

Tracy Adams, Artistic Director and Owner



Has a long history with all forms of dance and theatre, having studied in her native England from the age of seven, to become a member of the International Dance Teachers Association. She has performed in many shows including “Cinderella”, “Sleeping Beauty”, “Chicago” & “Damn Yankees”. After her transatlantic move Tracy joined the teaching staff of “Nanette’s DancEncounter” in 1994, working with children of all ages. Tracy is proud to own and serve as the Artistic Director of “DancEncounter, Ltd.”. Locally, Tracy has a reputation for her choreography, working on many area productions including “Guys ‘n’ Dolls”, “The Music Man”, & “A Chorus Line” as well as using her professional make-up artiste talents on many theatrical and fashion shows. For the Glen Ellyn Park District she helped develop a theater program, choreographing the children’s productions of “Grandma’s Attic” , “Fiddler on the Roof” and “Annie”. Also she was an instructor at Waubensee Community College, specializing in dance for the young child and continues as choreographer for their musical theatre courses as well as local high schools. """"

Jeni M. Seas



Holds a BFA in dance performance from NIU and has been teaching dance for over fifteen years, with the bulk of them at DancEncounter, though she has taught at several local area schools. She has extensive training in Jazz and Ballet with experience in Tap and Modern. Jeni has performed professionally with the ensemble company Touch and as a pop group back up dancer, has choreographed several local dance and magic shows. Currently, she is lead assistant to magician Bob Higa, and travels domestically and has performed internationally, with his headliner show. Jeni is DancEncounter's Associate Director.

Jenny Donahue



Jennifer holds her BFA in Dance Performance from Northern Illinois University. She began dancing at a young age under the instruction of Bonnie Ardelene. From there, she studied with the Milwaukee Ballet and was also accepted as a VIP for Dance Olympus. While at Northern, she studied with Randall Newsom and Judith Chitwood. She has danced with NDT in numerous performances such as Coppalia, Les Sylphide, Piquita, and The Nutcracker. She was also a member of SoFlo Ballet Company in South Florida. Since moving back, her most recent performances were with In Flight Dance Company and Free Space. Jennifer is now married and has a 2 daughters.

Kyle Donahue



Kyle brings with him an extensive background in theater and dance. He is a graduate of Rockford College with a BFA in Musical Theater Performance. His history includes traveling the world as a performer with training in all areas of dance, voice and instruments! He has directed such shows as "The Secret Garden" and "Grease" and at Drury Lane Stage in Oakbrook in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers". He is also the Performing Arts Supervisor for the Fox Valley Park District.

Caitlin Riermaier



Has taught for several years at the Warrenville and Winfield Park Districts in addition to other area studio classes. Caitlin was a member of the Xtreme Dance Force; has performed in shows for Wheaton Drama Inc as well as an educational roadshow. She has represented DancEncounter teaching at Waubensee Community College and has Pom Team choreography experience too.

Lain Avery



Lain Avery Lain has been dancing since she could walk and has a wealth of experience in all styles. She has trained under many professionals here in the suburbs and in the city of Chicago. Lain has also studied and worked with children and adults with special needs and is very much looking to overlap that world with her dance world by offering dance classes for children, teens, and adults and this past year has created with DancEncounter the now known as DancEsteem classes. Lain is completing a degree in psychology and then a masters in ABA and in addition to DancEncounter currently works as a support worker for multiple families with special needs children and adults.