

Dance Starz Auditions 2022-2023

Come audition to be a member of Roswell's finest dancers! Physical Activity Center at 10495 Woodstock Rd.

Rising 2nd-3rd graders: Tuesday May 10th 4:15-6:00pm

Rising 6th-8th graders: Tuesday May 10th 6:15-8:15pm

Rising 9th-12th

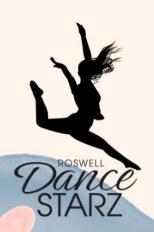
Rising 4th-5th

graders:

Wednesday May 11th

4:30-6:30pm

graders: Thursday May 12th 5:30-8:00pm



The audition will consist of a short class in ballet, tap and jazz technique basics, and short combinations. All interested dancers are encouraged to attend the audition, regardless of dance experience Roswell Dance Starz is dedicated to dance education and does accept dancers who have not taken all 3 dance styles listed above, if the dancer shows interest in learning

Audition Fee: \$10/member, \$20/non-member Cash or check made out to Roswell Dance Starz



**Please arrive early to register and be assigned a number. Bring ballet (including pointe), tap and jazz shoes, and wear dance attire. All auditions are closed to the public and we ask all parents, family members and friends to wait in the lobby area. For more information, contact Director/Supervisor Nicole Brook at 770-641-3987.

Youth Recital - Friday, April 29, 2022, 7:00 PM

Tropical Birds Dance Starz Company 3

Choreographed by Katrina Loncaric

I Wanna Be Like You Tuesday 4:15 Jazz/Tap

Choreographed by Michelle Marx

Zuri Arnold, Emily Bagby, Lila Dunn, Eva Feinberg, Madi Goncharov, Anna Gruber, Lila Morrison, Claire Anne Ott, Aida Trovato, Adeline Williams

Sharks

Dance Starz Company 4

choreographed by Katie Velduis

Little Runaway Dance Starz Competition Team

choreographed by Katie Veldhuis

Iguanas

Dance Starz Company 1

choreographed by Liz Leatherwood

Aquarium Song Monday 5:30 Ballet

choreographed by Stephanie Coker

Mattie Ansley, Harper Blanks, Kendall Bucciero, Lulu Connelly, Bellamy Elrod, Lilly Elrod, Maya Milley, Gia Patel, Madelyn Stevens, Ava Claire Zeigler

Islanders

Dance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Imagine

Dance Starz Competition Team

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Senior Solo

Graduate: Megan Ramirez

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Raindrops

Dance Starz Company 3

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Runaway Baby Tuesday 7:30 Adult Tap

choreographed by Liz Leatherwood

Karolyn Calloway, Susan Dibble, Dale Harney, Abbie Hattauer, Amanda Johnson, Liz Leatherwood, Erica Lowman, Carol Munn, Janee Minnick, Kristen Ott, Michelle Parris, Raquel Sabogal, Amy Stephan-Babcock, Kitty Stewart, Carolyn Swain, Julie Swartz, Robin Telford, Deanna Velazguez

Intermission

Flamingos

Dance Starz Company 4

choreographed by Katrina Loncaric

Vines

Dance Starz Company 6

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Cats

Thursday 4:15 Music Theatre

choreographed by Courtney McClendon

Vivian Augustin, Avery Barrett, Adelyn Carmichael, Bellamy Elrod, Lilly Elrod, Carly Floyd, Maya Milley, Alice Oberg, Jacob Ott, Ellyot Richter, Jeremy Taylor, Dylan Wright

Zebras

Dance Starz Company 3

choreographed by Liz Leathewood

Tigers

Dance Starz Company 4

choreographed by Charlotte Mixon

Spiders

Dance Starz Companies 5 & 6

choreographed by Katie Velduis

Sunshine

Friday 3:30 Hip Hop

choreographed by Courtney McClendon

Taylor Davis, Maryrose Doiron, Hannah Fleming, Lyla Penn, Sloane Penn, Janijah Scott, Brooklyn Shryock, Parker Stanley

