

Karen Elliott - Bio

Karen Elliott discovered her love for dance at a young age while training at Carol Ehler Dance School in Houston, Texas. At Langham Creek High School, she was a member of the award-winning dance team, developing her leadership and performance skills under the mentorship of Cathy Raffield. She continued her training with Paula Abbott before moving to Austin to attend the University of Texas, where she earned a Bachelor of Science in Theater and Dance.

Karen spent 16 years teaching dance in Austin and the surrounding areas for D'Ette Ray Rice, sharing her passion for dance with hundreds of students. She then realized her dream of opening San Marcos Dance Studio, creating a space where dancers of all ages could grow, learn, and find joy in dance. Through performances in the community, Karen and her students work to share the beauty of dance as both an art form and a source of joy and connection.

A proud member of the Texas Association of Teachers of Dancing for 28 years, Karen currently serves on their Board of Directors, bringing her vision and experience to help elevate dance education and inspire the next generation of dancers.

Karen established San Marcos Dance Studio to foster a welcoming, safe, and vibrant dance community for students of all ages. Her love for teaching and dance is at the heart of the studio, where the goal is to provide exceptional instruction while nurturing each dancer's confidence, artistry, and technical growth. With nearly three decades of teaching experience, Karen has inspired countless young dancers to discover their potential and achieve their dance dreams.