Dancers Courageous is committed to providing compelling programs to courageous and energetic souls drawn to dance. Our mission is bringing history to life through the performing arts. By using the inspirational qualities of dance, music and theatre, we seek to develop a greater appreciation for the past and present cultures of the North Shore.
**Introduction**

Dancers Courageous evolved from the life’s work and passion of Carl Thomsen. Arriving here from New York City in 1992, Carl had the idea that one could experience Gloucester’s rich cultural history through the arts. This grew into the non-profit organization Dancers Courageous. We offer a diverse array of programs, and productions are designed to include people of all ages. As you read through this brochure, picture yourself as a member of the Dancers Courageous community. Come and be inspired by dance!

**School Program**

The school offers an array of classes, residencies, and productions that reflect the unique history of each host community. Our innovative local and national history with dance, through visual, verbal, and creative writing. By using the arts as teaching tools, we celebrate children’s ability to tell their own story. Through arts in education, we help all children to develop their minds, body, and spirit. We currently conduct residencies in Gloucester, Rockport, Manchester, Essex, Beverly, and Wakefield, Massachusetts. We also offer a teacher training program.

**Dance Studio**

The Dancers Courageous Studio located at 2 Main Street in Gloucester, MA. A full array of classes, ranging from Modern & Ballet to Hip Hop & Breakdance, are offered year round. Children and adults are invited to learn the techniques used in the Legends Dance Company and Gloucester Legends. Theatre is comprised of local professionals, touring and post-professional dancers, musicians, actors, and singers housed in an intimate studio theater. Legends is the focus of our new program: an immersive spiritual and historical experience performed in an intimate studio theater.

**Original Productions**

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