

## Beth Stafura



**Beth A. Stafura** is in her 18th year as dance instructor and choreographer and contributed her talents to several ethnic ensembles across the United States and Canada.

Beth graduated from Duquesne University in 1998 with a Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies and continued on to obtain a Master's Degree in Corporate Communications in 2000. She was also a member of the Duquesne University Tamburitzans where she played tambura,

sang, and primarily danced for four years with the ensemble.

Beth not only has desire and passion for the Eastern European culture and dance but has also studied classically in tap, ballet and jazz since the age of five at Pat's Dance Studio. She is a Zumba instructor as well. As a youngster, she performed with the Junior Tamburitzans of Duquesne and the North Hills Junior Tamburitzans. She is also a past member of the Pittsburgh Slovaks and Folklore Ensemble Kumovi. Beth now continues her dancing in the Bulgarian group *Otets Paissii* of BMNECC and Folk Factory (DUT alumni) under the direction of Richárd Balázs and Bilyana Stafura.

Beth has taught and choreographed for various groups including Jadran, Golden Triangles, Hrvatski Tanac, South Hills and Duquesne Jrs. She currently teaches tap dancing at Steel City Academy of Dance. Beth attended numerous dance workshops and seminars since early childhood and continues to teach various workshops and lecture demonstrations across the United States. She has also had the privilege of being a dance instructor for the Duquesne University Tamburitzans, Kardinal Stepinac Croatian group in New York, NY, and is currently teaching Croatian National Home in Hamilton, Canada.