



A Professional Teacher  
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There are many benefits to having a dance instructor with the physical ability to demonstrate. From little ones learning their first plies and tendus to the most advanced professional dancer, the value of the visual is irreplaceable. Having a teacher who can execute dance technique correctly gives the dancers in the class a clearer understand of what is being asked of them. It is vital of course that the movement is done correctly and that the teacher can verbalize the movement alongside the demonstration. Many professional teachers make a point of treating their body as their "temple" purely for this reason. As a dedicated teacher of dance one makes a choice to extend the "life" of their body so that while passing on ones love for dance you guarantee the history of the movement is kept pure.

Professional teachers also keep up on the newest styles and techniques. This is a disciplined choice a teacher makes. Teaching the history of dance and fusing it with what is new, is exciting. Dance styles change and mold with the times so it is critical that teachers remain open to change, all the while maintaining their own technique. Ballet is known by many as the foundation for dance, you build your "temple" on this foundation. The more your teacher maintains this, the more valuable they are.

At ELITE Dance Studios, our instructors regularly display their abilities to students as a means of teaching through observation. Whether a flamenco class or beginning ballet, a student can have confidence in the technique they are learning. Their instructors can perform everything being asked of them and are happy to give a demonstration.

With 20 years of professional teaching around the globe, taking the vow to maintain my "temple" for my students is something I am proud of. From tap to jazz to pointe to hip hop, demonstrating while describing is part of the enjoyment of teaching.

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