

Bios for Our Master Class Instructors:

Norvell Robinson, Jr.: Norvell, a native Richmonder, began his dance career after training in the School of the Richmond Ballet and North Carolina School of the Arts. He has toured internationally with an Italian touring company as “Richie” in A Chorus Line. For 16 years, he appeared as a soloist and principle dancer in the Richmond Ballet Company. Norvell’s other local appearances include commercials, as well as VCU Dance Department, Theatre IV, Barksdale Theatre, SPARC, and Encore. Norvell has taught dance and choreographed for several local, state and national schools -preschools through high schools levels, as well as for dance schools and other community organizations, such as Girl Scouts. At Lakeside Presbyterian Church Weekday Preschool, Norvell is an Elder and the movement and dance teacher. He is co-owner and manager of Pilates, Dance and More...The Art of Fitness. He is married to Tristi McMaster Robinson. They have three beautiful children who are constant reminders of love, joy, sacrifice, forgiveness, and a reason to do, and to be...

Tristi McMaster Robinson: Tristi is a native of Carson City, NV., where she began her early training at Pinkerton Dance Academy under the direction of Fern Pinkerton. She also went on to train with Barbra Monibi Land, and Charlotte Soukup in Reno Nevada. At the young age of 14 she moved on to train at the Marin Ballet School and Company, in California, with Maria Vegh, Ruth Petrinovic, Jocelyn Vollmar, Margaret Swarhout, Melinda Bach, and others. She has trained in many styles of dance and gymnastics. Her career as a professional dancer and teacher has spanned over 30 yrs. She has been a Principal dancer with the Washington Ballet and Richmond Ballet companies, a soloist with the Atlanta Ballet, and a Corp de ballet member with Milwaukee Ballet. She has had the privilege of working with such choreographers as Kirk Peterson, Choo San Goh, Suzanne Farrell, Baayork Lee, Dennis Nahot, Christian Holder, and William Soleau to name a few. She has been a national acclaimed guest artist for schools and professional companies. In 1997, she was awarded the OYA (Outstanding Young Women of America) Award. As a master teacher, she has taught students, ages three to adult, across the nation in many dance styles. Tristi also coaches gymnastics on the recreational and team levels. She is a seamstress and designer of costumes. Tristi is married to Norvell Robinson, Jr. They have three beautiful children who are constant reminders of humility, love, joy, and happiness.