

# Jen Copaken

## JCC Dance Academy Instructor



### Dance Experience

Jen was the Assistant Choreographer on the 2002 Tony award winning production of "Into the Woods." Other Broadway experience includes working as a director's assistant on "The Lion King" where she rehearsed the "Young Nalas" and "Young Simbas" in preparation for their Broadway debuts.

She studied ballet with former Lar Lubavich soloist Christine Wright in New York City and received her Masters in Dance from the Laban Centre in London. She has choreographed numerous productions in New York City, Los Angeles and, most recently, here in San Jose.

Highlights include collaborating with singer Neshama Carelbach to create a multi-generational dance piece performed at Universal Amphitheatre in Los Angeles, and the 2008 production of "School House Rock Live!" at San Jose Children's Musical Theater. She also directed the City Step program at Harvard College which brings a 5th grade curriculum of dance/movement into Cambridge City public elementary schools.



### Classes taught at APJCC Dance Academy:

- Pre Ballet
- Contemporary Dance