

Linda Andrews

Dance Instructor

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Dance instructor and former studio owner with 25 years of experience specializing in tap, jazz and ballroom dance for children and adults. Group classes and private lessons, wedding and special occasion choreography.

Dances offered at the studio:

Pre-Ballet (Children)

Tap

Jazz

Line Dance

Foxtrot

Waltz

Tango

East & West Coast Swing

Rumba & Bolero

Cha Cha

Salsa/Mambo

Merengue

Samba

Hustle



Work History

Dance Instructor & Former Studio Owner

Dance Connection, New Rochelle, NY 2000-June 2025

- Choreography and classwork for students ages three through adult. Preparation for our annual Christmas performance in December and end of the year dance recital in June.
- Group and private ballroom and latin classes including wedding choreography for the couple's first dance, bridal party, mother-son, father-daughter dances, birthdays, anniversaries, and other special occasions.
- Coordinated student performances at local nursing homes and community events including two Halloween flash mob performances.
- Ran a monthly, Saturday night ballroom social, which included a free dance lesson and refreshments. Also, took adult students out to local ballroom dances to gain experience dancing in public.
- Thursday morning exercise/jazzercise/line dance class for senior citizens at the Hugh Doyle Center in New Rochelle.

Guest Instructor for Special Events

- **Anniversary Winter Gala**, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mount Vernon, NY *November 2023-January 2024*
Instructed six couples in waltz and salsa/mambo. Choreographed and taught two routines, helped pick appropriate dancewear, held dress rehearsal at the venue.
- **Are You Ready?** Cotillion Ball for High School Students, Mount Vernon, NY *January-June 2022*
Foxtrot and merengue classes for ten high school students in preparation for their cotillion. Selected music, choreographed two routines, held dress rehearsal at the venue, coached students at the final performance.
- **Dance Night**, Girl Scouts, Pelham, NY *October 2021*
A brief history of mambo and merengue, followed by a dance lesson and practice to music, for a troop of Girl Scouts and their leaders.
- **It Takes a Village** "Dancing with Our Stars" fundraiser for autism awareness *October 2016 and 2017*
Taught swing, salsa/mambo and merengue to the Principal and Assistant Principal of Trinity Elementary School, the Superintendent of Schools and their partners. Each couple performed their routine at the gala.

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• **Monroe University, New Rochelle, NY** 2008-2016

Dancing Through the Years 75th Anniversary Gala 2008

Choreographed and taught Monroe college students foxtrot, mambo, swing, merengue and hustle for a *Dancing Through the Years* performance.

I worked with Monroe University on many projects including their annual holiday parties and two **Dancing with the Stars** competitions in which college students competed and faculty members judged and picked the winners.

Honors Dance Program: History of dance and practical application. The course was offered every other semester. The professor would teach the academics, history of dance, and I would teach the dance classes and choreograph a performance that was part of their final exam.

Summer Employment 2017-Present

• **Challenge Camp** A seven week summer camp for gifted and talented children, held on the campus of Iona University, New Rochelle, NY. I teach a combination of art and dance classes, including creating choreography for the camp play. Camp runs from the end of June until mid-August.

Dance Connection has won "The Best Dance Studio in New Rochelle" award from 2013-2025.

I have choreographed routines for wedding couples, Sweet Sixteen parties and holiday parties. In the past I taught class and hosted a ballroom dance social at the Riverdale YMCA, taught ballroom and latin at Eastchester adult education, taught ballroom and latin at a weekly singles' dance in Connecticut, and have given dance lessons at many private parties and other special occasions. I have performed in local community events and have danced in ballroom exhibitions, demonstrations and competitions.

Education:

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT: BFA, visual arts, painting major

Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT
Post-graduate classes in graphic art

Dance training and teacher training: Studio training, private coaching lessons, private teacher training, Arthur Murray based. I was employed as a graphic artist and designer for many years as I trained to teach dance and then opened the dance studio.