Artistic ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Tom Alexander

CNADM’s Artistic Achievement Award goes to Tom Alexander— an individual perpetually striving for excellence in his craft—and willing to share his knowledge with others.

From performing with Debbie Reynolds to Marie Osmond ... from choreographing for Crystal Cruises ... and now as guest of honor at CNADM’s 105th Annual Awards Banquet!

A native of North Carolina, Tom began dancing at age 13 with Master Teacher Ray Hollingsworth. Tom won top place for a solo at a Showstoppers event at age 17 in 1979, at his first competition. During the next couple of years, Hollingsworth occasionally called on him to judge or teach a competition workshop class. Over the next two decades, Alexander judged sporadically as he pursued a performing career.

And, what a career! During his performing career, Tom has worked with stars such as Debbie Reynolds, June Allyson, Dolly Parton, Rita Moreno, Marie Osmond, Ella Fitzgerald and Bob Hope. Tom’s beginnings on the professional stage were with Carowinds, Busch Gardens and Tokyo Disneyland theme parks. Tom also taught in Japan for Shojiku Kageki Dan and Osaka Kageki Dan dance companies, and performed, co-choreographed and trained dancers for Crystal Cruises.

His most recent work for Crystal Cruises was co-choreographing their newest million dollar musical entitled “Standing Room Only.” He has taught dance at Buffa’s Dance Studio Ltd. in northern VA since 1984.

In 1996, judging competitions became an almost full-time job. Today, he judges for DanceMakers, as well as for clubs and organizations such as CNADM and Southern

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Dear Members,

I am grateful that I have a job I truly love and I know that so many of you feel the same way! As dancer educators and studio owners, we wear many hats throughout a day, let alone an entire year! Off the top of my head… the two things that I would gladly eliminate from my job is scheduling and ordering costumes and I am sure that many of you would agree! FAST FORWARD to CNADM's summer workshop… it is where I know I can rejuvenate, starting with networking, getting ideas and support from others who really can “feel my pain”, expand and improve my business knowledge for promotional ideas and daily operations of the studio AND continue to gain education in the world of dance.

CNADM’s journey over the past 105 years has continued to link education and business together and this summer will be no exception.

Beginning this summer on the first day of these workshops, those registered for Training School & Convention will be treated to morning refreshments at our new welcome session, “Grab & Go.” See old friends and meet new ones! CNADM Committee Chairs will be on hand to answer any questions or feel free to use this time to enjoy your coffee and review the schedule as you map out your day.

As Linda McDonald concludes her term as principal, a HUGE thank you is sent her way for the wonderful and diverse faculty she has provided to us over the past five years. From hiring the faculty to making all the pieces fit together and scheduling everything that take places over the eight-day workshop is no easy task! Thank you Linda!

On behalf of the CNADM board of directors, we wish all of you a wonderful recital season and hope you are able to be part of the 2017 summer workshop; July 17-24 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Oakbrook, IL.

Sincerely,

Julie Bodle, MDE
CNADM President
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SUMMER DANCE
July 17 - 24, 2017 | DoubleTree Oak Brook, Chicago
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Association of Dance Masters. Tom was also commissioned in the summer of 2014 by CNADM for a jazz piece that would open their banquet show honoring legendary Ann Reinking.

A favorite at CNADM workshops, Tom is a frequent instructor of jazz, tap and lyrical. Tom takes pride in knowing that he is not just teaching dance steps, but giving valuable life lessons to all of his students.

“It see the little ones looking up to the older ones, and to the judges and teachers at the workshops, with stars in their eyes. That’s what’s kept me in there,” he says. “I know at some point over the weekend I’m going to be able to say something to those children that will help them in some way.” (quote originally printed in Dance Studio Life, September 2016.)

Honoring the Best at the Annual Awards Banquet

CNADM’s 105th Annual Awards Banquet will be held Thursday, July 20 at 7:30 pm in the Grand Ballroom at the Doubletree Oak Brook. Besides being a fun opportunity to relax and enjoy the evening with your fellow CNADM members, we will be presenting our Annual Awards. Members who are not attending the Summer Workshops but would like to attend the banquet are welcome! The cost is only $75 per person. Simply complete and return the Special Events registration form which can be found on our website at cnadm.com.

