dancers) opened the Pottstown Dance Theatre with the mission of bringing a quality dance education to the Tri-County area. Since then, the school has trained hundreds of dancers, many becoming artists in their own right. Ruth Andrien was one of the first dancers to make it "big" after training there and she even appeared on the cover of *Dance Magazine*. Tiffany Johnson danced professionally with Atlantic Festival Ballet before switching to teaching, and Mike Novak currently serves as the Artistic Director of the Paul Taylor Dance Company in New York City. These success stories are just a few of many!

In 2001 Ms. Wurtz became the director of the school and since then the students have performed at Lincoln Center,

Carnegie Hall, at the International Dance Festival in Poland, and most notably in London during the 2012 Olympic Games! What is most important though is that the students learn to love the art form, make lifelong friends, and discover the power of hard work and determination.



Michelle Jones Wurtz performing in Europe at an international festival.

The school is gearing up for the new school year to celebrate the milestone and new classes are forming now. Genres include ballet and pointe, tap, jazz, modern/contemporary dance, hip-hop, breakdance, acro dance arts, Irish Dance, African Dance, creative movement, ballroom/swing, and Pilates! The director is internationally known and teaches the students to appreciate dance from all around the world. There is an Open House and Registration scheduled for August 24 from 12noon to 7pm as well as August 28 from 5-8pm! Visit the school at 72 West Main St., Pottstown 19465 and see why it's the best school in the area! You can also call them at 610.323.2569 or visit the website at www.pottstowndance.com.

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