## Maria Bobkoff

## **Zumba Instructor**

I am originally from the Ukraine, I came to the U.S. in 2013. Dancing has always been my passion and the reason I learned and continue to learn a diversity of dance forms.

I got my Masters degree in Performance of Arts (Dance) from Kharkiv State Academy in Ukraine in 2006. Since then, I have been working as a dance instructor, choreographer, performer and a competition judge worldwide.

First-year in the United States, I became a member of the Bucks County YMCA. Very soon after, I decided to join the Y staff to share my knowledge, skills, love of rhythm and movements with others by teaching dance-related classes. You can still find me today at the YMCA sharing my love of dance with others.

Last year, I had the opportunity to work at Thompson dealership helping people to find their transportation needs — even here - I keep on dancing! Dance is my art. Dance keeps both the body and the brain active, vital for people of every age. Dance helps people express their emotions and feel better. It's a fun way to open up new possibilities, keep healthy and enjoy yourself. A movement of life!

Dance is a way for me to give back to the community – a way to spread joy to others!