

Dear HCA Community,

I am thrilled to be joining the Hopkinton Center for the Arts as its new Director of Dance this fall. I am grateful for this chance to serve the HCA community and proud to be able to provide expanded educational and performance opportunities to students of all ages, levels, and interests. I'm also super psyched to be back in Hopkinton!

A mere thirty-some-odd-years ago, I was training just a few blocks down the road from the HCA at Jacqueline Cronsberg's Ballet Workshop New England (BWNE). I regularly performed at Poly Arts and in concerts at Hopkinton High School. After college, I returned to teach at BWNE and eventually became the Associate Director of the school in addition to holding the position of Artistic Associate with Mrs. Cronsberg's performing company, the Massachusetts Youth Ballet. Mrs. Cronsberg now lives in California. When I called to share my news of joining the HCA she said, "isn't it funny how things come full circle."

BWNE produced many professional dancers. Upon Mrs. Cronsberg's retirement, I founded my own school, with her blessing, where I too have been delighted to see my students go onto exceptional training programs and professional careers both in dance and in other fields like broadcasting, nursing, non-profit management, and science. I am a teacher dedicated to serving all students. Whether the student's objective is to obtain pre-professional training, take dance classes to supplement another focus, or just enjoy the art of dance recreationally, I am truly looking forward to working with each and every one.

In addition to training, I am looking forward to bringing new performing opportunities to the HCA, including Nutcracker productions, Spring Concerts, and performances of classical repertory.

Over a year ago, my school, MetroWest Ballet, located in Hudson, announced its intention to seek out collaborative efforts. I feel lucky to have connected with the HCA. Considering the dedication of the administrative team along with the amazing possibilities for students through interdisciplinary training and collaborations - well, I think we are showing some serious potential!

The HCA will host a Meet and Greet on July 25 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. It will allow us a chance to meet, and furthermore, it will allow me a chance to listen to the individual goals of new students. I hope you will be able to stop in. If that date doesn't work, please feel free to contact me directly at jessica@hopartscenter.org. I look forward to meeting you all.

Let's dance and have some fun!

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