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Posting:	Whatever happened to Charles Kelly the dancer?	Posting 1
Poster:	Ed Gervais	
Date:	30 July 2007 12:23 AM	
I remember Charles Kelly the dancer who worked with Evelyn Macfarland at her dance studio on Main Street. Charles was headed for Broadway the last I heard. Also a guy named John Tormey was dancing at the same studio. Anybody know them?		
Posting:	Re: Whatever happened to Charles Kelly the dancer?	Posting 2
Poster:	John Tormey	
Date:	31 July 2007 12:27 AM	
Yo! All present and accounted for.		
Charles Kelly is the most respected tap and acrobatics teacher in New York City. For the show "Chorus Line" Charles taught all the acrobatic stuff to the cast for Michael Bennett and taught all of the replacement dancers during its long run. At Windham High he was voted Best Dancer Class of '54. (well-deserved) We were in the same class. I was voted Best Actor. Charles is still a dance guru and I am living in Manhattan and still acting, now mostly film and TV. You can Google my name or try hotbot.com, then IMDb Pro if you want a list of credits. But why would you?		
In the Verizon Network commercial that just came out last week I'm the old guy waiting for the bus. (no lines) In the movie "The Ten" which opens on August 3, I'm the bearded, Jewish, drug addict telling the story of "The Lying Rhino."		
Thanks for the chance to unload all this stuff.		
jt		
Posting:	Re: Whatever happened to Charles Kelly the dancer?	Posting 3
Poster:	William Brainard	
Date:	31 July 2007 6:04 PM	
Very cool, John!		
Posting:	Re: Whatever happened to Charles Kelly the dancer?	Posting 4
Poster:	Ed Gervais	
Date:	9 August 2007 11:48 PM	
John: For what it's worth, I think that you're one of the best character actors to have come along. I have had the priviledge of seeing some of your work and I am and have been impressed. It's damn refreshing to see somebody stay focused and stay with their goals for the long run. I remember seeing you in some of the productions at Windham High when you and Charles were there. You did one scene with Eileen Lawrence, if I remember correctly, a pretty little blond soprano who graduated in 1957, I believe.  Congratulations from a guy who is proud of you, John! I don't want this to sound like a groupie fest, but you guys reading this should see and, you probably already have, but didn't know it, some of John's work on TV and in the movies.  Give my best to Charles if you ever see him or talk to him.  Ed Gervais		
Posting:	Re: Whatever happened to Charles Kelly the dancer?	Posting 5
Poster:	John Boudreau	
Date:	10 August 2007 7:10 PM	
The only flick I've seen John in was Ghost Dog: The Way of the Samurai with Academy Award winning actor Forrest Whitakker , and John was terrific . I live in the Japanese boondocks and all we have is one video rental shop , so I haven't been able to find any of the other movies John has been in .		
John - how does it feel to have been in a movie with someone who got an Academy Award for best actor ?		
I had a feeling after seeing Mr. Whitakker in the Clint Eastwood produced film BIRD some years ago that he was destined for greatness .		
Posting:	Re: Whatever happened to Charles Kelly the dancer?	Posting 6
Poster:	John Costello	

Date: 10 August 2007 9:42 PM

Wow!

What talented people we have in/from Willimantic. I think opera singer Eileen Farrell was a Willi native, and someone once told me that it was a Willi guy that wrote the song "Blue Christmas"

Posting: Re: Whatever happened to Charles Kelly the dancer?  
 Poster: John Tormey  
 Date: 11 August 2007 1:20 PM

Posting 7

Ed and the Johns, thanks for the fine words.

Forest is a fine man, a family man, very spiritual. We have remained friends. I see him when he comes to town. He's an extremely generous actor on the set. The last time I saw him I told him that I worship at his shrine.

By the way, don't rush to see "The Ten." It proved not to be the greatest on the big screen. But catch me, if you can, in the new Verizon Network commercial as the old guy sitting on a bench waiting for the bus. A 14-hour-day to film those few seconds.

Stay well.  
 jt

Posting: Re: Whatever happened to Charles Kelly the dancer?  
 Poster: John Boudreau  
 Date: 11 August 2007 7:41 PM

Posting 8

John C ,

Don't forget Mrs. Josephine Greer . I believe she was in Vaudeville , and on Broadway in the 30's . She wrote some hit songs , too .

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John T ,

" Forest is a fine man, a family man, very spiritual...."

Somehow , I knew he was .

Posting: Re: Whatever happened to Charles Kelly the dancer?  
 Poster: John Tormey  
 Date: 12 August 2007 11:41 AM

Posting 10

To Ed and The Johns: Just checked IMDb (data base for movies) -- Those born in Willimantic that are listed there are:  
 Christopher Dodd (1944). He appeared in a bunch of films and many TV appearances as a senator.  
 Fred Norris (1944). Actor, Director, Writer, Producer, Sound Department Member. Works closely with Howard Stern.  
 Jennifer Guthrie (1969). Has a whole bundle of TV credits as an actress. Of course you know about Eileen Farrell.

Posting: Re: Whatever happened to Charles Kelly the dancer?  
 Poster: John Tormey  
 Date: 12 August 2007 11:42 AM

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By "as a senator" I meant "as himself."