

**Contretemps-Against the Time: A Beginner Baroque Dance Workshop**

**Instructor: Elizabeth Kurylo**

**Date/Time: Saturday, July 15, 11:30am-12:30pm**

**Location: White River Ballet Academy**

**Description:** In this class you will learn the fundamentals of Baroque Dance. The technique dates back to the 17th century when all the nobility at the court of Louis XIV were expected to learn to dance to please the Sun King. Louis XIV himself was a formidable dancer. To facilitate the education of his royal entourage, he assigned his dance masters to codify dance steps and write all original choreographies in booklets that were then passed along among dancers.

In this class you will practice a few steps in the baroque style with the emphasis on symmetry and learn eight measures of a choreographed piece.

**Bio:** Elizabeth Kurylo is a French born dancer/choreographer based in Vermont. She danced professionally in Europe with ballet, modern and Russian character dance companies. 8 years ago, she developed an interest in baroque dance and trained with baroque dance masters Beatrice Massin in France, Ken Pierce and Catherine Turocy in the US. She likes to recycle the baroque dance form in her contemporary choreographies. But she also likes to reconstruct choreographies from 17th century dance notations.