



*Cathy
Greco Whalen*

Cathy has been a part of the dance world since the age of 3, whether a student, performer, choreographer, or teacher! She credits her education and love of dance to her many teachers and mentors, including Phil Black, Frank Hatchet, Brian Foley, Sherry Gold, Beverly Fletcher, and Fred and Joanne Knecht to name a few! While in high school, at 17, Cathy was selected to be the youngest member of the Broadway Show "42nd Street" original cast by Gower Champion and David Merrick. While performing on Broadway close for close to a decade, Cathy also appeared in many commercials, movies and videos including videos for Paula Abdul, Duran Duran and many more. She was featured in Seventeen Magazine, as well as Time for articles regarding her Broadway career. As her career evolved, Cathy began the convention/competition circuit, judging, adjudicating and teaching for every major dance organization in the US and Canada, including DMA, DEA, Terpsichore, ADA, Starpower, Candance and is certified to teach by Dance Masters of America. Cathy remained on faculty at The Dance Academy in Bucks County, PA for 20 years. She is a former director of Villanova University's Dance Ensemble. Cathy has received many accolades for her work including The ADA Diamond Award for choreography, as well as many other awards.

Cathy is currently on faculty at the amazing CaRu Entertainment studios in Pennington New Jersey, but resides in Bucks County, PA with her husband Bruce. She spends a lot of time in New York City, now that her two daughters, Catie and Carlie call that home!



*Nick
Silverio*

Nick Silverio trained at Elite Academy of Dance in Shrewsbury, MA, under Lauren Mangano. He graduated the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School (B.S. in Economics, concentration in Commercial Dance Management). Represented by Clear Talent Group, Nick recently performed on the Frozen Broadway North American tour (Ensemble/Sven understudy). He has danced on "Saturday Night Live," "Westworld," "Marvelous Mrs. Maisel," "Girls5Eva," "America's Got Talent," and "So You Think You Can Dance," as well as the Elf national tour twice, closing at Madison Square Garden, and regional productions of Billy Elliot (Older Billy/Dance Captain) and La Cage Aux Folles. Nick has worked with renowned choreographers Rob Ashford, Marguerite Derricks, Stacey Tookey, Marc Kimelman, James Alsop, John Carrafa, Nancy Braun, Connor Gallagher, and Mark Stuart. He directed "First Burn," the viral dance film inspired by Hamilton. Nick also loves teaching across the country in theater, jazz, lyrical, and contemporary, creating dance competition-inspired TikToks (@nicksilverioo), and judging for top competitions. He is the co-founder of Artswrk.com, the jobs platform for dance studios and educators nationwide.



*Pamela
Gaccione*

With 23 years of experience in dance, Pamela is honored to continue to bring her expertise and talent to the American Dance Awards tour. Pamela was born and raised and currently resides in Little Falls, NJ. She has obtained a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Family and Child Studies from Montclair State University and is currently an Elementary School Teacher, Dance Teacher, Choreographer and a Former Captain of the NBA Brooklynets Dance Team in Brooklyn, NY. She began her dance training at the age of 5 and has been trained in ballet, tap, jazz, acrobatics, modern, lyrical, hip hop and contemporary. Pamela has grown up dancing competitively and was American Dance Awards' Junior Dancer of the Year in 2006.

She booked her first dance job as an NBA New Jersey Nets Kids Dancer and was on the team for three years and was Captain of the team for her third. She also was booked as a Capezio dancewear model. She has now danced with artists such as Lil' Kim, SAINT JHN, Rupee and Afro B just to name a few and she has now been featured in television series including Marvelous Mrs. Maisel and CBS Bull, and featured as a dancer on an episode of the Rachael Ray Show. Most recently she has danced and choreographed for an Amazon Prime Series called Shelter. She was a Brooklynette Dancer for 9 years, 6 years as Captain and was also a choreographer for the team. She has traveled across the world performing, choreographing and sharing her talents in places such as China, Paris, Barbados, Mexico, Las Vegas, Chicago, California and Florida and continues to do so.
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PROVIDENCE, RI SPECIAL AWARDS JUDGE



*Madison
Embrey*

Madison Embrey grew up dancing at The Dance Shoppe in Michigan under the guidance of Terri Newman and Lauren Lenter. She graduated from Pace University and the Pforzheimer Honors College in NYC as one of the first BFA in Commercial Dance graduates. After a decade of life on tour, she currently resides in Los Angeles.

Favorite performance experiences include arena stunt show Marvel Universe Live!, dancing on Modern Love, Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt & The Late Show with Stephen Colbert, interviews on Good Morning America, The Today Show & Disney Channel XD, and video game motion capture for Mortal Kombat 11 & Rogue Company. Last year, Madison finished touring the country with the arena stunt show, Jurassic World Live Tour, playing the show's heroine, Dr. Kate Walker. She also did the voiceover for her character!

When Madison isn't performing, she loves investing in her own education while also investing in the next generation as a teacher and judge. Balancing these two things is one of her greatest joys! Madison grew up with American Dance Awards and was ADA's Female Dancer of the Year in 2010. She is so excited to be here sharing with your dancers & helping them create joyful, growth-filled experiences!