



LETICIA DE MARIA

• DANCE TEACHER •

She teaches people who think they “can’t dance” to dance, and to love it.

Leticia de Maria is a Brazilian, classically trained dance teacher and choreographer based in Belmont, California. She trained for ten years at Centro de Dança Rio and danced in the corps de ballet of the opera *Alabê de Jerusalém* at Rio de Janeiro’s Theatro Municipal. For more than 15 years she has taught dance to people of every age and ability: women over 40 taking their first class, seniors, children, and students with special needs.

In Brazil, two of her programs were featured on national television: *Divas Dance*, for mature women with no prior dance experience, and *Up Project*, an inclusive Hip Hop program for students with physical and intellectual disabilities. In the U.S., she has taught after-school dance for Castro Valley Unified School District, inclusive classes at Ray of Light Performing Arts in Hayward, and a women’s 40+ dance program in Houston and Katy, Texas.

Her classes are warm, structured and pressure-free. Beginners feel safe from the first minute, progress at their own pace, and keep coming back. She also brings a rare specialty to the Bay Area: authentic Brazilian Samba.

HIGHLIGHTS

15+ years teaching

Brazil and the U.S., kids to seniors

10-year dance diploma

Centro de Dança Rio, 1992 – 2002

School district experience

Castro Valley USD, K–8 (2022–24)

Featured on national TV

Two of her programs in Brazil

Stage & screen

Opera corps de ballet; feature film cast

Community builder

Full, loyal classes; socials and events

AVAILABLE FOR

Adult, youth and adaptive dance classes at studios, city recreation programs and schools · Choreography for showcases, musicals and events · Brazilian dance workshops and performances

TEACHES

Women 40+ & adult beginners

Seniors: mobility & balance

Youth: after-school & camps

Inclusive & adaptive dance

STYLES

Ballet · Jazz · Modern · Musical

Theater Dance · Tap · Hip Hop ·

Samba & Brazilian Rhythms · 70s

Disco · Line Dance · Social Dance ·

Stretch & Strength

LANGUAGES

English · Português · Español

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