Don’t miss these special events!
July 20 - Annual Awards Banquet
July 21 - Ballet Gala
July 23 - Student Competition/Student Honors Awards
July 24 - Wrap-up Rally

Workshops Venue

The Summer Workshops will be at the DoubleTree Hotel in Oak Brook. This location is convenient to Chicago O’Hare International Airport, Midway Airport, downtown Chicago, and the business districts of Oak Brook, Oakbrook Terrace, Lombard, Burr Ridge, Westchester, Lisle and Naperville. And, there is easy access to Interstates 88, 290 and 294. Across the street from the Doubletree is Oakbrook Center Mall, the largest open-air premier shopping center in the country.

CNADM has negotiated a block of rooms for special prices:
Double/Double: $125.00     King: $125.00

Call the DoubleTree Chicago – Oak Brook at 866-812-3959 or 800-222-8733 (you must mention CNADM) or visit cnadm.com; Hotel Reservations; then click on “Make Your Reservations Today.”

These rates will only be honored through June 16, 2017, or until the block is filled—so call the hotel today! The hotel will charge one night’s room & tax upon making your reservation. Cancellations must be 21 days in advance to receive a full refund of deposit.

Doubletree Hotel Chicago Oakbrook
1909 Spring Rd., Oak Brook, Illinois, USA, 60523
CNADM’s Outstanding Member of the Year Award

In 2016, CNADM honored the seventh recipient of the outstanding Member of the Year Award, Robin Irey, MDE. The award recognizes a member who has gone above and beyond in promoting and supporting CNADM as well as supporting the art of dance within their community at large.

The nomination forms have been sent to all the members—call CNADM’s headquarters at 815-397-6282 if you didn’t receive one.

Honoring our 50- and 25-year members

50-Year Members
Pat Carlson, Pat Carlson Dance Studio, Omaha, NE
Caroline Jones, Jasper, IN
Lynnette VanDien, MDE Lynnette’s School of Dance, Park Ridge, IL

25-Year Members
Sheila Bailey, CDE Westside Studio of Performing Arts, St. George, UT
Jody Phillips, Jody Phillip’s Dance Company, Leawood, KS
Christie Lynn Stark, Dancer’s Gallery, Cooper City, FL

Networking
Open to all, it’s a chance to get to know fellow workshop attendees, make new friends and be open to new opportunities.

• Training School Session Tues., July 18, 12:15 - 1:30 p
Studio Special Events will cover topics such as summer camps, intensives, and programs, Bring-A-Friend and information on any special events held at a studio. The panel of speakers will be Suzanne Swanson Wagner, Terri Sinani and Debbie Werbrouck.

• Convention Session Fri., July 21, 12:15 - 1:30 p
The Convention Session will cover ways to increase Student Retention at your studio. The panel of speakers will be Debbie Werbrouck, Deb Collier and Debbie Felton.

Business Classes

The Art of Delegation | Bump Up the Profits
Thurs., July 20, 3:30 - 4:45 p | Fri., July 21: 3:30 - 4:45 p

Darryl Retter, owner of MusicWorks and Retter’s Academy of Dance in Los Angeles for the past 25 years, has seen the cycles that every business goes through. Understanding “Business for the Artistic Type” is filled with many challenges, Darryl uses his years of experience to guide you through those challenges. Each business class is designed to take on a specific topic — with tips for general business practices interwoven.

Limited Space! Register Right Away!
Students Honored at Fall Workshops

The CNADM Student Honors Program honored students with the presentation of a special lapel pin for each level and discipline in which they successfully tested. Congratulations to the students listed below and to their teachers who encourage participation in this important program!

Student Honors Emeritus plaques were presented to Elle McGary and Britni Fletcher for successful completion of all disciplines of all 5 levels of the Student Honors program.

### Amy’s School of Dance
*Amy Murphy, Ann Houlette*

- **RED LEVEL**
  - Tessa Frederick: Ballet, Tap, Jazz
  - Alicia Winterboer: Ballet, Tap, Jazz

- **BLUE LEVEL**
  - Gabrielle Cole: Ballet, Tap, Jazz
  - Tessa Frederick: Ballet, Tap, Jazz
  - Jessica Norris: Ballet, Tap, Jazz

### Debbie Felton’s Academy of Dance
*Debbie Felton, MDE; Jennifer Porter*

- **BLUE LEVEL**
  - Gabriella Thomas: Ballet, Tap, Jazz

### Debra Collier’s School of Dance
*Debra Collier, MDE; Amy Clay, MDE; Kristina Collier, MDE; Nicole Eby; Alexis Laureano; Sarah Mills, Tammy Seibold, MDE*

