



Fw: Nilesa Barua

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FYI Here is the information I sent to Nilesa's grown up about dance programs in Queens.

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From: Ingrid Running <IRunning@schools.nyc.gov>
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To: KANTA <kanta.shipul@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Nilesa Barua

Good afternoon,

Below is information on two dance schools in Queens that have programming for students of all abilities and experience working with those with special needs.

"Dancing Dreams" runs a weekly class in Bayside, while "The Dance Project" in Whitestone offers dance classes, private dance lessons, and has a Summer Camp in July and August. I've included links to their websites and contact information, but if you have any questions or would like assistance in reaching out to them, I would be happy to help. I am so excited for Nilesa to pursue her interest in Dance!

[Dancing Dreams](#) -
Bay Terrace Shopping Center
211-47 26th Avenue
Bayside, NY 11360
516-659-3319

- Weekly classes held in three locations: Bayside (Queens), Upper East Side (Manhattan), and Plainview (Long Island). Dancing Dreams is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit and relies on charitable contributions to sustain their program.
- A nonprofit dance program for physically and medically challenged girls ages 3 to 17, Dancing Dreams offers classes taught by a pediatric physical therapist in Bayside, Queens and at the Museum of the City of New York. Each student is assigned a dance helper: A high school student who is trained to assist the girls during class. Every year ends with a public performance (this year's took place just this May).
- Although there is a voluntary contribution for classes to help cover costs, no child is ever turned away for an inability to pay. For information about classes call Joann Ferrara at 718-428-2600 or email joann@dancingdreams.org.

[The Dance Project](#) -
150-47 Willets Point Blvd
Whitestone, NY 11357
(718) 353-2450
danceprojectofwhitestone@gmail.com

[Summer Camp](#)

Dance Classes

- Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Contemporary Modern, Hip-Hop, Acro, 2 Year Old Creative Movement, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Year Old Tap & Jazz Combo Classes. Designed for true growth and knowledge of the style chosen, over a 10 month period.

Private Dance Lessons

- Tailored specifically for the needs of each individual dancer. Perfect for 8th Graders who want to audition for Performing Arts High Schools. Also suitable for those who want extra help, or for those who just can't get enough dance in their lives!

Sincerely,

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Good evening Ms. Barua,

It's lovely to hear from you! Nilesa often gets up to dance in music class. She is also very attentive to the lyrics of our songs and enjoys singing into a microphone.

I have a couple of ideas. I will do some more research and get back to you with my suggestions by the end of the day tomorrow.

Sincerely,
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Good evening,

I am Nilesa Barua's mom from Ms. Monica's class. I remember Ms. Monica sharing with me Nilesa's interest in dance. Can you suggest any dance and music school in Queens that cater to all children, including those with special needs.

Thank you in advance.

Kanta Barua