

Miss Roseann Cousin

My name is Roseann Cousin and I am the Director and owner of Chorus Line Dance Studios. I have owned and operated Chorus Line Dance Studio for 30 years. I started dance at the age of four and after graduating Deer Park High School, I earned a teaching position at June Claire School of Dance. While teaching, I attended Blake Business School in Smithtown and earned my two year degree. After 10 years of teaching dance, I decided to pursue my dream and open my own studio. My philosophy was to provide a positive approach to dance instruction for my students using praise, encouragement and love as my greatest teaching tools. My positive approach to teaching has produced technically advanced students with a positive self-image. My students enjoy the challenges of mastering new and difficult steps and they radiate enthusiasm as they experience the joy of their accomplishments. I am proud to say that due to my efforts and passion for dance, Chorus Line has grown into a highly respected studio and our students accomplishments are unsurpassed by studios in our area. Our studios currently house over 1500 students and a professional teaching staff of 20 teachers.

I am currently on staff with Dance Educators of America as Master Class Workshop Teacher, and also as a judge for Dance Educators of America. I am a member of "Women on the Move" (WOTM), which is a networking group for successful women in business. I am a certified instructor through Dance Educators of America and I have taught at dance conventions for the Boston Dance Teachers Association and I have been a guest teacher for Dance Educators of America and Dance Olympus in Las Vegas. I was a performer with the JC Lynn Dance Company for 8 years and performed with Jerry Vale, Tom Jones and several other New Year's Eve Shows at Colonie Hill and in Atlantic City. I was selected to perform at the Sahara Hotel in Las Vegas with the Dance Olympus Faculty. I have studied dance as a professional at the Broadway Dance Center; Phil Black's Studio & Luigi Dance Center with Frank Hatchett, Charles Kelly and Luigi. I was the choreographer of the St. Patrick's Christmas Shows and the St. Patrick's Youth Group of Smithtown for 10 years. I was the Cultural Arts Director for Nesconset Elementary for two years where I introduced many dance and arts related programs to students in the Smithtown community. Being selected as PTA president of Nesconset Elementary in Smithtown brought many new and exciting opportunities for me to offer dance to our community.

In 1990, becoming the mother of a daughter who was deaf, suddenly a new light was shed on my occupation as a dance instructor. The gift of learning American Sign Language brought a whole new dimension to my studio and to our community. Incorporating the beautiful language of sign with dance became our signature at the end of each of our annual performances. In 1984, I founded the first Chorus Line Dance Company which started with a line of 15 girls. As the years went on, our company grew into the expansion of additional companies. Today, Chorus Line is the home of the Elite, Senior, Young Senior, Teen, Junior, Petite, Starlette & Junior Starlette companies. Our dance companies have thrilled many audiences with their gift of dance and American Sign Language. Our companies auditioned and performed at DisneyWorld in Orlando Florida in 1997, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010. They have performed at our community's homecoming parades, Six Flags Great Adventure in New Jersey, EAB Park for the Long Island Ducks, Hershey Park, St. James & Smithtown Nursing Home Shows, Girl Scout Dinners, Smithtown PTA Events and at our annual St. James & Smithtown festival days, as well as Deepwell's Fall Festival.