2017 Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

Debbi Dee



Debbi Dee is a nationally renowned tap dancer, choreographer and dance teacher. A protégée of Broadway choreographer Henry LeTang, she began her career working alongside him, and with some of the biggest names in show business. She has performed professionally as a soloist on national tours, nightclubs and Off Broadway, at Lincoln Center and Las Vegas, with The Count Basie Orchestra and Lawrence Welk Orchestra, and on numerous television shows.

Debbi has maintained successful faculty positions with two of the most prestigious Broadway Studios, Henry LeTang Studios and Broadway Dance Center, where she continues to be a guest faculty member. She has also held guest positions at OCU (Oklahoma City University), and the University of Buffalo, as well as numerous performing arts schools.

Debbi continues to teach at private studios, giving master classes as well as private choreography instruction. She currently works on Convention Platforms, teaching teachers as well as students for many major dance organizations, including Dance Olympus, Dance Masters of America, Florida Dance Masters, Dance Educators of America, Dance Teacher Summit, Dance Makers and many more. Her "Debbi Dee Tap Intensive" is recognized by Dance Teacher as a higher education course for teachers, and she is internationally recognized as a master teacher in Japan, France, South America and Canada.

"Debbi Dee and I have been on tour together, so I have known her for many years and have shared both the stage and the studio with her. She is a great performer. She speaks to the audience through her tap shoes with dynamic clarity and she holds an audience with the same charisma that she brings to her tap classes. I commend her as one of America's outstanding tap artists and teachers."

JO ROWAN