



Tricia Lea

Tricia has been a teacher and student of dance for over 15 years. In the early years of her dancing career, Tricia became a regionally recognized teacher, choreographer and performer of Lindy Hop and solo Charleston dancing. On several occasions, Tricia partnered with the famous lindy hopper Frankie Manning for lindy hop demonstrations and weekend workshops. She is equally recognized as a local talent in the West Coast Swing dance world, where her movement speaks volumes about her abilities in lead/follow connection, musicality, and graceful movement. Her strengths as teacher and dancer also extend into Argentine tango, where she and her husband David have been studying and dancing tango together for over ten years.

One of Tricia's most unique characteristics as a dance instructor is her extensive teaching experience with teenagers at the Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter Public School (PVPA) in South Hadley, Massachusetts. For over 12 years, Tricia grew a community of dance where students learned social dance skills, performed for their peers and local school communities. Our very own Veronika Kruta started dancing in Tricia's program. Her classes were frequently visited by area dance instructors, arts in education specialists, and were featured in newspapers and local television stations. Her students, both past and present, give their highest compliments to her teaching abilities, especially her attention to detail and to the fundamentals of movement found in all partner dancing.