Monkeys

Dance Starz Company 1

choreographed by Nicole Brook

Message in a Bottle

Wednesday 5:30 Jazz

choreographed by Megan Ramirez

Jeyran Abdullayeva, Mattie Ansley, Indie Buning, Shivani Chitre, Maddie Gershon, Katherine Griffin, Ella Hillock, Shyal Lemmers, Madelyn Stevens

Waves

Dance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Fish

Dance Starz Company 6

choreographed by Katie Velduis

Bows

Kinder Recital - Saturday, April 30, 2022, 10:00 AM

Waves

Dance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Wassailing Mice

Wed 3:30 K3

choreographed by Courtney McClendon
Olivia Anderson, Cooper Breslow, Mallie Brown, Remy Frye, Lillian Groves, Scarlett Marshall, Dillan Oden,
Etta O'Hare, Ada Riley

Dance Monkeys Wed 3:30 Kinder Jazz/Hip Hop

choreographed by Stephanie Coker
Sofia Barrientos, Collier Bitler, Catherine Fowler, Ellis Hulsey, Stella McCaffrey,
Peyton Nigro, Nadine Nuttall, Ellie Rooks

Buffalo Gals Wed 3:30 K4

choreographed by Michelle Marx

Abigail Breslow, Caroline Gemmill, Madison Ford, Sara Kate Greene, Addison Keating, Ansley Mele, Reagan Nigro, Moira O'Hare, Micaela Pacheco, Scotney Wall, Eloise Willcox, Madison Williams

Butterflies

Dance Starz Company 2

choreographed by Nicole Brook

Leopards & Hunters Dance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Katie Velduis

Teddy Bear's Picnic Wed 4:30 K5

choreographed by Michelle Marx

Mackenzie Baynard, Lulu Bernazza, Victoria Coffman, Brecklyn Esmonde, Juliet Handy, Violet Handy, Evelyn Harmon, Whitney Johnson, Emily Levine Witz, Alexandra Lionbarger, Charlotte Lord, Savannah Marshall, Norah Wardell

April Showers Sat 9:15 K3

choreographed by Courtney McClendon
Elise Bruno, Audrey Huber, Kaia Khatami, Maggie Montegari, Alyse Pottlitzer, Daphne Rose, Lydia Tonn

Black Panthers Dance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Liz Leatherwood

Mermaid Party Sat 10:00 K4

choreographed by Courtney McClendon
Laney Brockman, Cristina Canavan, Grace Duncan, Emma Humboldt, Ella Jones, Parima Joshi,
Brianna Mack, Montana Mayhew, Harper Nguyen, Quinn Oden, Emerson Portier, Vivian Quinton,
Brecken Rhoton, Olivia Valencia

Parrots

Dance Starz Company 2

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Pink Panthers Sat 11:00 K5

choreographed by Courtney McClendon
Emilia Bruno, McKenzie Cassidy, Emmy Feraco, Amelia Fletcher, Bella James, Alice McConnell, Peyton Nigro,
Presley Ragan, Julia Spears

Islanders Dance Starz Company 5 choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Kinder Recital - Saturday, April 30, 2022, 12:00 PM

Leopards & Hunters Dance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Katie Velduis

Under the Sea Wed 10:45 La Own

choreographed by Stephanie Coker Nilah Bedi, Charlotte Latimer, Charlotte McLeod, Whitley O'Donnell, Chloe Telford

Rain

Dance Starz Company 3

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Waltzing Cats Fri 11:15 K3

choreographed by Stephanie Coker
Parker Abernathy, Charlotte Ball, Cali Fripp, Ella Gately, Jane Iburg, Camryn Kuglin, Reagan McArthur,
Nora Nesbitt, Ellis Prasch, Naomi Seawel, Sawyer Smith, Leonie Tetley

Black PanthersDance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Liz Leatherwood

