

Tina Mollis

Dance Educator/Choreographer

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Energetic and organized dance teaching professional/choreographer with a demonstrated history in the entertainment industry (Touring companies, Regional Theatre, Film/TV). Dedicated to teaching the art/technique/history of Tap/Jazz/Musical Theatre to all students (whether aspiring pre-professionals, recreational teens, adults or seniors). I am fortunate to have studied and worked with many tap masters (e.g. Henry LeTang, Steve Condos, Danny Daniels) and jazz dancers and love sharing their legacy with my students in a caring, disciplined, friendly and supportive teaching environment.

Awards

- **Fifth Avenue High School Theatre Awards: Best High School Musical, Washington State** (*GOOD NEWS*, Woodinville High School, 2006); *Frequent Yearly Nominee*
- **Symphony of Dance: First Place "Sing, Sing, Sing"** (Vancouver, Canada)

Education/Certificates

- Bachelor of Arts, University of California at Berkeley, (Women's Studies/Dance)
- Post Graduate Studies, San Francisco State University, (Dance/Theatre - 2 years)
- Professional Program Certificate: American Musical Theatre Academy, Los Angeles, CA (*formerly Los Angeles Civic Light Opera*; Artistic Director, Paul Gleason)

Guest Artist Positions

2009 -2017: **Boston Ballet, Tulsa Ballet, Dance THIS! (Pacific Northwest Ballet), Cornish College of the Arts (Summer Intensives)**

- **Teacher:** Jazz/Tap/Musical Theatre Technique (Intermediate - Advanced)
- **Director/Choreographer:** Musicals, Jazz & Tap Concert Pieces for final presentation

2015-2019: **Booth Tarkington Theatre (Carmel, Indiana), Anderson University, Midwest Dance Festival (IN), Indianapolis Ballet**

- **Teacher:** Jazz, Tap Technique (Intermediate - Advanced)
- **Master Class:** Midwest Dance Festival; Taught original Broadway choreography

Faculty Positions

2016-Present: **Milford Arts Council; Milford Senior Center, Milford, Connecticut; Jewish Community Center, Indianapolis, IN**

- **Teacher:** Jazz, Tap, Dance Fitness (Ages 20-Seniors), All Levels

2002-2012: **Bainbridge Dance Center, Bainbridge Island, WA**

- **Teacher:** Jazz, Tap (Intermediate-Advanced)
- Choreographed year-end concerts, community events, galas

1998-2011: **Summit School K-12 (Seattle School District), The Overlake School, Woodinville High School, University Prep (Seattle), Eastlake High School**

- **Summit School K-12 (Arts Magnet):** Developed Dance Curriculum; wrote & directed Middle School musicals in conjunction with current academic curriculum; choreographed High School Spring Musicals
- Taught Master Classes in Tap, Broadway Jazz & Musical Theatre
- Choreographed High School Musicals
- Mentored High School Dance Captains throughout process of creation of musicals

1997-2004: **Seattle Children's Theatre, Studio East Youth Theatre**

- **Teacher:** Jazz, Tap and Musical Theatre (Intermediate-Advanced)
- **Choreographer:** Musicals, End of Year Recitals

1994-1998: **Washington Academy of Performing Arts, Musical Theatre Department Head (Deborah Hadley, Artistic Director)**

- **Conservatory:** Assisted Ms. Hadley in creation of the Musical Theatre Conservatory Program; Developed curriculum and academic standards for Musical Theatre Department. Tracked academics/recorded progress reports & grades to Artistic Director and Principal. Conducted conferences with students to discuss and maintain career goals.
- **Teacher:** Jazz, Tap (Rhythm/Broadway), and Musical Theatre. Taught history and technique to pre-professional Conservatory Students and Open Program/Summer Intensives.
- **Choreographer:** Choreographer and Director for full-scale Musicals, Concerts, Competitions, Galas and Events. Invited and hired working professional Guest Artists to perform with WAPA students for full-length musicals
- **Open Program:** Taught Jazz, Tap and Musical Theatre
- **Mentor:** Mentored and coached acting and dance students (intermediate-pre professional); Prepared select students for competitions/auditions. Accompanied students to Regional Master Classes, shows, competitions.

Training

Jazz	Joe Bennett, Joe Tremaine (Year Long Scholarship Recipient), Ann Garvin Roland Dupree Dance Studio, Debbie Reynolds Dance Studio
Tap	Henry LeTang, Diane Walker, Gene Castle, Cholly Atkins, Bruce Stegman, Danny Daniels, Chester Whitmore, Steve Condos, Terry Brock
Ballet	Anna Cheselka, Sara Tayir, Joey Harris, Marianna Pecora
Acting	Michael Shurtleff, Paul Gleason, Jean Shelton, John Jacobsen, Cheryl Stern
Voice	Carlos Noble, Harper McCay, Muriel Minot, Jeff Caldwell