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## Two New Dance Instructors at Darien Arts Center

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The Darien Arts Center has announced the addition of two new instructors to their dance faculty.

Victoria Ulmer and Jana Powers will join the popular DAC dance program which offers students from the age of 3 through adults, the opportunity to train in one of the finest dance spaces in Fairfield County and to participate in multiple performances throughout the year.

**Victoria Ulmer** joins the DAC staff from Steps Performing Arts Center and has over 35 years of experience teaching dance.

She has trained with Madame Darvash, Chet Walker, Chuck Kelly, Broadway Dance Center, Alvin Ailey, Steps on Broadway and Peridance. She is trained in Jazz, Ballet, Tap, Hip-Hop and Swing.

Ulmer is teaching Kindergarten Hip-Hop from 4 to 4:45 p.m. and Ballet for Grades 1 to 2 from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, as well as Hip Hop 1 for Grades 1 to 2 from 4 to 4:45pm and Hip Hop 2 for Grades 3 to 5

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from 4:45 to 5:45pm on Fridays at the DAC.

**Jana Powers**, an alumni of the DAC dance program, is a singer, dancer and actor. She graduated from the American Musical and Dramatic Academy Integrated (Music Theatre) Conservatory and was raised in Connecticut, where she found her passion for dance at the Darien Arts Center.

She has choreographed musicals at the DAC, including *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* and *Baby*. Powers assisted in choreographing the Bridgeport Downtown Cabaret's production of *Chess* and also performed as a featured ensemble member.

Powers is teaching Tap 2 for grades 2 through 5 at the DAC on Mondays from 4:45 to 5:45pm and a new class, Teen Tap for grades 6-12 on Mondays, from 3 to 3:45pm. DAC dance classes begin on September 3.

It is strongly suggested not to wait to register as classes fill quickly.

View all offerings, sign up for email newsletters and register at [darienarts.org](http://darienarts.org) or call (203) 655-8683.

Email Dance Director Bonnie Gombos at [bonnie@darienarts.org](mailto:bonnie@darienarts.org) for questions pertaining to dance classes. The DAC is located at 2 Renshaw Road in Darien, behind the Town Hall.