

NOTEWORTHY STUDIOS

Juliana's Academy of Dance

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Year founded: 1979

Founder/Director: Juliana Pirpinelli

Founder/Director's background: Pirpinelli has been teaching for more than 25 years, specializing in tap, jazz and lyrical. Her credits include judging national dance competitions, serving as president of Dance Masters of Michigan, receiving awards for choreography and teaching, and participating in the Detroit Thanksgiving Day Parade.

Enrollment: 700

Number of teachers: 13

Years competing: 25

Nationals per year: 1

Nationals 2007 highlights: Dance Masters of America: Soloists

Regionals 2006-2007 highlights: Dance Masters of Michigan: Miss Petite Dance of Michigan, Miss Junior Dance of Michigan; Tremaine: High Score Senior; On Stage: Entertainment Award, Critic's Choice Mini, Critic's Choice Juniors, Critic's Choice Seniors; Showbiz: High Point Winners

Noteworthy alumni: Multiple former students have become Rockettes; \$100,000 winner on *Star Search*; Alan Sherfield: owner of West Coast Dance Explosion; Sutton Foster: Tony Award-winning actress on Broadway

