**DONNA JOHNSON** is the founder and director of the award-winning "Steppin' Out Dance Company". Donna's students are regional and national dance champions. Many of them are now dancing professionally. Ms. Johnson graduated with honors from the University of Illinois, Chicago, where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Speech and Theater. She has trained at several Chicago area studios with teachers including Jay Fagan, Bruce Stegmann and Lane Alexander. Ms. Johnson has received numerous choreographic accolades for jazz, lyrical and especially for tap.

Studio owner, Ashley DeForest, is elated and honored to have Donna Johnson, her former teacher and mentor, as a member of the DeForest Dance Academy faculty.