



**DMA Teacher Training School Report**  
**2023 going into 2024**

*Madame President and Members of the Board:*

<b>Numbers in attendance:</b>	
2023	2024 – as of June 19
Grade 1 – 23 attendees	Grade 1 - 28
Grade 2 – 14 attendees	Grade 2 - 14
Grade 3 – 10 attendees	Grade 3 – 7
Grade 4 - 8 attendees	Grade 4 – 10
<u>Adv. – 20 attendees</u>	<u>Advanced - 23</u>
Total: 75	Total 82

**Housing and classes:** due to the challenges created from the Pandemic we were not allowed to use the Universities dorms. Our classes however were back in the Center for the Arts at SUNY Buffalo.

**2023 Core Faculty consist of:**

Ballet – Elizabeth Waddell & Kerry Ring  
 Tap – Barb Denny, Butch Theisen

Jazz – Tracy Navarro , Michael Lambert  
 Modern – Danielle Sheather, Christie Zimmerman

Each core faculty member works extremely well and in-sync with one another, meeting each day to compare teaching notes and coordinate material.

**2023 Examinations:** In 2023 we administered 25 TTS exams. 7 in ballet, 7 in tap, 7 in jazz and 4 in modern. There were failures as follows: 1 in Tap, and 1 in Jazz.

**2023 Assessments:** Assessments were given and will be given in grades 1-3. This valuable information is used to evaluate the program, as well as for the attendee to assess themselves. The assessments are given in the afternoon of the 4<sup>th</sup> day, which enables administrators and faculty to grade the assessments as a team in the evening and give results along with exit letters to the attendees on the last day.

Due to low enrollment The Bachna/McGill Scholarships were not given out in 2023.

We were excited to be able to have a S.H.I.P Showcase where we recognized each TTS class and brought the Grade 4 onto the stage to be acknowledged.

## **TTS 2024**

We are very excited to be in our new location at Ball State University in Muncie Indiana. In January Miss Charleen and I went for another site tour and to meet with some of the Dance Department's faculty, the Events and Housing Coordinator. We got a lot of planning done in a very short 48hour trip. It has however taken Miss Charleen and I lots of patience as they move a little slower than the two of us do with responses and planning. We will be offering a shuttle service to and from the airport. They offer lots of dinning options, which is amazing!!

### **2024 Housing and Classes**

We are once again able to dorm, which was exciting to us. Our dance classes will be held in the Ball Gym as well as the Museum which is across from the Ball Gym.

### **2024 Core Faculty**

Ballet – Kerry Ring (from TTS Buffalo) & Audra Sokol (from TTS Ball State)

Jazz –Michael Lambert (from TTS Buffalo)

Tap – Butch Theisen (from TTS Buffalo) & Anne Beck (from Ball State but has been a part of our programs in Buffalo as well)

Modern –Christie Zimmerman (from TTS Buffalo) & Susan Koper (from Ball State)

Some of our other faculty will be

Richard Ashworth, Beverly Bautista, Jenn Meckley, and Ava Lovsin.

**2024 Examinations:** As of June 19, we will administer 36 TTS exams. 11 in ballet, 9 in tap, 8 in jazz and 8 in modern. We will still use our format of Written, Terminology, Practice & Theory & Teach-in.

**2024 Assessments** will still be given in the same format.

We want to all thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of such an educational process that exemplifies one of our major purposes as an organization. We are proud to contribute to the progress, growth and innovative ideas of Teachers Training School.

*Teacher's Training School Administrators:*

*Phyllis Gay*  
Administrator I

*Dody Flynn*  
Administrator II