



## To Our Mayfair Family

It has now been one year since we had to close our business & building due to COVID- 19 and there have been many new developments that have occurred over this past year.

Mayfair Academy & The Mayfair Performing Co. WILL NOT be re-opening or operating as a dance school in the immediate future. The building was sold in August 2021 to the Chicago Human Rhythm Project organization (CHRP). This January, CHRP is launching their new arts incubator and naming the building the Mayfair Arts Center or “MAC” at 8701 So Bennett. CHRP is continuing their work, previously housed at the American Rhythm Center, and now the “MAC” will serve independent artists, small to medium-sized dance companies and more children, teens, adults and elders - through classes, performances and business development services. The MAC will also honor the 63+ year legacy of Tommy and Peggy Sutton and Mayfair Academy; a true South-Side of Chicago institution. While Mayfair gives it’s full support to the “MAC” we are not legally or financially attached to the center.

We also want to note Mayfair’s very own Ms. Erin Barnett, director of “Black Girls Dance” will be returning to the Mayfair Arts Center in mid January 2022. If you are interested in classes:

Website: <https://blackgirlsdance.org>

Registration: <https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/blackgirlsdance>

Open House: Sat, Jan 15, 2022

**BLACK GIRLS DANCE®**  
**WINTER OPEN HOUSE**

**JANUARY 15**  
9:00AM TO 3:00PM

**NEW LOCATION:**  
THE MAYFAIR ARTS CENTER  
8701 S BENNETT AVE  
CHICAGO, IL 60617

JOIN US FOR A DAY OF FUN CLASSES IN  
MOMMY AND ME, COMBINATION,  
BALLET, HIP HOP AND JAZZ!

BRING A FRIEND!

\*PER CITY MANDATE COVID VACCINATION CARDS  
REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS 6 AND UP!

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**MAC**  
MAYFAIR ARTS CENTER

## **“Tap Along with Tommy”**

Mayfair has long been renowned for its excellent tap programs and methods instituted by its founder Mr. Tommy Sutton. The methods are designed as Tap Exercises that have been taught at Mayfair throughout the years. Literally thousands of students have learned Exercises 1, 2 & 3, and beyond. Peggy Sutton is now ensuring the legacy of her Father Mr. Tommy Sutton by re-releasing the book “Tap along with Tommy”, later this year.

In 1979 Tommy retired from Mayfair and moved to Atlanta, Georgia where he was on faculty at Spelman College, and Atlanta University Dance Theater and taught various Tap workshops. While in Atlanta he wrote and published "Tap Along with Tommy", a technical manual for the tap dance teacher, in addition he also produced a videotape, album and cassette tape. He inspired and influenced so many students throughout the years with his persistence in bringing out the best in everyone. Through the years he became a much sought after Master Teacher and lecturer on the subject of Tap instruction and he taught master workshops for teachers all over the United States as well as Jamaica and Europe.

In conjunction with the book we will also offer Master classes & Teaching certifications along with selected Tap classes at the MAC beginning in the spring of 2022 (more information TBA) These classes will focus on the Tap exercises and associated choreography.



## **Continuing the Legacy**

To further celebrate and continue the legacy of Mayfair Academy & The Mayfair Performing Co. we are archiving selected content from the past 63 years. This includes pictures, recital programs, and video links to various recitals and events. We also would like to have an opportunity to reunite with our students & their families when it is possible to do so.

## **Sonia Russell**

In December 2021 we lost our beloved Tap Angel Ms. Sonia Russell. Tap in Peace Sonia and we will continue to honor her memory and her legacy.



**The Mayfair Performing Company**