

Ami Yaro

Ami Yaro is the owner and director of the Iowa Ballet Academy. She has a BA with honors in Dance and English from the University of Iowa where she received the Dance Department Scholarship. Ami has performed with the Des Moines Ballet/Ballet Iowa, [Iowa Dance Theatre](#), The University of Iowa Dance Company and Vine Street Ballet. She has also performed at The Kennedy Center as a national finalist for the American College Dance Festival.

Ami has taught for the University of Iowa Dance Forum, Donna's Dance Place, Vine Street Ballet, Robert Thomas Dancer, Lake Area Dance Center and Misty's Dance Unlimited. She was also an instructor and choreographer for Iowa State Center's Nutcracker and has been an occasional master teacher at Iowa State University's Dance Department. She was the intermediate program director at the Burklyn Ballet Theatre's national summer program in Vermont, and the ballet program director at the Creative Movement Dance Company for nine years before opening her own studio. Ami is the founder and Artistic Director of [Yaro Dance Company](#) which is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. She is also a choreographer and co-director for community-wide company, Iowa Dance Theatre. In 2003 Ami became a Stott Pilates certified trainer. Her students have performed in Broadway shows, various dance companies, college dance teams, become dance instructors, studio owners and professional performers. Ami is also honored to have coached multiple YAGP Hope Award winners as well as a Youth Grand Prix winner.

Ami is proud to serve as Secretary and Delegate of [Dance Masters of Mid-America Chapter 34](#).