Tropical Birds Dance Starz Company 3

choreographed by Katrina Loncaric

Knoctopus Thur 3:30 Kinder Jazz/Hip Hop

choreographed by Courtney McClendon

Madison Evans, Silo Fredenberg, Victoria Gomez, Sara Kate Greene, Blaire Johnson,
Emily Levine Witz, Cora Miller, Miller Sears, Riley Propst

Talk to the Animals Thu 3:30 K3

choreographed by Stephanie Coker
Asher Hampton, Stella Hampton, Aurora Reese, Lorelei Reese, Clara Shults

Zebras

Dance Starz Company 3

choreographed by Liz Leatherwood

Fancy Flamingos Mon 10:45 La Own

choreographed by Stephanie Coker
Lucy Brown, Henley Glastetter, Olivia Hallberg, Elsie Harris, Brooke Hearn, Macy Ann Hughes,
Nadia Mitchell, Zara Mohanty, Charlotte Ann Wilson

Islanders

Dance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Kinder Recital - Saturday, April 30, 2022, 2:30 PM

Vines

Dance Starz Company 6

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Ballerina Hippos Young Life Tue 10:15

choreographed by Michelle Marx
Emma Brown, Madeline Caplan, Avery Kercher, Anya Lotner, Murphy Conover,
Maya Mekhmoukh, Emma Paradiso, Rylee Pringle

Jellyfish

Dance Starz Company 1

choreographed by Nicole Brook

Fancy Frogs Young Life Tue 3:15

choreographed by Stephanie Coker

Alayna Akinsuyi, Taylan Ballew, Ella Charles, Rowan Farley, Alexandria Hahn, Elle Luckie, Victoria Lundy, Wynter McMahan, Sadie Reinecke, Parker Thompson, Isabel Vail

Kung Fu Pandas Young Life Tue 3:15

choreographed by Michelle Marx
Bennett Johnson, Josie McMillion, Gia Mohan, Kendra Riley, Ryann Rogers

Explorers

Dance Starz Company 6

choreographed by Liz Leatherwood

Monkeys

Dance Starz Company 1

choreographed by Nicole Brook

Baby Belugas Young Life Tue 11:00

choreographed by Michelle Marx

Sydney Littlejohn, Isla Beth McGriff, Kaley Pope, Jessa Roberts, Abigail Soliman

Jazzy Jitterbugs Young Life Tue 3:15

choreographed by Courtney McClendon
Sawyer Clonts, Evie Delancey, Braelyn DeRuiter, Kamryn Lamb, Kennedy Lamb, Lilla Pritchett,
Emma Thompson

Sleeping Lions Young Life Tue 12:30

choreographed by Michelle Marx

Sylvia Bolton, Emery Brazell, Cecilia Espinoza, Helena Flaherty, Avery Perry, Riley Perry, Adelyn Pugh, Aeris Putnam, Elani Sobecki, Tess Smith, Julianne Voltner, Julia Ward

Iguanas Dance Starz Company 1

choreographed by Liz Leatherwood

Fish
Roswell Dance Starz Company 6
choreographed by Katie Velduis

Kinder Recital - Saturday, April 30, 2022, 4:30 PM

Vines

Dance Starz Company 6

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Rainbow Butterflies Pre Company 2

choreographed by Nancy Brown/Courtney McClendon
*Special Guest Dancer: Annabel Morrison Dance Starz Company 2
Abigail Haynes, Cameron Johns, Alice Pecce, Emily Tepe, Sloan Welsh

Crocodile Rock Fri 10:15 K4/5

choreographed by Stephanie Coker

Adelaide Fillian, Gemma Heffernan, Sarah Kate Joyner, Caroline Oneal, Caroline Pierce, Libby St. Vrain, Ella Marie Terwilliger, Kathryn Walters, Catherine Wolff

