

FACULTY 2007-2008

ALISON PERCY has been with NEDC and NEDT since 1987. She received her B.A. in fine arts from Elms College. Ms. Percy has taught dance in Wilbraham, Amherst, Enfield, CT, and at Elms College, as well as fine arts courses at Holyoke Catholic High School. As an artist, her work has been exhibited at several local galleries and can be seen in private collections throughout New England. Ms. Percy attended the prestigious Harvard Summer Dance Program in 1993.

ELIZABETH WOOD Born in Germany, Elizabeth saw her first ballet at age three and has been dancing ever since. She grew up in Hampden, MA where she studied dance with Anatole Bourman, Tatiana Ourousoff, and Billy Austin and spent her summers studying in NYC. Professionally, she has performed with the Connecticut Valley Regional Ballet, Massachusetts Ballet, and Enfield Jazz Ensemble. She received her B.A. from Marymount College. Ms. Wood joined the faculty of NEDC in 1991. Currently, she teaches at NEDC and at Elms College for NEDC. Elizabeth has also choreographed for both Western New England College and the Drama Studio.

JOSH GOLD is a self-taught Funk dancer and Hip-Hop culture educator. Starting his career in 1996, Gold studied Breakin; (origin: South Bronx, NYC), and Mime (technique; Robotics, Isolation & Wavin'). Partaking in electronic music based gatherings known as Raves, he soon discovered a dance form that would become his true passion, Funk Styles. He teaches Funk Dance at NEDC, and the Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter HS, and performs pretty much everywhere he goes. In 2005, he was the UMASS Spring Concert opening for *Nas* at the Mullins Center. "The show was amazing, dancing in my hometown for over ten thousand people, wow."

MEGAN BROWN is currently a junior at UMASS/Amherst where she is pursuing a B.F.A. in Dance. At UMASS she has studied with Billbob Brown, Tom Vacanti, former NEDC faculty, Samantha Kenney, and with NEDC director, Kenneth Lipitz. She has been dancing for 18 years under the instruction of her mother, and UMASS alumna, Karen E. Brown. She has performed at UMASS as well as in numerous community theater productions. Megan teaches hip hop at UMASS and teaches ballet, tap, and jazz dance as well. She loves working with all ages and in all forms of dance. Megan joined the faculty of NEDC in 2006.