



## **SUMMER DANCE INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS – TESTIMONIALS**

"The week that I spent at the Creative Dance Center was the most non-judgmental, free from criticism, creatively flowing place of learning I've ever experienced. I deeply appreciate getting to experience the philosophies, science and movement opportunities of creative dance, the developmental patterns and the BrainDance to make new connections for myself. As a teacher, I feel equipped to creatively explore the dance curriculum, and to explore different expectations from my students. For my preschool students I am more free to be creative with them and much more confident of my abilities to guide their exploration. For my ballet students, I find myself less focused on their tendu and more about their sense of movement. I've shifted my ballet class structure to incorporate movement concepts and for my older students, we begin ballet class with a 'conditioning' type BrainDance that changes from class to class. I've added more reflection, more verbal discussion, more social interaction between students. Beyond all of this, I feel so grateful that you offer this dance experience each year for movement interested persons. I've never before felt so validated in my intuition of movement, creativity, and education." – *CW, Dance Teacher, Seattle*

"The Summer Dance Institute is the most remarkable workshop I have ever attended in my 24 year career as an elementary teacher." –*CR, Classroom Teacher, Utah*

"Thank you again for the wonderful Summer Institute. I have used many of the lessons along with the BrainDance. My students love it!! Our studio is going to try a summer dance camp and I will be teaching the creative dance section thanks to your wonderful program. I have attended many summer institutes and CDC offers the best for the most reasonable price. Thanks again for your time, talent, and love of dance. It's infectious!" –*LT, Dance Specialist, New Mexico*

"SDIT is the most outstanding, top-notch dance teacher education program in the country... It is the most comprehensive, inspiring and useful workshop I have ever attended. And the best part is that it only gets better and more useful every time I go!" –*SB, University Professor, California*

"The waves of inspiration and recharged 'teacher batteries' from your course have sent me darting away teaching better than ever and with many new ideas." –*SF, Teaching Artist, Denmark*

"Since your class this summer I have used a ton of movement with the kids. We start every class with BrainDance and I teach more in the remaining 24-25 minutes than I ever have in 30. Your course has been the single most transforming thing that I have learned since I started teaching." –RT, *Music Teacher, Michigan*

"I am doing the BrainDance with my Middle School ESOL students at the start of every class. They love it! I'm also incorporating all of the Creative Dance Concepts that you taught me this summer into my curriculum! Thank you so much for everything! I am SO EXCITED!!! My eyes have been opened to a whole new world of kinesthetic teaching/learning." –TC, *ESOL Teacher, New York*

"SDIT gave me a refreshingly and INCREDIBLY CLEAR, organized way to re-structure my own dance classes, and provided me with many affirmations about my own teaching philosophy. The work is empowering to teachers and students!" –MLS, *University Professor, Texas*

"I cannot begin to describe to you the most amazing transformations that have started to occur at both of my work places!!! It is GLORIOUS! Attending your institute was the single most important thing I've done for my professional growth! Thank you, thank you, thank you!" –CC, *Educator, California*

"The Summer Dance Institute has influenced my whole year of teaching in every aspect. I believe I have become a more effective teacher. My classes are full of vibrant, excited students and now their families, too, at the cohesiveness of the program and material presented. So, many thanks!" –AC, *Studio Dance Teacher, Canada*

"I want to thank you again for a life-changing experience this summer at the Summer Dance Institute. The impact of the experience will continue to settle for a long time, I think." –STL, *University Teacher, Florida*

"I've been wanting to get in touch with you for the last few months to let you know of the amazing impact that your workshop has had on my teaching. We now do the Brain Dance at the beginning of every music class and the kids LOVE it! We also do it at the beginning of every all-school assembly (just about one a month). I can't tell you enough how much I appreciate what I learned from you." –LL, *Teacher, Washington*

"I want to thank you for developing and contributing valuable ways for the rest of us to teach and improve our art and profession." –TB, *Studio Teacher, Canada*

"Transformational." –KC, *Elementary Teacher, Washington*