Flamingos

Dance Starz Company 4

choreographed by Katrina Loncaric

Sassy Swans Mon 4:30 K5

choreographed by Stephanie Coker

Avery Bowden, Louisa Brown, Katherine Carlock, Zara Clark, Layleigh Davis, Vivienne Ellison, Gracie Hynes, Lilian Kallmyer, Clare Lehmann, Ayla Machit-Ewton, Elizabeth Morales, Annaleigh Oosthuizen

Sandstorm Dance Starz Company 6

choreographed by Katie Velduis

Rockin' Robins Mon 3:30 K4

choreographed by Stephanie Coker

Lydia Brackner, Emma Dadi, Eleanor Dobbs, Evelyn Dobbs, Elise Doulgerakis, Marigold Gerson, Caroline Hegarty, Peyton Knauss, Leah Meadows, Rylin Mitchell, Eva Reeks, Annalise Reidenbaugh, Riley Robinson, Elin Wallach, Zosia Wroblewski

Sharks

Dance Starz Company 4

choreographed by Katie Velduis

Baby Elephants Thu 11:00 K3

choreographed by Stephanie Coker

Nora Bowler, Coralee Connerat, Livia Flowe, Eleanor Foltz,
Gywneth Heffernan, Avery Mize, Eloise Swiedler

Hot Hot Hot Pre Company 2

choreographed by Nancy Brown

*Special Guest Dancer: Annabel Morrison Dance Starz Company 2 Abigail Haynes, Cameron Johns, Alice Pecce, Emily Tepe, Sloan Welsh

Fish Roswell Dance Starz Company 6 choreographed by Katie Velduis

Youth Recital - Saturday, April 30, 2022, 7:00 PM

Fish

Roswell Dance Starz Company 6

choreographed by Katie Velduis

Zebras

Dance Starz Company 3

choreographed by Liz Leatherwood

I Just Can't Wait to Be King Wednesday 4:30 Ballet/Tap

choreographed by Stephanie Coker

Kayla Cameron, Emmalyn Hillock, Maria Jose Ruiz, Lindsey Thomas, Kaitlyn Yuhas, Kincade Yuhas

Tigers

Dance Starz Company 4

choreographed by Charlotte Mixon

Black Panthers

Dance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Liz Leatherwood

Butterflies

Dance Starz Company 2

choreographed by Nicole Brook

Sandstorm

Dance Starz Company 6

choreographed by Katie Velduis

One Night Only

Dance Starz Competition Team

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Me and My Girls

Thursday 4:15 Jazz

choreographed by Charlotte Mixon

Kristian Butler, Hazel Hamerling, Mia Osuna Vidal, Eliana Perez, Sydney Ray, Maggie Wilson

Waves

Roswell Dance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Sing Sing Sing

Tuesday 4:45 Jazz for Musical Theatre

choreographed by Katrina Loncaric

Lillyan James, Audrey Martin, Isabella Sollinger

Flamingos

Dance Starz Company 4

choreographed by Katrina Loncaric

Intermission

Bailar

Dance Starz Competition Team

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Tropical Birds

Dance Starz Company 3

choreographed by Katrina Loncaric

Sharks

Dance Starz Company 4

choreographed by Katie Velduis

Dance of the Hours Monday 4:30 Ballet

choreographed by Courtney McClendon

Eleanor Buchberger, Eva Doulgerakis, Hailyn Embree, Ryan Madeline Flowe, Anna Halter, Isabella Latifi, Evelyn Simons, Anvitha Vemireddy, Brite Wallach, Marin Wallach, Riley Walsh

Vines

Dance Starz Company 6

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

Storm

Dance Starz Company 3

choreographed by Katrina Loncaric

Islanders

Dance Starz Company 5

choreographed by Katie Mulnix

We're All In This Together Tuesday 5:45 Musical Theatre

choreographed by Katrina Loncaric

Micaela Gaitan, Abigail Morlen, Jasmine Motlagh, Paloma Quijano

Snake

Wednesday 4:30 Hip Hop

choreographed by Courtney McClendon

Caroline Bauserman, Kendall Bucciero, Caroline Fowler, Abigayle Grace Knetchel, Gracelyn Kromer, Emery Jane Scott, Jeremy Taylor, Katy Wiles, Dylan Wright