- **RED LEVEL**
  - Olivia Renier: Ballet
  - Hannah Sizemore: Ballet, Tap, Jazz

### Footworks Dance Company
*Kim Mader*

- **BLUE LEVEL**
  - Hayley Shepherd: Ballet, Tap, Jazz
  - Zoe May: Ballet, Tap, Jazz

### La Dance Academie
*Lori Bowen MDE; Anne Hiller CDE; Taylor Hiller*

- **WHITE LEVEL**
  - Elle McGary: Ballet, Tap, Jazz

- **GREEN LEVEL**
  - Elle McGary: Ballet, Tap, Jazz

- **YELLOW LEVEL**
  - Elle McGary: Ballet, Tap, Jazz

### Rlapd Studio of Dance
*Jessica Desens, Maddilyn Desens, Kristen Engert, Cassandra Lecinski*

- **BLUE LEVEL**
  - Victoria Whaples: Ballet, Tap, Jazz

### Yvonne Groves School of Dance
*Yvonne Groves MDE*

- **RED LEVEL**
  - Isabella Knight: Ballet, Tap, Jazz
  - Ashelyn Leiby: Ballet, Tap, Jazz
  - Katelyn Mays: Ballet, Tap, Jazz
  - Ellie Paynter: Ballet, Tap, Jazz
  - Madeline Peterson: Ballet, Tap, Jazz
  - Sydney Ruiz: Ballet, Tap, Jazz

Students, educators and parents that share a passion for dance experienced CNADM’s College and Career Fair held in conjunction with the CNADM Fall Workshops.

Over 20 professional programs, colleges and universities participated in the college and career expo. Students participated in panel discussions as well as audition workshops. CNADM partnered with Get Acceptd to provide scholarships to students through participating colleges and universities.

**Mark your calendars for the next CNADM College Fair, Saturday, November 4, 2017.**
FALL 2016 WORKSHOPS WRAP-UP

CNADM Student Competition Finals
Thanks to all who participated in the Student Competition and congratulations to all the winners!

OVERALL WINNERS

Mini Division
Dance Xtreme “Witch Doctor”

Junior Division
Audrey Henk Next Step Dance Studio “Coppelia”
Isabella Gustitus Next Step Dance Studio “Tight Rope”

Intermediate Division
Ava Lemke Next Step Dance Studio “Will You Still Love Me”
Sofia Celio Susan’s School of Dance “Gone”

Senior Division
Mohler Dance Academy “Lament”
Annaliese Browne Next Step Dance Studio “Becoming”

Mini Division
MINI DUO/TRIO
Jazz
Gold: “Witch Doctor”
Dance Xtreme

MINI GROUP
Lyrical
Gold: “Riptide”
Starlights Dance Company

Junior Division
JUNIOR SOLO
Ballet
Platinum: “Coppelia”
Audrey Henk
Next Step Dance Studio

Jazz
Platinum: “Tight Rope”
Isabella Gustitus
Next Step Dance Studio

Gold: “I’m The Greatest Star”
Khloe Morlock
Dance Xtreme

Lyrical
Gold: “Can’t Help”
Camryn Andrews
Dreams Gymnastics & Dance

Gold: “Not Afraid To Be Me”
Chloe Gotstein
Next Step Dance Studio

Tap
Gold: “Meet Me At The Roxy”
Alexis Kaplan
Cary-Grove Performing Arts Centre

Junior First Place:
Audrey Henk, Next Step Dance Studio

Intermediate Division
INTERMEDIATE SOLO
Jazz
Gold: “Little Bird”
Tori Benshoof
Starlights Dance Company

Lyrical
Platinum: “Will You Still Love Me”
Ava Lemke
Next Step Dance Studio

Platinum: “Gone”
Sofia Celio
Susan’s School of Dance

Gold: “Mama”
Gia Capitano
Cary-Grove Performing Arts Centre

Intermediate Division:
Ava Lemke, Next Step Dance Studio

Senior Division:
Mohler Dance Academy

Student Competition First Place Overall Winners

Mini Division Overall: Dance Xtreme

Junior First Place:
Audrey Henk, Next Step Dance Studio

Intermediate Division:
Ava Lemke, Next Step Dance Studio

Intermediate Duo/Trio
Lyrical
Gold: “Monsters”
Elation Dance

Open
Gold: “Afterlife”
Applause Dance Academy
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**Competition Finals**  
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**Tap**  
Gold: “Booty Swing”  
Cary-Grove Performing Arts Centre

