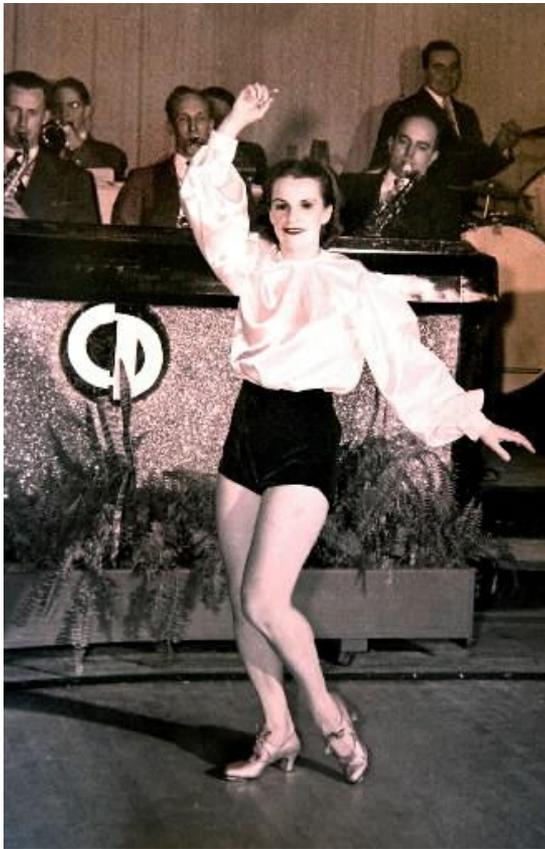




Baker School
of Dance

Established 1935

Irma Baker



Irma's teaching career began with her 1st Dance Recital in July of 1935 at the Eastern Star Hall in Albany. Over the next 80 years, her Studio migrated from Albany to Marathon to Auburn to Red Creek to Camillus to Seneca Falls to Clifton Park and finally to Scotia. Her former students have gone on to become Tony Award Winners, Rockettes, Broadway Dancers and Dance Studio Directors.

In 1997, Irma was honored by the Dance Masters of America with their 50 Year Membership Award. During her esteemed career, she served as Secretary, Vice President and President of the Dance Masters Chapter 8, on the Board of Directors for Chapter 26 and as a part of the Membership Examining Staff.

In April of 2007, the Rochester Institute of Technology honored Irma for her outstanding dedication to her students after being nominated by her then 14 year old student Kate Page. One month later, Irma received a citation from New York State behind the sponsorship of Senator Farley. Irma, class of 1939, was also sighted in Maryville College's Focus Magazine as an "ICON" for her lifetime career in dance.

"There was a star danced, and under that I was born..."

Family & Friends of Irma, when you look out your windows at night and behold the Great Winter Circle of Stars of Orion & Taurus in the sky - be reminded by the stars of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* & our very own star, **Irma Souder Baker**, who has taken her final bow.

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