



Meet Golden Dance Arts Teachers!!



Ms. Katt

Hi, my name is Kattryn. Most people around the community center know me as Ms. Katt. I am the Jazz and hip-hop teacher. I have been dancing since I have been walking! Although I only *teach* Jazz and hip-hop, I have practiced many different styles of dance including ballet, tap, lyrical and many more. I have been dancing in Golden since I was ten, and I am so happy to be able to continue in the community.



Ms. Joy

Hello I'm Ms. Joy! I started dancing when I was just three years old. By the time I was nine, I was dancing four days a week. While in High School, I received a scholarship to dance with San Diego Ballet. I began teaching in Golden in 1966 and became a Dance Educator of America. In Golden, I owned my own studio for 15 years and won many hundreds of awards for best choreography, best dancers, and best costumes, among other things. I started the Golden High School Dance Team. I love the Golden Community and families! Here at the Golden Community Center, I strive for it to be the best dance program on the West side of town.



Ms. Dani

Hello I'm Dani Hicks, sharing with Denver area children my love of art and dance for over twenty years. I have a Master's degree in education from University of Denver. I spent most of my free time growing up in the dance studio. I enjoy teaching ballet when I'm not raising her three cuties, making paintings or running through life.



Ms. Kelly

Hi There! My name is Kelly Russell, aka 'Ms. Kelly', and I have been sharing my absolute love of dance for over 20 years! I started out dancing at the age of 3, danced all the way through school and went on to earn a dance scholarship to the University of Texas in Austin. I have danced professionally in companies throughout Texas and Colorado, but teaching and sharing my passion for dance with kids, is my FAVORITE! I enjoy exploring all types of movement and dance, but have a real connection to Creative Movement, Ballet, Modern and Jazz. When I am not in the studio, you can be sure I am dancing, singing and playing at home with my own 2 kids. I am so thrilled to be here and can't wait to dance with you!



Ms. Julie (not a teacher but part of the team)

My name is Julie Adkins and I'm a Colorado Native. I have also been dancing since I was 3 years old. ☺ Not a dance teacher, but love to watch our littles, they are so adorable and I just LOVE our teachers!!

I have worked with the City of Golden team for about 9 years. We are like a family here and that is what makes my job so wonderful and why I smile on my way to work and on my way home! ☺

I have a bachelor's degree in Business Admin. and one in Elementary Education with a minor in Psychology. I also have a master's degree is in Early Childhood Education with a license in Special Education.

I love what I do! My husband Stretch (his real name is Jason) and I enjoy a healthy social life and many outdoor activities, and spending time with each other and our friends. I want to thank all of you for being a part of our program! We love your kiddos!!