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MiamiDanceHub Names First Winner of Its New Tappin' On Gold Legacy Scholarship



MIAMI—(March 26, 2023)—MiamiDanceHub is pleased to announce Deborah Winer as the first recipient of the Mabel-Faye Richards Solomon Tappin' On Gold Legacy Scholarship. This scholarship is dedicated to fostering career development for a student to advance dance education and those who show a passion for tap dancing.

"I am so honored to have received the Mabel-Faye Richards Solomon scholarship," Deborah Winer said. "I am also humbled to be able to carry on Mabel-Faye's legacy and share her love of tap dance with the world."

Mabel-Faye Richards Solomon, after whom the scholarship is named, passed away on Nov. 1, 2019. Solomon was a 30-year resident of South Florida, a teacher, dance advocate, and tap dancer. Her daughter, Michelle Faye Solomon, created the scholarship and named it after her mother.

The funds were donated by family, friends and dance supporters.

Solomon was an elementary school teacher for 30 years in northeastern Pennsylvania, but when not working, her world was all about tap dancing. She danced with the Bob Niznik Dancers and, after moving to Florida, danced with the Silver Tappers. She sought opportunities to keep the art alive by nurturing young dancers whenever possible.

"Mabel-Faye would be so happy to know that she is being honored and remembered in this on-going scholarship," Michelle Faye Solomon said. "We are so glad Deborah is using it to pursue and fulfill her dreams.

"Our organization is so thrilled to have been approached by the Solomon family to help steward this award," said Cameron Basden, Artistic Director of MDH. "We look forward to continuing support for the next generation of dancers and artists."

About Deborah Winer

At five years old, Deborah Winer began dancing under the instruction of Marie-Louise Gaschler. Winer discovered she had a natural talent for ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, ballroom, contemporary and modern dance. She continued to study tap dance under Nick DiNicolangelo, Jeremy Arnold, Sarah Reich, Sydney Burtis, Derick Grant, and Natasha Williams as she grew in her abilities.

In 2021, Winer graduated from Hebrew Academy in Miami. Currently, she is in her sophomore year at Pace University in New York City where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Commercial Dance.

During the summer months, Winer attended dance intensives such as The Intensive, ChuThisThe Movement Intensive, and Syncopate Tap Intensive. In addition, she participated in the Arts Umbrella International Summer Dance Intensive. Since her last years of high school, Deborah has assisted several of her mentors with classes at her home studio and also Sarah Reich, faculty tap teacher, at the Nuvo Dance Convention in 2022. Deborah is currently an assistant for Adrenaline/Revive Dance Convention where she supports faculty in ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap and other genres.

Additionally, Winer is also a company member of the Hands Down Tap Project, and she was honored to perform in last summer's show in(Finite).

About the Scholarship

The Tappin' On Gold Legacy scholarship is meant for serious tap students at least 17 years of age or older. Applicants must seek a career in tap and musical theater—however, a musical theater interest is not a prerequisite to apply. The award-winner may be exclusively focused on tap dance. Funds are designed to go toward classes, private lessons, and expenses related to studying with a new mentor or teacher.

For more information about applying for the scholarship, contact Cameron Basden at cameron@miamidancehub.com or msolomon23@att.net.

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