

# Rising Star Dance Instructors



Miss Amy double majored in Musical Theater and Dance at Palm Beach Atlantic University. She has performed national and locally in Phantom of the Opera (Carlotta), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat (Narrator), Sesame Street Live (Jenny), A Christmas Carol (Belle), Tony & Tina's Wedding (Sister Terry) and The Medora Musical. Amy is also active as a commercial actor (Kemps, Metro Transit & Big Lots) and make-up artist. She is a busy mother of four and her children attend classes at Rising Star Dance.



Miss Brittany has a BFA in Musical Theater from the University of Miami. She grew up in Minnesota and attended Perpich Arts High School and studied dance at Summit School of Dance in Plymouth. She has performed on stage in A Christmas Carol (Cecily/Laundress), A Little Princess (Mrs. Talbot) and The Medora Musical, just to name a few. She has also choreographed several performances for the International School of Minnesota.



Miss Jeni graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato with a degree in K-8 education. She has danced for over twenty years and has been teaching for seven years. For the last four years she taught for Charlene Knorr Dance Studio in Waconia. This is her first year teaching at Rising Star Dance Academy.



Miss Kallan graduated from Gustavus Adolphus with a degree in Communication. She grew up in the area for most of her life and studied dance for over 10 years while attending Chaska High School. She teaches recreational classes at Rising Star and also assists with the day to day operations at the studio. She also does volunteer work for the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, for Nicollet, Carver and Scott counties.



Lisa trained at Saint Cloud School of Dance and Gymnastics for fifteen years in jazz, ballet, tap, lyrical and pointe. In 2005, Lisa was a senior captain of the Saint Cloud Cathedral Crusaderette Varsity dance team when the team won a MSHSL State Championship in high-kick, took second place in jazz. Currently, Lisa is a four year member of the nationally ranked University of Saint Thomas dance team and a second year captain. The team has won the UDA College Dance Team National Championship in the open jazz division and placed second in hip-hop from 2006-09. Lisa has also worked with high school teams throughout the state of Minnesota with Advantage Dance Company, teaching ballet, jazz, high-kick precision, and conditioning.



Miss Mariesa studied for 18 years. She taught at Charlene Knorr Dance Studio for the past 2 years and is looking forward to teaching at Rising Star this year. She is attending college where she is pursuing a degree in Business and Dance.