

## ***Spotlight 2025 Dance Semifinal Judges***

**Julietta Marcelli Corti** played Cassandra in the Broadway cast of *CATS*, Nimue in *Camelot*, and the “Dream Dancer” for Judy Kaye at Papermill Playhouse. Ms. Corti has worked for Twyla Tharpe (Film), Gillian Lynne (Broadway) and Debbie Allen (Television). Regional Theatre and National Tour credits include: *A Chorus Line*, *Singing in the Rain* and *The 1940’s Radio Hour*. The award-winning PBS documentary *Silver Feet* chronicles her journey as a dancer. She studied at the School of American Ballet (New York City Ballet) and the Professional School for the San Francisco Ballet.

**Neisha Folkes** is a former Principal Dancer with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. Ms. Folkes graduated from The Juilliard School and went on to perform in numerous Broadway shows before joining Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater. She has choreographed for many TV, films and commercials, including Gap Swing, Coke, Ralph Lauren, Swing Kids, Glitter, Malcolm X and many more. She owns and directs her own musical theatre company for students called Triple Talent.

**Macarena Gandarillas** has performed in films, television, national Broadway tours and Las Vegas stages. Artists she has danced with have included Janet Jackson, Chita Rivera, Debbie Allen, Michael Jackson, and Lionel Richie. She founded Visions Dance Theatre in 2010 and has received numerous awards for her choreography. Ms. Gandarillas serves on faculty at CSU Fullerton where she teaches Jazz Dance and Dance for Musical Theatre. In addition, she serves as choreographer for the university’s Dance Concerts. Her students have danced with The Limón Dance Company and been featured in countless Broadway shows, including *Hamilton*, *Mean Girls* and *Wicked*.

**Dee Kaye Klega** has performed extensively throughout the U.S., Asia, and Europe in television, movies, commercials and stage. Her television credits include *The Academy Awards* and *The Tonight Show* among many others. Ms. Kaye is the Co-Founder of Teatro Electrio, a modern/jazz dance company based in Milano, Italy, as well as the former Lead Dancer on Canali 5 and The Rai for Italian Television. Ms. Kaye has been a Spotlight judge for the past 16 years.

**Mike Weir** is a former professional dancer and singer whose extensive credits on stage include starring roles on Broadway in *Blackstone!* and *A Chorus Line*. National Tours include *Evita* and *A Chorus Line*. He was a Principal Dancer with the Omaha Ballet and modern dance companies – Manning Freed Dance Theater and Space, Energy, Time Dance Company. Mr. Weir has an extensive background as a dancer/singer/actor and writer in film, television and commercials as well. Mr. Weir has been a Spotlight judge for the past 16 years.