

Silvia Laracca

Silvia grew her love for dance at the age of eight. She is a versatile dancer who specializes in Jazz, Lyrical and Contemporary style.

She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Dance at Dean College. She has had the opportunity to continue studying genre's she grew up to know such as ballet, jazz, modern, and tap, as well as studied dance related academics such as creative movement, dance history, pedagogy, kinesiology, and dance composition.

Since Silvia's sophomore year, she has been a part of Dean College's "Company", where she has performed in an annual concert with select group of dancers, and Dean's best choreographers. With that, Silvia has had the opportunity to work with choreographers such as Gregory King, Jeremy Ruth-Howes, Robbie Mulrey, Julianne O'Brien Pederson, Rose Pasquarello Beauchamp, Todd Shanks, and William "Bill" Evans.

Silvia has had the great privilege of taking part in a handful of experiences offered to her through Dean College's dance department. Some of these include performing at the American College Dance Festival performing Jeremy Ruthe Howe's, "From The Ashes", (2014) and her own choreographic solo, "Unknown" (2014). Silvia also performed at the Alvin Ailey Citigroup Theater for the American Dance Guild Festival in William Evan's, "Colony" Piece (2014).

Silvia has been involved in the Dean College's Dance Team where she has gained a position as Captain and President.

Silvia is also proud of her academic successes at Dean on completing an independent study with Joan Phelps Palladino where she wrote, "The Fascination of Auditioning", directed towards students who are looking to expand their knowledge on upcoming dance auditions all over the U.S.

Silvia has been a dance assistant for the *Dance Teacher Web Live Convention* hosted in Las Vegas, Nevada every summer. In doing so, she has had the opportunity to network and collaborate with other artist around the world. She is now a member of the dance faculty where she helps expand teachers teaching knowledge and ignite their creativity.

Silvia is currently a dance instructor at *D'valda and Sirico Dance & Music Center* in Fairfield, Ct where she teaches Early Childhood, Ballet, Tap, Lyrical, Contemporary, Hip Hop and Jazz within the ages of 3-18 yr old.

Silvia has had the opportunity to choreograph throughout her years of dancing.

She has spent her early years performing in the work of others that she now enjoys switching roles and inventing her own work.

Silvia is proud that her choreography has been nominated for “Best Choreography” at numerous dance competitions.

Silvia is very pleased that dance is apart of her life. Her love and passion for teaching is what drives her everyday!

For more info, visit her website at www.slaracca.wixsite.com/dancer.