



If Your Kid Loves ... **DANCE**

When Janine Territo of Maplewood set out to find a dance school for her daughter she was bombarded by an abundance of tutu and tiara teaching. "One place actually instructed the girls to 'prance like princesses,'" laments Territo. "Thankfully, we found Lydia!"

Lydia Johnson Dance is about as far from the sparkle/sequin/recital factory sort of school as you can get. "We really attract creative, thoughtful kids who want to dance for the love and freedom of it," explains the school's founder and director, Lydia Johnson. "One of the things that set us apart is our focus on choreography," she says. "We train students to think as dancers and when they start to see that structure and design everywhere – in all aspects of human endeavors – it really enriches all areas of their lives."

Students and parents alike appreciate the school's grounded, organic approach that emphasizes dance structure and encourages students to compose their own works. All instructors are professional dancers and most are active members of Lydia Johnson Dance, the Dance Company in residence at the South Orange Performing Arts Center and Artist in Residence at Far Brook School in Short Hills.

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