



## A Message from Studio Founder, Jeannette Neill

Dear Friends,

For nearly four decades now I have had the rare privilege of sharing the uniquely personal joy, beauty and thrill that is dance. Unfortunately, though, nothing lasts forever.

Despite many years of creatively finding ways to continue a small Arts business, economics has finally taken its toll. Continued rising costs, coupled with the steady decline in student population, have now made it impossible to continue to operate, what I feel has been, our remarkable home for dance.

Therefore it is with a heavy heart that, after 38 years of operation as one of Boston's premier dance institutions, The Jeannette Neill Dance Studio (JNDS) will be closing its doors at the end of August. Our last day of classes will be held on **Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**.

After so many years there is much for which to be grateful:

- The faculty who have been the backbone of the studio, sharing their undeniable talent, passion and expertise with every student who entered their classroom;
- My former co-owner and partner, J. Allen Collier, who, through his creative and fearless perseverance, became a life force for the studio, and continued to do so until his untimely passing in 2014;
- Studio Managing Director, Tommy Coye, who, with dedication, competence and much needed patience has overseen all things JNDS.
- The committed staff, who consistently ensured that the studio always put its best foot forward in appearance and operations;
- And of course, every student, past and present, who has ever walked through our doors and taken a class.

Each has been a vibrant member of the important JNDS community, and all have played an essential role in allowing the studio to survive, thrive and have impact in a major city such as ours for so long.

Words cannot begin to express just how truly proud I am of what we have accomplished together, nor can they impart its importance. And none will ever come close to expressing my deep gratitude.

This studio has been my home and all in it have become my family. And, from the bottom of my heart, I hope that you continue to keep dance in your lives.

Always,  
Jeannette