**Ballet**  
Gold: “Peace & Love Medley”  
Elation Dance

**Jazz**  
Platinum: “Cruella De Vil”  
Dance Time Dance Studio

**Lyrical**  
Platinum: “Nightmare”  
Marilyn School of Dance

**Intermediate Group**  
Gold: “Ghost”  
Elation Dance

**Open**  
Gold: “Selena Transforms”  
Dreams Gymnastics & Dance

**Tap**  
Platinum: “Danger Zone”  
Marilyn School of Dance

**Senior Division**  
**Solo**  
Platinum: “Kitri Variation”  
Rachel Tobler

**Jazz**  
Gold: “Black Car”  
Elleri Schaefer

**Lyrical**  
Platinum: “Becoming”  
Annaliese Browne

**Seniors**  
**Solo**  
Platinum: “I Have Nothing”  
Caroline Przywara

**Duo/Trio**  
Platinum: “You Don’t Own Me”  
Marilyn School of Dance

**Open**  
Platinum: “Me Too”  
Elation Dance

**Lyrical**  
Platinum: “Bom Bom Bom”  
Academy of Dance Arts

**SENIOR DUO/TRIO**  
Jazz  
Gold: “If My Friends Could See Me Now”  
Dance Xtreme

**Lyrical**  
Platinum: “Lament”  
Mohler Dance Academy

**SENIOR GROUP**  
**Hip Hop**  
Gold: “Me Too”  
Elation Dance

**Jazz**  
Gold: “You Got The Look”  
Elation Dance

**Lyrical**  
Platinum: “Break The Silence”  
Mohler Dance Academy

**SENIOR DUO/TRIO**  
**Hip Hop**  
Gold: “Me Too”  
Elation Dance

**Jazz**  
Gold: “You Got The Look”  
Elation Dance

**Lyrical**  
Platinum: “Rise”  
Applause Dance Academy

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**Member NEWS**

Lillian Rosaria  
*(Cozzubbo)*  
**Coulson** passed away November 30, 2016 at the age of 92 and was a CNADM member for 52 years. Lillian was born in Calgary, Canada to Marino and Emily Cozzubbo. She took dance and music lessons from an early age. Excelling in both, she opened “The Lillian Cozzubbo School of Dance”.

Lillian met many notable people including: Martin Luther King Jr., Colonel Sanders, Frank Sisson, Wilf Carter and best of all, Frank Coulson. Frank says that when he showed up, Wilf quit visiting Lillian. Lillian and Frank were married on August 5, 1950 and continued sharing her passion for music and dance by teaching in the community. She is survived by her loving husband, Frank.

Janice J.  
*(Derby)*  
**Palmer** passed away August 21, 2016 at the age of 71 and was a CNADM member for 26 years. She met Thomas D. Palmer and they married on Oct. 9, 1964, making their home together in Kirkland, WA. In 1990, they started “Dance Time” Dance Studio in Kirkland, WA. In 2015, Jan was honored with a “25 year Tribute Video” with submissions from students throughout her career. She is survived by her husband, Tom Palmer, East Wenatchee; son, Frank Palmer, East Wenatchee; daughter, Danielle Chan, Bellevue, Wash. and four grandchildren.

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CNADM has made such a big difference in opening so many doors for me as a young teacher. There are 12 schools in my area, and many are not offering basic ballet — plus, not many teachers belong to teacher organizations. The gift of dance along with its sidekick, music, is so important in a child’s life.

Dancingly,  
Diane Remy
Have a question about a CNADM committee or activity?

You can always contact the office at 815-397-6282 OR you can talk to the Committee Chair. The 2017 Committee Chairs are:

- Command Performance: Deb Collier, MDE
  Debbie Werbrouck, MDE
- Education: Dorene Wackerfuss, MDE
- Exhibitors: Darlene Harpwood, MDE
- Membership: Donna Ziegler, MDE
- National Ballet Forum: Debbie Felton, MDE
- Principal: Linda McDonald, MDE
- Scholarships – Workshop: Laurel Soderstrom-Davis, MDE
- Scholarships – College: Donna Ziegler, MDE
- Student Competition: Bonnie Cagle, MDE
- Student Honors: Yvonne Groves, MDE

Get more out of your CNADM membership by volunteering to help with one of these committees!

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Do you know a CNADM member who has a success story in dance? We want to hear from you! Send in a name, photo and brief biography to: CNADM, 220 E State St. Ste G, Rockford, IL 61104 or email dance@cnadm.com.