

Ron Hughes, Dance Instructor

Ron Hughes started teaching dance professionally in 1989 with the Fred Astaire organization. He currently teaches independently for the Palm Beach Gardens Recreation Division, the Palm Beach County Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Junior Assembly of Palm Beach. His classes have included students ranging in age from 4 to 95, and have included as many as 65 students in a class. Some of his students have won gold medals at the Fred Astaire Florida Star Ball and the United States Ballroom Championships. As a professional competitor, he and his partner placed as high as second at the Southeastern Dance Championships in the Theater Arts division.

Mr. Hughes, who has been certified as a ballroom dance teacher by the North American Dance Teachers' Association, attributes his success as a group class teacher to his training as a music teacher. He possesses B.S. and M.S. degrees in Music Education from the University of Illinois, and is currently in the dissertation stage of a doctoral degree in music education.