

Jessica Cooper



Jessica began her dance training at 3 under Daryl Balough and Pat Sims. She has studied under many instructors, both local and world renowned. Over the course of her training Jessica has attended several intensive programs including Ballet West, Ballet Magnificat! and Dance Excellence. She has appeared as a lead in many local productions including FAME!, The Little Match Girl, Dancing Princesses, and the Christmas Angel. Jessica began assistant teaching and choreographing for Dance Theatre Fairbanks (DTF) at 14. She now directs the Junior Division and Junior Company for DTF and occasionally choreographs for the Senior and Apprentice Companies. As an instructor, choreographer and performer, Jessica has been involved with Gazebo Nights and the Midnight Sun Festival and is proud to bring the art of dance to new and exciting venues throughout the community. Together, with fellow teachers and DTF dance alumni, Jessica performs at various functions with a group she helped form called the Safety Dancers. Recently Jessica traveled to New York to study under Raymond Leukens and Franco DeVita to become the only American Ballet Theatre certified teacher in the State of Alaska (Primary through Level 7 and Partnering).