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Mitzi Cavin Mitzi Cavin has been dancing since the age of 7 with an emphasis on Russian and ABT ballet/Pointe technique and training. She has additional training in jazz, tap, tumbling and cheer. As a young adult, she was a member of 2 community dance companies and has won several talent and modeling competitions. Her teaching experience includes work with children, adults and competition teams in dance, tumbling, cheer, pilates and musical theater. In addition, she has an advanced Masters degree in Physical Therapy with 30 years experience and a strong background in movement analysis.

Vanessa Gospich Vanessa is a wonderful new addition to our staff this year. She began substituting for us last year after moving from Cleveland, Ohio. Miss Gospich danced for over 17 years at Bobbie Barna's Dance Studio in Solon, Ohio where she began assisting and instructing her own tap, lyrical, and hip hop classes. She competed for 6 years in competitions throughout the Northeast. Vanessa also attended technique classes in New York City at Broadway Dance Center. She is trained in ballet, lyrical, jazz, cheerleading, hip hop and tap. She hopes to continue a higher education in dance this winter. Vanessa is thrilled to be teaching again!

Rhonda Lalonde Rhonda, a Jacksonville native, began her dance training at Fascinatin' Rhythm Studio of Dance at the age of five. Continuing her training in high school, Rhonda attended Douglas Anderson School of the Arts and graduated as a dance major in 1994. To then further her education, she went on to study dance at Florida Community College of Jacksonville. Lawrence Welk Show, Frank Hatchett, Gregory Hines, Mia Michaels, Beytee Morrow: former student of Gene Kelly, and has attended countless classes at The Alvin Ailey School of Dance and Broadway Dance Center in NY.C. In 2005 she accepted the Dance Director position at St. Johns County Center for the Arts at St. Augustine High School and doubled the enrollment within her first 2 years. As the director she was responsible for providing an educational atmosphere where the dancers could fulfill their potential for intellectual and physical growth. She also coached the Ja'Quettes dance team, and choreographed musicals such as "West Side Story", "Music Man" and "Guys and Dolls". Mrs. Lalonde has won numerous awards for her choreography and been a guest teacher throughout Duval and St. Johns County.

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***INSTRUCTOR HIGHLIGHTS:** One of the things that makes a studio great is the quality of its teaching staff. We are proud to have a group of dedicated instructors as part of our faculty!!!*



Christina McDonald – Director

Christina has been studying dance since she was a young child. She received her Bachelor's degree in Dance from Jacksonville University as well as an A.A. in Business. While in college, she worked with several famous choreographers who instructed residencies at J.U. as well as who set choreography on a select group of dance majors. Christina founded Sigma Rho Delta honors Dance Fraternity at J.U. and was President. Mrs. McDonald received choreography awards while at JU and also from the Dance Troupe Dance Convention in 1993 and Adrenaline Dance Competition in 2006. She was a member of the Brunswick Civic Ballet Company for 10 years and a soloist for 6 of those years. Her teaching experiences include 6 years in the Brunswick, St. Simons area. She began teaching in Jacksonville in the fall of 1986 and became the owner and Artistic director in the summer of 1989. Other experiences in the dance field include: Appearing in promotional dance videos, reorganizing the Movin' Company Dance Troupe, choreographing and performing for Jacksonville's Actors Theater, choreographing for Theatre Jacksonville, instructing for Theatre Jacksonville's Summer Arts Camp, instructing at the J.C.A.'s Summer Arts Camp, Choreographing for San Jose Catholic and St. Joseph's, trips to attend classes in New York City at Broadway Dance Center, Steps on Broadway, Martha Graham, David Howard, Alvin Ailey, and Eric Hawkins, instructing through Duval County's Magnet programs for 5 years, making a children's aerobic video and assisting with First Coast Nutcracker. Mrs. McDonald has owned and directed Fascinatin' Rhythm Studio of Dance for 19 years!

Ali King—Assistant Director

Ali King is a nationally renowned dance instructor, choreographer, and performer. Her teaching background is extensive; directing and teaching at studios in Virginia, Florida, and North Carolina. Ali's multifaceted background includes Ballet, Tap, Gymnastics, Cheerleading, Lyrical, Hip Hop, and Jazz. Mrs. King was a professional cheerleader for the Miami Dolphins and the Carolina Panthers. Ali has made several television appearances, including Fox News, The Edge, The Panthers Huddle, and Good

Morning America. Ali's choreography credits include the Miami Dolphins Show Team and Cheerleaders and several pageants including the Mrs. Virginia Pageant. Ali has won several Choreography and Top Teacher awards and her dancers have won platinum, high gold and overall titles at Regional, State and National competitions. Ali is dedicated to the education of dancers, teachers and emerging choreographers on the cutting edge of today's dance world. We are blessed to have her as our Assistant Artistic Director since the summer of 2007.

Sara Jane Hamlin Mrs. Sara was born in Brighton, England. She is married and has three children, including two daughters who have danced at the studio. Mrs. Hamlin attended Salton College in London, England. She has a strong interest in child psychology and is working towards her masters in child psychology with a grade point average of 4.0. Sara has been on the Dean's List and is a member of the Honor Society. While in London, Mrs. Sara studied with Ballet Rambert for 4 years. After moving to the United States, Mrs. Hamlin studied in Rochester, New York at the Rochester School of Ballet which is affiliated with the American Ballet Theatre. She continued her dance education at the Gainesville School of Dance for 3 years. Sara has danced at Fascinatin' Rhythm for the past 15 years. She has modeled both in England and the U.S. For 7 years she was a high level competitive rider. She was a member of the Jacksonville Country Day School Board of Parents for 4 years, has chaired and assisted with numerous charitable functions including fundraising for the Florida Theatre, and has been with Derek J. Hamlin M.D. Corporation (Radiology) for many years. She is wonderful with the young children and we are thrilled to have her as an instructor at Fascinatin' Rhythm.

Andre Marshall Andre Marshall II is a major creative force with 12 years of experience. He has choreographed countless musicals, stage performances, and concerts. He has also been featured as a dancer in movies such as Bring It On 4, Ace Ventura III and booked as a principal dancer in a TV commercial for a major theme park in the Midwest. Borne in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Andre made an entrance into the entertainment at the age of 6 as a professional dancer. Andre and his family moved to Florida when he was 10 years old to pursue his career in the entertainment business and he has been dancing and acting

ever since in films, commercials, and TV shows. Andre is excited about his continual personal and creative growth and is passionate about bringing his knowledge of story telling thru dance and choreography to the stage, commercials, music video and film. Andre brings his hip hop expertise and creative style to Fascinatin' Rhythm.

Leah Strickland Miss Leah has been instructing at Fascinatin' Rhythm since the fall of 2006. She has danced for 20 years at Fascinatin' Rhythm where she was also a member of the Movin' Company and Tap Ensemble for 5 years and participated in many competitions, conventions and local area shows. She attended classes in New York City at both Alvin Ailey and Broadway Dance Center. Miss Leah has been a substitute and assistant teacher and taught during the Summer Dance Camp. She was also a cheerleading coach at Hendricks Day School for two years and took her squad to many competitions where they won many trophies and awards, including 2004 Division State Champs! She received her A.A. degree from FCCJ and is currently attending UNF where she is majoring in Community Health with a minor in Exercise Science.

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