

## **Angie Cameron**

Angie has been dancing and competing for more than 10 years, and teaching for the last 5 years. She has competed across the country in both West Coast Swing and Hustle and has taken home many titles; most special was 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 2007 US Open Jack-n-Jill Championship. She is best known for the energy she brings to dancing, coupled with a powerful style and superior musicality. Angie is also a Pilates Instructor and uses that knowledge of body movement in her dance teaching to bring out the most in her students. Many find her classes to have a great balance of enthusiasm and fun along with precision and technique.

## **Kristin & Monty Ham**

Kristin and Monty Ham live in Denver, and own dance studios in both Denver and Colorado Springs. Kristin has won Professional Level World Championships four times in UCWDC circuit, and is a multiple winner of the World's Top Female instructor. She also has over 30 national titles in dance. Monty has won numerous local and national dance competitions as well.

Both of them are lifetime competitors. Kristin participated in the junior Olympics for ski racing as well as for synchronized swimming. She was also very successful at nationals in gymnastics and coached the college vaulting team to national championships. She holds a bachelors degree in wildlife biology, and is the owner of Glory Dance Studios. Monty competed in martial arts, going undefeated nationally for 7 years. He also holds national titles in several other competitive venues such as mathematics and physics, along with graduate degrees. As vice president of Polaris Technologies, he developed and directed corporate training programs for several multinational companies, bringing innovative teaching concepts to the dance arena.

## **Randy & Jennifer Jeffries**

Jennifer and Randy Jeffries live just a couple of hours south of Chicago in Brookston, Indiana. Jennifer and Randy have been active on the UCWDC circuit since 1995: Jennifer as an MC and Randy as a floor coordinator and scrutineer and recently, as a Pro-Am instructor. Jennifer won the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Star Awards as the UCWDC's favorite MC and the Chicagoland Dance Festival was named favorite North American Event in 2006. They began competing in 1998 and now dance in Division 1. Jennifer works at Purdue University and Randy is an independent insurance agent. They own the DanceMax Studio in beautiful downtown Chalmers, Indiana where they teach by appointment.

### **Colleen Uspensky (formerly MacDonald)**

Colleen has been dancing since she was a toddler. Professionally trained in ballet, tap, jazz, modern and partnering, she received her BFA in Theater/Dance from the University of Northern Colorado. While in Colorado, she headed up the tap department at the prestigious Greeley Conservatory of Dance. She traveled extensively as a professional dancer, performer, and instructor for Disney Cruise Line and the UNC Tour Troupe. She performed professionally with Chicago modern companies including Jayson Dance Company and Corpo Dance. Colleen's students benefit from her mastery of body mechanics and technique. Joining the May I Have This Dance studio staff five years ago, Colleen is quickly becoming one of the most popular instructors in Chicago.

### **Jason and Annmarie Marker**

Jason and Annmarie share a love for teaching, competing, judging and performing across the country. They both adore West Coast Swing, and are passionate about sharing the love of the dance with others. Annmarie won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the All Star J&J at the prestigious US Open in 2008 and placed top 3 in 2006 & 2007 on the NASDE J&J Tour, and is known for her creative dance style. Jason placed top three in 2009 on the NASDE J&J Tour, took 4th place in the All Star J&J at the prestigious US Open (2007), and is known for his smooth precision. Together they form a dynamic partnership on the dance floor and offer a true balance of technical and creative instruction for leaders and followers of all levels.

### **Maren Oslac**

Maren, a national level instructor, competitor and judge, recently put her national travel and competition schedule on hold to allow her to develop and grow the local dance community. Her passion for teaching and her desire to share her love of dance led her to expand her local business, opening her own studio in Tinley Park, IL and starting the Illinois Ballroom Teacher College, one of her most exciting ventures.

Maren has traveled extensively across the U.S. for the past 10 years earning a reputation as a top level dancer, teacher and judge. Maren carries with her a host of wins and titles in Country, Latin, Ballroom, Hustle and Swing, including more wins than she can count in her favorite arenas, Strictly Swing and Jack & Jill competitions.

Sharing her knowledge and the joy of dance with students is one of the most fulfilling aspects of her dancing career.

Thrilled to be teaching the Beginner Track for Dance Camp Chicago, Maren is looking forward to the whole weekend.

### **Robert Royston**

Robert Royston began his professional career on the competitive couples dance circuit in 1989, quickly ascending through the ranks and securing the US Open Swing Dance Championship and World Country Dance Championship, titles he held for four consecutive years (1995 to 1998). He also holds national titles in Salsa, Hustle and Adagio/Cabaret. After stepping off the competitive floor for a few years, Robert got back on the floor with his Wife Nicola and became the 2006 USA Grand National Cabaret Champion and the 2006 US National Champion, as well as winning many NASDE Showcase Swing Titles with Nicola. In 2007 he became the youngest person to be inducted to the UCWDC Hall of Fame.