Rabbits

Dance Starz Company 2

choreographed by Katrina Loncaric

Rain

Dance Starz Competition Team

choreographed by Lindsay Giedl

Bows

Roswell Dance Starz Company (RDS) 2021-22

Company 1

Elyse Barker, Andrew Hazelwood, Sawyer Kaczorowski, Felicia Lattunen, Sarah Thomas, Eva Wroblewski

Company 2

Anna Bilz, Ainsley Bryant, Katherine Clinton, Eliana Connor, Kennedy Grishaber, Cate Hughes, Gianna King, Charlize Marinello, Annabel Morrison

Company 3

Lucy Berger, Ellie Clark, Cara Daykin, Faith Green, Sureena Lalwani, Mabrie Strickland, Adler Sugg, Chelsey Zabrocki

Company 4

Rylee Blumberg, Larsen Brantley, Tinsley Davidson, Natalie Harmon, Madeline Hazelwood, Cora Jones, Sam Pais, Maria Reinhardt, Skylar Sisti, Sophia Wagner

Company 5

Spencer Burdett, Kaleigh Daykin, Charlotte Garrison, Madeleine Kuoh, Denna Salmanzadeh, Mia Shull, Becca Tyler, McLane Wallace

Company 6

Ashlyn Davidson, Autumn Haga, Campbell Griffin, Carrie Gronholm, Abbey Manus, Marissa Neary, Palmer Phillips, Megan Ramirez, Maggie Rothenberg

Competition Team

Ellie Clark, Cara Daykin, Faith Green, Lucy Berger, Tinsley Davidson, Rylee Blumberg, Larsen Brantley, Maria Reinhardt, Skylar Sisti, Sam Pais, Mabrie Strickland, Madeleine Kuoh, Spencer Burdett, Kaleigh Daykin, Mia Shull, Becca Tyler, McLane Wallace, Charlotte Garrison, Abbey Manus, Carrie Gronholm, Autumn Haga, Ashlyn Davidson, Campbell Griffin, Palmer Phillips

A Final Note...

A special "Thank You" to the Performing Arts Instructors who devote their time and energy to share the dance experience with our children. We are proud to have such a talented and caring staff. Also, a thank you to the Roswell Recreation, Parks, Historic & Cultural Affairs Department Staff who make this special occasion possible every year and whose support we couldn't do without.

Congratulations to all of our performers who have worked hard all year for this moment. You are wonderful! We hope to see you over the summer and in the fall! Thank you parents and volunteers for your continuing support of our program. You are truly appreciated!

Sincerely,

Nicole Brook & Nancy Brown

Performing Arts Staff

Performing Arts Coordinator Nicole Brook
Performing Arts Supervisor Nancy Brown
Dance Starz Artistic Director: Katie Mulnix

Dance Instructors: Nicole Brook, Nancy Brown, Stephanie Coker, Liz Leatherwood,

Katrina Loncaric, Michelle Marx, Courtney McClendon, Charlotte

Mixon, Katie Mulnix, Megan Ramirez, Katie Velduis, Cat O'Neill

Acting Instructors: Leslie Kelley, Courtney McClendon

Music Instructors: Jane Hendrix, Bill Walker
Roswell Youth Theatre: Show Director: Leslie Kelley

