

KATHI HALBERT:

Kathi has owned and operated her own dance and gymnastics program for over half a century. She teaches all major disciplines of dance and is a certified Women's Cecchetti Level VII ballet instructor. Her studio also offers a full acro/gym program with competitive teams through USAG including levels 4 through 10. Kathi is also a certified Stott Pilates instructor for mat work and reformer.

She was Administrator of Dance Masters of America's Teachers Training School at Kent State University and the University at Buffalo for 15 years and the ballet instructor of Dance Masters of America's Teachers Training School West and East. Over the past 29 years Kathi has served on Dance Masters of America's Executive Board and National Board of Directors serving in many different capacities from Director, Rules Chairman and currently National Area Director, Scholarship Chairman and Recording Secretary. As a National Certified DMA examiner she is instrumental in creating syllabus and testing materials to promote the education of the dance teacher. Kathi has been the Chairman to the Ohio Council of Cecchetti for the past seventeen years. She is Principal, examining chairman and Past President of Ohio Dance Masters. She has taught master classes and adjudicated at national, regional and state conventions across the country.

Her dancers have been seen dancing on cruise lines, commercials, theme parks, dinner theaters, musicals, dance companies and various productions as her gymnasts gone on to colleges to compete in gymnastics at a collegiate level. Her goal is to educate and instill the love of dance and gymnastics in the souls of her students and all those she teachers.

Kathi is a graduate of Kent State University and formerly a fourth grade teacher at Poland North Elementary. She is married to Ken Halbert, former school superintendent, and they have three sons; Ken, Kevin, and Keith and seven grandchildren Lucy, Elliot, Charlie, Fiona, Maggie, Claire and Chloe.