



ALAN HEDGPETH

Alan Hedgpeth was born and raised in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is a member of National Dance Council of America (NDCA) and has earned the Fellowship "With Honors" with the North American Dance Teachers Association (NADTA). He has been a professional ballroom dance instructor for thirty years, certified to teach Bronze, Silver and Gold level American Style Ballroom and Rhythm Dancing. He is registered with the N.D.C.A. as a Pro-Am Instructor, Master of Ceremonies, Music Director, Competing Professional and Competition Adjudicator. He has received the Top Teacher Award at The Caribbean Dance Tournament in 1987, 1989 and 1995, the 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 Ohio Star Ball, the 2006 and 2007 Inter-State Dancesport Challenge and the 2008 Virginia State Dancesport Championship. He and his student won two World Championships in America Smooth and American Rhythm dances at the 2007 Ohio Star Ball. "A Step Above" has received the Top Studio Award at the 2005, 2006 and 2007 Ohio Star Ball and the 2006 and 2007 Inter-State Dancesport Challenge. He Choreographed the Top Bronze Solo Exhibition at the 2005 and 2006 Ohio Star Ball and the Top Silver Exhibition at the 2006 Ohio Star Ball. He has studied with Tony Meredith, Bill Sparks, Nick Short, John Nyemchek, Forrest Vance, Jerry Parrish, Beverly Donahue, John Hatton, Sam Sodano, Sammy Stopford and Rickey Geiger.

He is the owner of the "**A Step Above**" Ballroom Dance Studio in Virginia Beach VA. He is currently teaching both private and group classes in Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Hampton, Newport News, Richmond, Suffolk, Williamsburg, Vienna and Roanoke, Virginia. He is well known for his musical knowledge and Choreography.