Assistant Directors: Jane Hendrix, Courtney McClendon

Choreographer: Courtney McClendon

Music Director: Jane Hendrix

Administrative Assistant Katrina Loncaric Intern & Assistant Campbell Griffin

Dance Assistants Campbell Griffin, Abbey Manus, Cat O'Neill, Megan Ramirez

Credits

Stage Managers Katrina Loncaric, Liz Leatherwood

Lighting & Sound Rubicon Studios
Photography AMN Photography

Video Pointe DVD

Recital Volunteers Dance Starz Booster Club

Program Cover Katrina Loncaric

City of Roswell Performing Arts Instructors

Nicole Brook

Performing Arts Coordinator

Nicole Brook has more than 30 years of experience in dance, including training, performing, choreographing, and teaching. For six years she performed throughout Central Florida with the ballet/modern company East Coast Dance Theatre, under the direction of Erika Rappa. Some of the performances in her repertoire include: The Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty, Carousel, Serenade, Hansel & Gretel and Goldfinger. While earning her BA at the University of Central Florida, Nicole danced for Disney and was an assistant choreographer for a special event performance of the musical "Evita" at Disney MGM Studios. She taught locally for Woodstock School of Ballet and Academy of Dance in Canton prior to coming to Roswell Performing Arts. She has been a Performing Arts Supervisor for the City of Roswell for 15 years and promoted this year to Coordinator. She founded Dance Starz in 2009 and has shepherded the program's spectacular growth.

Nancy Whitehead Brown

Performing Arts Supervisor

Nancy graduated with High Honors from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in Dance and Theatre and has more than 35 years of professional training, performing, choreographing and teaching. She has performed with regional theatres, cruise ships, Six Flags Over Ga, Disney, music videos, industrials, and commercials and has sung jingles for TV commercials. She has taught dance to all ages, all styles and all levels for many years and has choreographed professionally for studios and theatres and been a guest teaching artist and judge at dance conventions/competitions. Her favorite roles include Lola (Damn Yankees), Ziegfeld's Favorite (Will Rogers Follies), Maggie (A Chorus Line), Stephanie Necrophoros (Nine) and Wicked Stepmother (Into the Woods). Nancy's passion is helping the youth of today reach for the stars and become one! Nancy currently teaches classes including the Pre-Company and choreographs for Roswell Youth Theatre.

Katie Mulnix

Dance Starz Assistant Director

Katie Mulnix grew up in Rochester, NY where she trained with the Draper Center for Dance Education, Botsford School of Dance, and the Rochester City Ballet. She moved to the Atlanta area after graduating Magna Cum Laude from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Ballet Performance/Choreography and Economics, and a minor in Business. With the USC Dance Company she had the opportunity to perform many works by George Balanchine and has worked with Helen Pickett, Alan Hineline, and Thaddeus Davis. With the Georgia Ballet she has performed in The Nutcracker, Carmen Suite, Sleepy Hollow, Coppelia, Sleeping Beauty, Les Sylphides, Peter Pan, Serenade, Firebird, and Swan Lake to name a few! Katie just retired from dancing professionally with Georgia Ballet after 10 years.

Stephanie Coker

Stephanie Coker is starting her 25th year teaching at Roswell Parks & Recreation. She began her dance training at age 5 and studied dance for thirteen years. During that time, she studied the Cecchetti Method of ballet training, passing exams in grades 1-5. She spent 7 years dancing with the Flint Ballet Theater in Michigan. After college, Stephanie passed the Cecchetti teaching exams for both grades 1 and 2. Stephanie was the owner and director for Dance Unlimited in Roswell for six years. In 1997, she began teaching with Roswell Parks & Recreation, where she has taught ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, as well as kinder classes. During this time, Stephanie has also choreographed for many local school and church musicals. Stephanie has three grown children and four grandchildren of her own. She enjoys sharing her love of dance and watching children develop a passion for the Arts.

Liz Leatherwood

Liz attended Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts at Pebblebrook High School as a Dance Major and the University of West Georgia. She has trained with Ann Avery of Atlanta Ballet, Peter Paulos of Augusta Ballet, the late great Tommy Sutton, Broadway's Michael Blevins, Marcus Alfred and Annie Day. Throughout her career she has performed in various dance concerts and still performs at Roswell Performing Arts with the Adult Tap Class that she has taught for 6 years. Her favorite part of working in the Performing Arts is when her students take all the hours of hard work and put it all together into an amazing performance.

