



# Denele Sweet

In 1996, Denele Sweet began teaching dance in a small garage in Seaside. Her classes grew rapidly and Encore Dance Studio was established. Denele began her dancing career at the tiny age of 2½. She grew up training with Portland's best, Lynn Johnson-Wiltshire, Sally Mack, Vicki Mills, and Debbie Pierce. Denele was professionally educated and trained in Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Hawaiian, Gymnastics, and Ballroom Dancing.

Competing and traveling is a large part of Denele's dance life growing up. Denele began competitive ballroom dancing from the age of 8 taking her to all over the Northwest and Canada. Her ballet training and desire to be on stage landed a role with Ballet West and their presentation of the Nutcracker performed at the Keller Auditorium.

Judging Dance competitions is another aspect Denele's professional dance career that she has enjoyed for several years traveling from Portland and Canada. Tap dancing has always been her love and led her to being a member of the Northwest Tap Consort. Constantly moving her feet and practically living at the dance studio rolled into a lifelong love of dance that will never go away.

Denele enjoyed being the Head Coach of the award winning Seaside Sapphire's dance team 2012-2013 and founded the cheerleading program at Seaside High School in 2009 and volunteer coached until 2013. Denele produced the Miss Clatsop County Program and was the Contestant Choreographer for the Miss Oregon programs from 1996 to 2007. In 1992 she was crowned Miss Umatilla County. Denele's past choreography credits include "The Wiz", "Grease", "Anything Goes" to name a few.

"It is with gratitude, everyday, that I get to do what I love and share a talent that makes me and so many others smile. I look forward to dancing with the students and teachers at Encore for many more years to come." Thank you!