

## LARRAINE SUSA

Lorraine has been a member of Dance Masters of America since 1980. She was honored to be awarded the Dance Masters of America “Member of the Year” Award in 2007, the Dance Masters of Pennsylvania “Spotlight Award” in 2006 and received the Dance Masters of America “Lifetime Achievement Award” in 2015.

As a faculty member of Dance Master of America’s Teacher’s Training School at SUNY University at Buffalo, she taught the jazz and lyrical programs. She is the author of the Dance Masters of America Jazz Manual and has also written the national and chapter Jazz Teacher’s Examinations as well as the Training School Jazz Study Guides and Jazz Assessment Evaluations.

Lorraine has served as the National Director for the DMA Miss Dance of America Scholarship Competition from 1986 thru 1991. She has been a Special Awards Judge for the DMA National Performing Arts Competition for the past 14 years. She has taught and judged for 22 Dance Masters of America Chapters in the US and Canada, for American Dance Awards, Dance Teacher’s United, Dance Life National Workshop, Omaha Dance Teacher’s Club, the Canadian Dance Workshops, and the Professional Dance Teacher’s Association. A former member of the Board of Directors for the Fred Astaire Performing Arts Association, she was also a faculty member of Florida Dance Masters Teacher’s Training School.

Lorraine’s students have appeared in the original Broadway casts of *Will Rogers Follies*, *Oklahoma*, *Dancin’*, and

*Movin' Out* and the touring companies of *Cats*, *42 Street*, *Fosse*, *Saturday Night Fever*, *Damn Yankees*, *Follies*, *Footloose*, *Spamalot*, *Swing*, and *Chicago*, to name a few. Her student's professional credits also include the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes, the Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Company, Philadanco Dance Company, The Tony Awards and Academy Awards Shows as well as performances in Europe and Japan, on cruise ships, and in Las Vegas and Atlantic City.

Lorraine's students toured Romania as performers and Friendship Ambassadors representing the United States. They have made guest appearances at the Three Rivers Arts Festival in Pittsburgh, Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Center in Chicago. Her student solo awards and acknowledgements include 3 Miss Dance of America Winners, Mr. Dance of America, Teen Miss Dance of America, Junior Miss Dance of America, Petite Miss Dance of America, Miss Acrobat of the U.S., American Dance Awards Dancer of the Year and American Dance Awards Junior Dancer of the Year.