



Erin Reddy, 12 year old student at the Salem Dance Network.

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## Local dancer shows potential

Erin Reddy, 12-year-old student of the Salem Dance Network, has had a successful year of performances, auditions, conventions and competitions. The daughter of Ruth-Anne and William Reddy of Salem, and a sixth grader at Woodbury Middle School, she shows great promise as a dancer.

Teri Desrosiers, Artistic Director of the Salem Dance Network, says, "Erin is a very beautiful and talented little girl who has progressed steadily since coming to the Salem Dance Network just three short years ago."

In December Erin was cast as a soldier and a pointe angel in the professional production of the Albany

Berkshire Ballet's "Nutcracker" held at the Collins Center in Andover, Mass. She next attended auditions held at the Boston Ballet, Boston, and St. Paul School, Concord, and in February she was accepted into the Brooklyn Ballet Theatre and the American Academy of Ballet, two prestigious summer study programs for young pre-professional dancers.

This summer she will stay with the American Academy of Ballet at Vassar College in New York. Erin was also awarded a scholarship from Dance Educators of America to attend their National Convention, where she competed with other stu-

dents of the Salem Dance Network and received gold medals for her group dances.

On Saturday, June 23, Erin competed with her first 'solo' in Paula Callahan's "New England Dance Festival" held at the North Andover Middle School, where she was awarded a gold medal and a special judges award for having a great amount of "Potential."

This past dance season other students from S.D.N. also received scholarships from DEA, and were accepted into the American Ballet Theater, and the Boston Ballet Schools for summer study, Desrosiers said.