

Modern Dance

with Ginny Martin

The Magic Continues!



I began teaching sixth grade at Pashley Elementary School in 1968 when sixth grade was still part of the elementary school. My second year

teaching I began a modern dance club of fifth and sixth grade girls. At years end two parents asked if I might consider teaching modern dance outside of school. I did just that two afternoons a week after school during my last two years of classroom teaching. In 1972 I decided to try teaching modern dance part time while I started a family. That was 44 years ago!

In building my modern dance business from nothing, I have been able to follow my dream. A lot of creative imagination, a ton of hard work, plus good business and professional instincts have all contributed to making Modern Dance with Ginny Martin a successful adventure. My colleague Dana Yager and I teach twenty three classes each week serving approximately 350 students every year.

Having children want to come and share with me what I love has made my life joyful in so many ways. It has also challenged me to be the very best I can be. I want to thank all the parents who have trusted me with their children and who have understood and appreciated what I do. I want to thank all of your dancers for making my life's journey so worthwhile. You've meant the world to me. Thank you.

Dana Yager will soon be the owner of Modern Dance with Ginny Martin and Dana Yager. She will continue with my unique and very creative dance curriculum for young dancers including my movement poems and improvisational stories. She will be using the wonderful improvisations that I have developed for all of the dance class levels. While staying true to the original business model Dana will develop her own beautiful and inventive choreography for all classes.

Dana danced with me from the time she was a youngster until she graduated from high school. I was so impressed with her that I asked her to consider going to a local college so that she could continue to work with me teaching dance as

she completed her education. She wanted to attend a college with a good choreography program so she decided to attend Columbia College Chicago. In 2009 Dana graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in dance and we began working together.

We've been teaching together for seven years now. Dana teaches all of the older dance students and she teaches with me in all of my beginning level classes. Dana is busy teaching twenty three modern dance classes every week. She is completely professional, talented in beautiful and inspiring ways, committed to teaching with intelligence and concern for the wellbeing of each of her students, always with a positive, cheerful sense of humor. Dana is a diligent, hard worker, highly organized, and always prepared. She doesn't miss a beat! Dana has complete respect for the dance business that I have built over the past 46 years. She will continue to nurture the business and keep it strong. To be able to entrust my dance business to Dana is a gift to me and to you. I can retire knowing that my "dance baby" is in great hands and all of you in the community can know that Modern Dance with Ginny Martin and Dana Yager will continue uninterrupted. In Dana's own words, "I am excited to continue the magic that Ginny has created, and I feel honored to carry this program into the future." Everything that my dancers have enjoyed from Modern Dance with Ginny Martin will most certainly continue with Dana Yager. ★

Happily Retiring,
Ginny Martin



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