

## **CONSTANCE STINE**

“Ms. Connie” has more than 40 years of professional dance and teaching experience. Early training includes notables Russell Fratto, Jeannette Laurent, Leon Danielion, Maestro Vincenzo Celli, David Howard, Fernando Schaffenburg and Wayne Soulant. As a Nordan Fine Arts Scholar, she received her BFA in Ballet and Theatre from Texas Christian University, while dancing with the Fort Worth Ballet. Other professional credits include Arizona Ballet Theatre (the first professional company in the state!), Phoenix Ballet, Arizona Metropolitan Ballet and Ballet Arizona.

She began her teaching career in 1972 and has taught and directed residencies in Arizona, Texas, Colorado, Connecticut, Washington and New York. Ms. Stine opened the Eastside Ballet in downtown Mesa, AZ in 1983 and the following year formed the schools pre-professional performing company which celebrated 20 years in 2004-05.

She served as a Faculty Associate at Arizona State University for ten years teaching all levels of ballet, pointe and pedagogy. In 1997 she began duties as the Dance chair at New School for the Arts (and Academics) and developed the dance program to a national level. Ms. Stine has the honor of being listed in the 2000 and 2002 “Who’s Who in American High School Teachers”. Known for her caring nature and ability to develop technical and artistic potential, she is proud of all her students who continue to share the love of dance, be it as a professional or recreational dancer, teacher, studio owner, choreographer or arts administrator.

For the past 9 years, Ms. Connie has resided in the Seattle, WA area where she has continued her studies at Pacific Northwest Ballet and taught at many local schools including Evergreen Ballet, Issaquah Dance Theatre and Maple Valley School of Ballet.

She presently teaches at Chandler Dance Center and constructs costumes for various ballet companies and Directs a summer camp for homeless 7-9 year old boys and girls in New York State each summer. She is excited about teaching for Chandler Dance Center and hopes to see all of you in class!