

## Miss Jilyan - Owner & Artistic Director

### Instructor: Tap, Jazz, & Acrobatics



**Miss Jilyan** grew up in Massachusetts, where she discovered her passion for dance early in life. She earned her B.F.A. in Dance Education from Arizona State University and is committed to providing her students with the highest quality instruction. Jilyan has pursued multiple certifications and trainings to enhance her teaching, including being twice certified through Acrobatic Arts, as well as certifications from International Dance Teaching Standards, Karida Griffith's Tap Teacher Training, and the Summer Dance Institute for Teachers at the Creative Dance Center to deepen her expertise in Brain-Compatible Dance Education.

After being on the teaching faculty at Spotlight for 10 years, Miss Jilyan is thrilled to step into the role of owner of the studio. Spotlight's missions and values are ones the Miss Jilyan holds dear to her heart. She looks forward to carrying on the SDC legacy and helping the studio, and its dancers, continue to grow.

Jilyan brings warmth and positivity into every class, focusing on helping students find confidence in dance, and everyday life. She blends proper technique with creative self-expression. Her classes are designed to make learning fun and developing a lifelong love of dance.

When she's not in the studio, Jilyan enjoys adventuring with her husband and their dog, kayaking around the Sound, reading, and gardening.