His exciting, high energy and original work next led to his choreographing and performing in music videos, which got the attention of the producers of the Broadway show, *Swing!* He spent a year and a half appearing in *Swing!*, performing his own choreography, and later became the assistant choreographer for the first National Tour of the production. Royston's work has been featured in the production of *Gypsy of the Year* at New York's Palace Theatre (a part of Broadway Cares/EFA), as well as *Destination Groove*, a *Choreographer's Showcase*. His choreography was featured in the New York workshop production of *Urban Cowboy*, a production in which he also performed.

### **Jeff Sanchez**

Jeff Sanchez, along with his wife Maren Oslac, is co-owner of Heart and Sole Dance ballroom dance studio in Tinley Park, Illinois as well as the Illinois Ballroom Teachers College.

Jeff has been one of the top teachers in the Chicago area for a number of years and has extensive training as both a leader and a follower in many dance styles. Jeff teaches group and private lessons to students of all levels and ages ranging from beginner dancers to competition level dancers. Jeff also works with teachers in training at the Ballroom Teachers College so that they not only learn various dance styles, but also receive extensive training on how to teach.

## **Mike Topel – Chief Judge**

Mike began country line dancing in 1992, and he quickly turned to couples social dance when he found dance partners who liked to be tossed in the air. He started teaching regular dance classes in 1994 and eventually quit his office job in 1998 to teach dance and perform full-time.

Mike's teaching style was developed from his martial arts background (where as a second-degree black belt he taught for five years), and his appreciation for improvisational theater.

Mike continues to perform, compete, judge, MC, DJ, and teach. He's performed this last decade of the US Open Swing Dance Championships, UCWDC Country Worlds, and everywhere in the country in the NASDE and WSDC swing circuits. He judges at just about every event, and is the Chief Judge for several Midwestern events. When he's not judging or performing, he's MCing. With students all over the continent, Mike gives special attention to his social dancing, which keeps him up until 4 AM on weekends he's on the road.

## DJ'S

### **April Prince**

April was born into a family of performing musicians where music was always the love of her life. She trained in music since she was a toddler and finds absolute joy teaching and sharing the gift of music with others. Her love of music led her to find wonderful dance and DJ opportunities.

In the Chicago area, April DJs at The Mix, West Coast Wednesdays, and Swing 'n' Country. April also spins at national dance events such as Swing City Chicago, The Chicago Classic, The Wisconsin Dance Challenge, The Florida Swing Vacation, Summer Hummer, Dance Camp Chicago, The Tampa Bay Classic, Miami Dance Magic, Orlando Jack and Jill Jam, Bridge Town Swing, Swing Dance America, and River City Swing.

She has a bachelors and masters degree in music education and recently received the 2009 All Swing DJ of the year award. April is the Illinois DJ representative for [usaswingnet.com](http://usaswingnet.com).

### **Bob Boyle**

Bob has been part of the Swing 'n' Country family for over 13 years as DJ for Dance Camp and he has enjoyed working with the dancers and staff. Bob and his wife Denise have been Mobile DJ's and Line Dance instructors in the Chicago area for the past eleven years and have formed their own business as Denim & Diamond. Together, they have been DJing parties of all varieties and love to share their passion for music and dance. On Tuesdays, they host line dancing at the White Eagle Banquet Hall in Niles.

They started line dancing as a family with their two daughters, Shannon and Lauren, over fifteen years ago. Later their daughters competed in country couples at Chicagoland Dance Festival.

Bob loves to DJ, teach, and is known to tell a joke or two.

### **Ken Dillard**

Ken Dillard has been DJ'ing in the Chicago area for six years. What started as a learning experience at Swing 'n' Country in 2005 has turned into a second love

(next to web design). Ken can be found DJ'ing at many local dance events including: Swing 'n' Country, West Coast Wednesdays, and The Mix. He's recently expanded into doing larger scale events including; Chi-Town Swings, Swing City Chicago, and the Floor Play New Years Eve event (in Florida). His skills have earned him two DJ Challenge awards at Swing City Chicago (2007, 2010), and he's also gained a reputation as a good wedding DJ. As one recent bride said, "Months later, people still tell me that they have never seen that many people on a dance floor at a wedding! I danced the whole night and the music stayed amazing! He helped make that night one of the best nights of my life!"

Ken looks forwards to spinning tunes at Dance Camp Chicago and keeping everyone on the floor, dancing, and happy.