Katrina Loncaric

Katrina's career has allowed her to share her talents around the world. She performed in the Broadway production of Mel Brooks' *The Producers*, where she danced in the ensemble and also performed as the Understudy to the female lead, Ulla. She shared the stage with Tony Danza and David Hasselhoff in the Las Vegas production of The Producers and was a featured singer and showgirl in the long-running Las Vegas spectacular, Don Arden's Jublilee! Katrina holds a B.A. in Communication Studies from The Catholic University of America, and has studied and performed improvisation and sketch comedy with The Upright Citizen's Brigade Theatre, Second City, and The Groundlings. Katrina and her family have settled in Roswell and is thrilled to pass her experience on to the future stars of tomorrow.

Michelle Marx

Michelle Wilt Marx is from Ypsilanti Michigan, near Ann Arbor. She started dancing Ballet at the age of six. She attended summer dance seminars at Michigan State University where she continued her training in the Cecchetti dance method. She has performed ballet at the Interlochen Arts Academy, 1850's ballroom dance at the University of Michigan, modern dance at Eastern Michigan University and many parts of the Nutcracker Ballet with the Ypsilanti Area Dancers. Michelle has a B.S. degree in dance from Eastern Michigan University. Michelle loves working with children and has been a teacher with Roswell Parks and Rec. for over 10 years. She also teaches preschool children at East Roswell Park in their Creative Play program. Michelle has been a crossing guard for Esther Jackson Elementary for 14 years and a Girl Scout leader for 15 years. When Michelle is not teaching, she loves to sing as a soloist at her church. She enjoys sewing, making jewelry and remodeling her home. She is a mother of three children.

Courtney McClendon

Courtney is a professional dancer and dance teacher based in Atlanta, Georgia. She has a Bachelor of the Fine Arts in Dance from Radford University where she studied with Inessa Plekhanova, Ji-Eun Lee, and Danah Bella. She is currently a company member at Full Radius Dance where she performs in international festivals, local dance festivals, corporate events, school educational shows, and formal dance concerts. Courtney has also performed with Kyle Abraham, Stuart Pimsler Dance and Theatre, and Mountain Movers Modern Dance Company. While performing Courtney has always maintained her love of teaching, over the last nine years she has taught at several studios, been a guest artist at summer intensives, and teaches private lessons.

Charlotte Mixon

Charlotte Mixon was a former member of Dance Starz for seven years, and graduated in 2021. She was also a part of Dance Starz's competition team and Blessed Trinity's dance company and team. While in high school, she received two scholarships for excellence in Fine Arts and ranked in the top quarter of her class. She began assisting dance classes in 2020, and is now a full instructor with Roswell Performing Arts. She currently attends Kennesaw State University with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in Dance.

Megan Ramirez

Megan started with our dance program in Kindergarten, and now she is a graduating senior! Megan is part the Roswell Performing Art's performing company, Roswell Dance Starz. In addition, Megan teaches jazz and assists with our kinder dance classes and summer programs. She will be attending Georgia Southern University next year with a major in nursing.

Katie Velduis

Katie Veldhuis is a Georgia native with a B.A. in Dance from Kennesaw State University where she danced with the KSU Dance Company. She began dancing at the age of 3. As a company member of Atlanta Dance Theatre for 8 years she performed in Sleeping Beauty, Coppelia, Alice in Wonderland, and Hansel & Gretel; her favorite role was Odile in Swan Lake. She attended SERBA where she performed in the Gala category for 5 consecutive years and was awarded a scholarship to the Louisville Summer Intensive. She also attended summer intensives with Festival Ballet, Metropolitan Ballet, and Ballet Austin. Katie has performed on many stages across the country, including performing at the Kennedy Center twice with Gala honors and working with Lauri Stallings at Symphony Hall in Atlanta. She went on to cheer as an Atlanta Falcons Cheerleader in the NFL.