

# About Windy Queen

Thirty-five years ago Windy Queen took her first ballet class and her passion for dance was ignited! It wasn't long after that she decided her dream was to be a dance instructor and she has had the joy of living that dream for the last 20 years. She received her Junior, Senior and Post Graduate Certifications through Dance Masters of America teacher training program at Kent State University in ballet, tap, jazz and modern and has also been certified to teach pre-ballet and creative movement through the Little People's Creative Workshop teacher training program in Greensboro, NC. She has studied with instructors like Edith Webb, Pat Sorrell, Debbie Copeland and Denise Wall Womble as well as taking master classes and workshops from dance legends such as Savion Glover, Frank Hachett, Sara Jo Fabio, Debbie Dee and Jamie King.

Windy began her teaching career in 1988 for Debbie Copeland's Performing Arts Center in Virginia Beach, VA. After the owner retired, Windy stayed with the Copeland family and began teaching at Copeland Mills School of the Arts in Chesapeake, VA where she served as a company director and instructor for the award winning Dance Magic Performing Arts Company for many years. A move to Naples, Italy presented Windy with the opportunity to run her own international dance program and the MWR Dance Department was born shortly after with a mere 23 students that blossomed to over 250 within a year. She was also blessed to receive a special recognition from the DOD school system when one of her students nominated her for a teacher of the year award!

Upon her return to the States in 1997, Windy went to work as both the tap mistress and children's department director at Nice School of Dance Studio 3 in Virginia Beach while simultaneously teaching classes and serving as the curriculum director for Dancing Little Stars Mobile Dance Education, a preschool dance company serving students all over the Hampton Roads area. Within a couple of years she had purchased DLS and had the pleasure of seeing it grow to more than 300 happy 3-5 yr old students. Along the journey, Windy has had the opportunity to teach and choreograph performances for The Virginia Beach public school system and VA Wesleyan College. Her routines have been seen at numerous festivals and community venues as well as Disney World, Kings Dominion and Carnival Cruise Lines. Her husband's military retirement has settled Windy's family in Northern Virginia and she is overjoyed to have found a new dance home at HeartBeats Music & Dance and considers it an honor and privilege to share her love of dance with your children! Her goal is to instill a sense of self worth and self belief in each student that passes through her classroom and provide them with a safe, nurturing environment to expand their artistry!