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## Dance Moves in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea has become a cultural arts center for music, drama, fitness and dance

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Danny Carter, owner of Dance Moves, is rapidly turning his studio at 222 Commercial Boulevard, into a center for the arts in Lauderdale-By-The-Sea [LBTS]. Although he's known for his 'up' personality and positive attitude, Danny's happier than ever this holiday season having planned and executed a crowd pleasing program for Christmas-By-The-Sea, the annual tree lighting ceremony in LBTS. "The night was bursting with color and sound," he says ticking off the variety of performers. Katie Hendricks and Pauline Baxter sang. Alexi and Olga, the U.S. Amateur Youth Dance Champions performed. The North Andrews Gardens Elementary Pizazz Choir and Violin Ensemble charmed us. The Artists of South Florida tap danced. We heard bells thanks to the First Congregational Church Choir. The Yuletide Carolers took the crowd into the season. And we even had a few Nutcracker vignettes from the University Center of the Performing Arts. What a night it was!"

At the city commission meeting following the event, Town Manager Connie Hoffman thanked Danny, saying, "He's a hidden treasure who handled all the entertainment for this year's tree lighting event. It was a big hit with the crowds."

In the world of dance, Danny Carter is a South Florida legend who says, "Dancing is how I learned to express myself. It changed my life."

Through dance, Danny turned low self esteem into self respect, earned recognition from his peers and paved the way to a lifetime love affair with dance and movement.

He went on to dance in New York, founded and ran



Danny Carter tells Shirley Callandrent of North Andrews Gardens Elementary when her Pizazz Choir and Violin Ensemble will appear in the program.

the Ballroom Dance Program at New York University, and even participated in the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade. He has won championships from the 1980s to today and still competes, preferably with a student.

"My goal now is to expand the use of my beautiful, 2,600 square foot ballroom," he says. "I have a gleaming dance floor and state-of-the-art sound equipment that's computer ready for corporate presentations. We have garden terraces and even a second 1,200 square foot ballroom with a separate entrance, bathroom, kitchen and wet bar. We've staged corporate events, weddings and recitals here.

He continues, "I want to create an environment that

helps other artists grow their own businesses. Each of the current artists utilizing this space is interviewed by me to be sure the standard of professionalism is maintained. Dance Moves has opened its arms to the community and aspires to foster the arts culture in LBTS through motivation and inspiration."

Currently his studio hosts Yoga with Leslie; Katie Hendricks, voice coach and piano teacher, Udi Bar-David, internationally known cellist, Master ballet, tap and jazz teacher, David Vilner and acting coach, Marlena Martino. Danny continues to coach dancers, competes in national competitions and is about to be certified in mind/body therapeutic movement through dance.



Danny Carter is proud to have Udi Bar-David, versatile cellist, cross cultural artist and improviser at his Center for the Arts.

He choreographs weddings, events and anticipates holding concerts in 2014.

Dr. Adele Besner, psychologist, says, "Danny Carter is not just an artistic visionary, but he is an inspirational teacher who motivates his students to move/dance to the music they feel in their souls. As someone who has worked with him to help coach others to be their best, and as a former student, I know Danny to be a quality human being who stands behind what he teaches both on and off the dance floor."

Ask his current and former students and they will tell

you the same thing about Danny Dance Moves. He is an incredible instructor who is both patient and entertaining and when they are done with his coaching, they have learned more than just how to do some steps.

*Pelican* readers interested in dance be it swing, ballroom, Argentine Tango, Zumba, belly dancing, modeling, acting or personal training from a qualified coach, can find a class or a private lesson at Dancemoves. Call 954-566-9779.

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