



STAN ROGERS, Guest Ballet Instructor and Choreographer

Stan K. Rogers recently retired after 30 years as the Associate Professor of Dance and Direct of Ballet with Friends University Ballet Department. He has a Master's Degree from Columbia University in NYC, where he eventually became the Assistant Program Director and taught in the graduate program. While there, he choreographed for the esteemed Julliard School.

An prolific choreographer, he has taught and choreographed extensively through the U.S. and Mexico, Holland and France. Rogers has performed as soloist with the Fort Worth Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Bejart Ballet of the Twentieth Century in New York, and as Principal dancer with the Dance Theatre of Kansas.

His students include professionals in many major Companies including The New York City Ballet, Twyla Tharp, Houston Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet and he also has students whose career path led them to Broadway. Rogers was awarded Arts Educator of the Year in 2008 by the Wichita City Council and Arts Council.

MDM is honored to have Mr. Rogers teach ballet as a Guest Instructor weekly and to be able to feature his beautiful choreography annually in its *Short & Suite Nutcracker*. His knowledge and passion for dance is unparalleled in the area and it is a privilege to have him share his immense talents and experience with the preprofessional dancers at MDM.

INSTRUCTS: Advanced Ballet