



## DuHadway Dance Dimensions Pre Professional Programs

### Elite Dance Team

DDD offers serious dancers the opportunity to compete outside of their home studio. We have both regional and national award winning teams. Selection for Elite is determined through an audition for qualified judges. Students ages 7 & up must have required abilities in ballet, tap and jazz to audition for this opportunity. All of those chosen are required to participate in extra rehearsals with good attitude, attendance and dedication to dance. Dance is work and your personal commitment is mandatory. The Elite teams were first formed in 2001. For more information on our competition teams please contact our office.

### Cecchetti Ballet

DuHadway Dance offers classical ballet students the opportunity to pursue their graded Cecchetti ballet exams. Classes are taught exclusively by Cecchetti certified instructors. The pursuit of classical ballet exam work is not available to everyone. Students must show exceptional work habits and dedication. The understanding of how your body performs and executes dance is essential for successful exams. Extra classes and work outside of class are mandatory to satisfy the highly qualified Cecchetti examiners.

## DuHadway Dance Dimensions A Brief History

Linda Lee Dance Studio was wildly successful for many, many years before Rob and Jillian DuHadway purchased it in 1992 and changed the name a few years later. The following is a brief history of where the studio began and where it is today.

Linda Lee Abbott was the former owner of the studio. She started teaching dance lessons in the living room of the house at 713 Third Ave. when she was 18 years old. The holes from the dance barres are still in the hard wood floors in our living room.

In the 60's, two dance studios, one on top of the other, were added onto the back of the house. It was used as the main studio space for over 40 years.

Jillian began teaching for Linda Lee when she was a junior in college at CMU in 1989. She taught for two years and left the studio to finish her teaching degree. Before leaving she talked with Linda Lee about purchasing the studio after she and Rob were married. At that time, the studio was promised to another buyer.

In the spring, before Rob and Jillian were married, Jillian received a letter from Linda Lee. The letter told them that the studio was still available. Jillian literally fell down on her parents kitchen floor. She still keeps that letter in a drawer in her bedroom.

Summer 1992 was very exciting as Jillian graduated from college, Rob and Jillian were married in August and moved into the house/studio one week later. The studio opened its doors in September with about 120 students.

An opportunity presented itself in 1994. A dance and gymnastics studio in Ithaca became available and the DuHadway's saw it as a way to grow their business and serve more young dancers in Central Michigan. In 1999, they expanded the dance business in Ithaca to include a large dance studio space that once housed the gym.

DuHadway Dance Dimensions continued to grow and evolve into the new millennium. Spring 2005 brought the decision to consolidate the two studio locations into one large studio complex. The search was on for the ideal location. The large space we use for our studios today had been a fitness center. With the help of many studio families, renovations began in August of 2005 and we opened our doors in October 2005 at our Northtown Plaza location.

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DANCE LESSONS AGES 3 - UP  
BALLET • TAP • JAZZ • POINTE  
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## DuHadway Dance Dimensions Facility is Finest in Area

DuHadway Dance Dimensions state of the art facility is located in Alma's Northtown Plaza behind Merchandise Outlet. Busy families benefit from convenient location, extended hours and varied class times.

DuHadway Dance Dimensions home is truly fantastic.

- Two 30' x 40' dance studios and Two 20' x 30' dance studios.
  - Each studio has a professional 'marley' covered 'sprung' floor to reduce injury and fatigue.
  - Observation windows in each studio
- Spacious lobby areas
- Roomy women's dressing room with two bathrooms and showers, a 'Men In Dance' dressing room
- Student lounge where the dancers can relax on the couch, eat at the table or do homework at one of the three desks.
- Assistance is available at the front desk located just inside the main door.

The school's well trained and dedicated staff teamed with reasonable tuition rates have made the studio attractive to families across Central Michigan.



## DDD in the Community

Since 1992, our dancers, their families and teachers have given greatly of both their time and talent to the surrounding communities and organizations.

- Perform at the Highland Festival Parade, Alma College Homecoming Parade and Mt. Pleasant Mardi Gras Parade, Lucky Mac Duck Day and St. Mary Santa Supper
- Christmas Program is performed each year at elementary schools through out Gratiot and Montcalm Counties. A benefit performance for the Red Cross Baby Pantry is also well attended.
- Donate to Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Alma Sports Boosters, Gratiot Co. Fair for Youth, St. Mary Mardi Gras and Knights of Columbus Golf Outing

## Large Variety of Dance Classes

The school's dance offerings include everything from ballet, jazz, tap dance and Hip Hop for the beginner to the pre professional student.

- Rhythm Development classes for 3-5 year olds. This fabulous program offers each age group its own curriculum. It builds on basic dance techniques, encourages creativity and teaches important social skills.
- Tap classes begin in 1st grade
- Jazz is offered beginning in 2nd grade
- Hip Hop classes begin in 3rd grade.
- Ballet curriculum begins at age 6 and is based on the Cecchetti method.
- Pointe classes are available for experienced ballet students who have passed Cecchetti Grade I.
- 12 Week dance program begins each January. Classes are available in beginning tap, beginning jazz and Rhythm Development.
- Summers are also busy at DDD.
  - Punch card classes available
  - Guest artist classes introduce our dancers to new technique and choreography
  - Workshops for new and returning students in ballet, tap and jazz and Rhythm Development.