

Linda Hildebrand

An accomplished Broadway dancer and teacher, Linda Bowen-Hildebrand's foray into dance began with a strong ballet foundation from the Montgomery Ballet School in Maryland, studying under such greats as Eugene Loring and El Gabriel. She became a company member at 12 and president at 16. She went on to graduate Cum Laude from Towson State University with a Bachelor of fine arts degree (in dance performance and choreography) where she gained a fervent work ethic and passion for artistic excellence.

Prior to Linda's Broadway career she had the rare honor to work with Chet Walker and the infamous Gwen Verdon in "The Fosse Project." Working closely with Ms. Verdon the show developed her love of the distinct "Fosse" style. In 1997 Linda's Broadway career began in New York City when she secured the role of Annie in the Tony award winning musical revival "Chicago." She went on to play the lead role of Roxie Hart in the production and performed with Bebe Nueworth, Brett Barrett, Alan Thicke, Jasmine Guy and Joel Grey during her two year run with the show. During this time Linda also found the time to perform, nurture and teach other young dancers to use their talents to foster artistic growth with "Project Dance," a Broadway dance company that seeks to impact culture positively through the arts as well as aid new professional dancers in achieving their performance goals. During her run in "Chicago" Linda was selected to represent the cast in several promotional appearances including an "Instyle" Magazine shoot featuring Alec Baldwin, and performances on TV shows including the Fox talk show "Vibe" hosted by Sinbad. Next, Linda procured the lead in the Tony award-winning Broadway production, "Fosse" and was thrilled to work with the celebrated Anne Reinking on original Bob Fosse choreography, further developing her expertise in the style. She not only starred in the show for two years, but once again represented "Fosse" via various interviews and performances across media platforms.



Linda's work with Hildebrand Chiropractic in the early 2000s served to further increase her awareness of the importance of health and athleticism, including nutrition and proper spinal alignment. She built industry relationships with physical therapists, naturopathic doctors, acupuncturists, and orthopedic surgeons promoting natural lifestyles. She continues to bring her accumulated health knowledge to all of her classes, helping to create well rounded instruction.

Her teaching career continued with a move to State College, Pennsylvania where she has served for since 2011 as a ballet and jazz instructor at the prestigious Performing Arts School of Central Pennsylvania, teaching students not only how to properly execute steps, but how to perform with passion. In addition to teaching across multiple levels at the school, Linda has served as choreographer for its spring and fall productions. Since 2012 Linda has also taught ballet, lyrical and jazz to students of all ages and levels through "Lifted Hands," an organization that provides affordable dance lessons to the community while cultivating body awareness and a love of dance.

In 2013 Linda continued her dance education attending the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet Teacher's Workshop under the tutelage of classical ballet's consummate instructor, Marcia Dale Weary where she not only studied Ms. Weary's proven techniques, but exchanged teaching methodologies with teachers from around the globe.

Lastly, while Linda is a gifted and highly experienced dancer, singer and actor, her love of performing and teaching has led her to encourage students in their own gifts and abilities to affect positive change in their lives through dance. She has inspired many with her dedication to her craft and her greatest hope is that her students will develop a deep-seated love for dance and their abilities to entertain and foster change for good through dance. Her passion for excellence is always apparent and her dedication to creating the best possible environment for her students to grow in a safe caring environment is her most important aspiration.