

Look what people have been saying about NSSD

- “I’ve had a great time dancing at NSSD and I can’t wait for next year.”
- “There’s no place I’d rather be dancing than at NSSD. “
- “Thank you so much for providing me with excellent training, supportive faculty and many opportunities; and most importantly my 2nd home. I could not imagine a better place to dance, grow up , and be a part of.”
- “I couldn’t have learned the gift of dance without you.”
- “Fernando Bujones, the teachers, staff and I....all enjoyed working with this group of students because of their wonderful work ethic and positive attitude. These attributes are the hardest to teach...Congratulations (NSSD) on a job well done...” *Peter Stark, Orlando Ballet School*
- “Your dedication to 'classic' dance is refreshing and so appropriate. We loved every minute of it and so did our kids.All in all we are thrilled with your programs and instructors. Thanks so much for all your hard work. Your personal investment is apparent.”

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“Giving dancers the best dance education on the North Shore”

The History of North Shore School of Dance

1971-Carol Walker Studio Founded

1983-The Rory Foster Dance Studio is named and owned by Rory Foster.

1989-North Shore School of Dance is named and owned by Lisa Gold. NSSD enrolled 90 students for its 1st year. Greg Begley begins teaching at NSSD; the longest running teacher to date.

1989-North Shore Dance Company formed.

1996-NSSD expanded to 667 Central Ave. in downtown Highland Park.

2002-NSSD expanded to Highwood East at 43 Highwood Ave.

2005-NSSD celebrated its final Spring Concert and Nutcracker at the Drake Theatre of Barat College.

2005 (Fall)- NSSD moved into its new location at 505 Laurel Ave. in High-



CIC dancers in performance. Auditions for the company held annually.

land Park with 4 new state of the art studios. **C is for Chicago (CIC) Hip Hop Company is formed.**

2007-NSSD built Studio 5 and a new upstairs dressing room and office

2007 (Summer)-NSSD expanded Studio 2. **North Shore Repertory Dance Ensemble Group made its debut.**



Jazz dancers in studio 3. Classes are offered daily in all genres of dance.

2007 (Fall)-NSSD enrolled 1000+ students & offered over 200 classes throughout the school year.

2008-(Summer)-NSSD expanded studio 1 and remodeled the lobby of Highwood.



20th Anniversary production of *The Nutcracker* featuring NSSD students, faculty, and other guest artists.

2008-NSSD celebrated its 20th Anniversary of both the school and its annual production of the Nutcracker.

2010-(Fall)-Studio 6 is built upstairs in Highland Park. Jr. Ensemble Group makes its debut.

NSSD is a professional school with 6 studios. We offer graded classes in ballet, modern, jazz, tap, hip hop, bollywood, variations, and partnering.

NSSD faculty have danced with many well-respected dance companies such as:

- *Joffrey Ballet*
- *American Ballet Theatre*
- *Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago*
- *River North Dance Company*
- *Dance 2XS*
- *Hubbard Street Dance Chicago*
- *Atlanta Ballet*
- *Luna Negra Dance Theatre*
- *National Ballet of Cuba*
- *Especialty Tap Company*
- *Chi-Town Jazz Dance Company*
- *Kalapriya*
- *Inaside Chicago Dance*
- *Thodos Dance Chicago*
- *Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre*
- *Pittsburgh Ballet*
- *Piel Morena Contemporary Dance*

NSSD is proud to give back to the communities of the North Shore and around the world. Our dancers have performed at nursing and assisted living facilities, participated in Toys for Tots, and made donations the USO and our troops overseas. NSSD is also proud to help the environment by being **GREEN.**