



SHARON LYNNE WILSON

## CENTER FOR THE ARTS

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198<sup>th</sup> & Capitol Drive  
in Brookfield's Mitchell Park

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### Wilson Center picks a new dance partner

**Brookfield, Wisconsin (May 13, 2008)** The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts is pleased to welcome **Danceworks, Inc.** as a new partner in providing high-quality arts experiences to people of all ages beginning in July. **For a comprehensive list of classes or to register online visit [wilson-center.com](http://wilson-center.com) or call (262) 373-5023.**

Dance programs will launch this summer with four full-week creative arts camps for children and two evening dance classes for adults. The creative arts camps are similar to the extremely popular programs offered by Danceworks at their downtown Milwaukee location, and integrate dance and visual arts with music, drama, and creative writing. For adults, Danceworks will teach beginning classes in both jazz and tap dance.

Voted "The best place to learn dance" by the *Shepherd Express Best of Milwaukee 2007*, Danceworks has been creating dynamic learning experiences since 1992. Their mission is to enhance the joy, health, and creativity of the community through performances, classes, and outreach activities integrating dance and other art forms. They are an ideal collaborator with the Wilson Center, which prides itself on engaging its audiences in music, visual art, theater, dance, and inter-disciplinary activities. Danceworks Executive Director Deborah Farris comments, "We are very excited about our new partnership with the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center. The Center has a wonderful staff and is a great facility. We encourage everyone of all ages and abilities to enroll in our classes and creative arts camps."

The Center presents professional performances in six public series, including performances by some of the nation's leading dance companies.

"The relationship with Danceworks is a great fit," states Wilson Center Executive Director Jonathan Winkle. "Danceworks brings variety and depth of dance offerings, which will enhance the engagement with our public performances. They also excel at integrating dance and movement with other art forms, which is perfectly suited to the Wilson Center, which boasts professional art, music, and theater spaces."

The Wilson Center approached Danceworks as a new creative collaborator when the Milwaukee Ballet School, an original tenant at the Center, announced that their success at the Wilson Center required

them to move to a larger space. While recitals and showcases by Ballet students will continue at the Center, regular classes will take place at the nearby Towne Center. “Clearly, there is a demand for high-quality dance instruction in our area,” notes Winkle. “We look forward to meeting that need through the Wilson Center’s performances and Danceworks’ dynamic classes.”

## **Youth Creative Arts Camp**

### **Half-Day Camps**

#### **Commotion in the Ocean (Ages 3-4)**

Dive into a deep sea adventure to discover the magic of salt water creatures and “see-scapes” in creative movement, color, and sand!

**Monday–Friday, July 21–25**

**9:30–11:30 am**

**\$125 / \$110 BackStage Members**

#### **Jurassic Art (Ages 4-5)**

Stamp your passport and travel through time to the peaceful kingdom of “Dinotopia,” a home of prehistoric giants and friends, and learn to map and dance the Jurassic track alphabet!

**Monday–Friday, August 11–15**

**9:30–11:30 am**

**\$125 / \$110 BackStage Members**

### **Full-Day Camps**

#### **Radical Rainforest (Ages 6-8)**

Create a Canopy Theater for puppetry and performance, and become exotic bugs, insects, and animals to tell their rainforest secrets.

**Monday–Friday, July 21–25**

**9:30 am–3:30 pm**

**\$235 / \$210 BackStage Members**

#### **Earth Steps (Ages 8-10)**

Through activities designed to educate and empower, play in nature’s playground to learn how you can become an Earth Keeper. Campers will create artful

ways to save their environment, and step out to music and dance in a menagerie of their original stepping stones and sculptures from nature’s gifts.

**Monday–Friday, August 11–15**

**9:30 am–3:30 pm**

**\$235 / \$210 BackStage Members**

### **Adult Classes (Ages 16 and up)**

#### **Beginning Jazz Dance**

Jazz is an exciting dance form full of rhythm, syncopation, and style. A true American art form, jazz dance brings energy and life to all those who dance it. This class will explore a range of jazz styles and techniques and each class will include a warm-up that will focus on increasing flexibility and strength, developing technical skills, and learning short dance combinations.

**Tuesdays, July 1–August 5**

**6:00–7:00 pm**

**\$78 / \$72 BackStage Members**

#### **Beginning Tap Dance**

Tap dance is a uniquely American dance form. This introductory class covers the basic steps of tap technique. Students will learn coordination, rhythmic variations, and skills through exercises and short tap combinations. Tap shoes are required.

**Tuesdays, July 1–August 5**

**7:00–8:00 pm**

**\$78**

**For more information or to register online visit [Wilson-center.com](http://Wilson-center.com) or call (262) 373-5023.**

**The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts** is a privately funded, non-profit cultural arts center that offers performances by regional and touring groups, arts education, and an art gallery with changing exhibits. The Center nurtures lifelong learning through innovative programs and classes for all interests, ages, and abilities in state-of-the-art studios and classrooms. Some of Southeast Wisconsin's finest arts organizations offer professional instruction at the Wilson Center, including Danceworks, Inc., First Stage Theater Academy, and the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Wisconsin fine artists are showcased at the Hidden River Art Festival in September and in the Ploch Art Gallery with five exhibitions each year. **The Wilson Center for the Arts is just minutes west of Milwaukee, nestled in Brookfield's Mitchell Park south of 198<sup>th</sup> & Capitol Drive. For information about the Wilson Center call (262)781-9470.**

**Danceworks, Inc.** is a dynamic, nonprofit arts organization that unites and strengthens our community through dance and the arts. Danceworks has created and performed quality contemporary dance performance, accessible classes and outreach programs including Mad Hot Ballroom and Tap and Intergenerational Multi-Arts Project (IMAP) for children, adults, and elders in Greater Milwaukee since 1992. Today, Danceworks serves over 55,000 people throughout Southeastern Wisconsin annually, of which many have limited exposure to the arts. Danceworks is a fully-accessible facility with space to support dance classes, rehearsals, and performances as well as a visual art studio and gallery space located at 1661 North Water Street in Milwaukee's vibrant downtown.

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