

Cassandra Pappy Springs

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Overview

Versatile, creative, and motivated dancer, teacher, and choreographer with over 20 years of dance training and a variety of professional experience. This experience includes competition, film, and theatre performance accompanied by public school, collegiate, NBA, and dance studio choreography/instruction.

Professional Experience

Competitive Dance Judge

Imagine Dance Competition, *Star Dance Alliance*

2019 - Present

Inspire Dance Competition

On Point Dance Competition

Dive Dance Competition

Fusion Dance Competition

- Improve the technical ability and performance quality of dancers by providing individual and group adjudication in the styles of jazz, tap, ballet, hip hop, vocal, clogging, contemporary, modern, and lyrical.
- Experience judging at the regional and national level

Owner | CEO

2016 – Present

Elite DanceWerks LLC. – Atlanta, GA

- Provide top notch dance education, training, performances, and choreography for dance teams, studios, music artists, and specials events

High School Dance Instructor

William G. Enloe Magnet High School - Raleigh, NC

2015 – 2019

C.E. Jordan High School – Durham, NC

2014 – 2015

North Brunswick High School – Wilmington, NC

2012 – 2014

- Collaborate with arts colleagues for school and community performances
- Serve as an advisor/coach for Dance Team, Dance Club, Tap Club, and hip hop club
- Demonstrate leadership, advocacy, and professional practice to create a more effective learning environment for students
- Plan and coordinate weekly lessons with attention to the specific needs of students
- Consistently maintain a positive, professional, and collaborative relationship with colleagues, school personnel, and families of students
- Integrate specific instruction that help students apply processes and strategies for critical thinking and problem solving
- Assess and reflect upon the growth and understanding of student learning in relationship to teaching strategies
- Collaborate with community members to enhance the student learning experience by providing outside dance opportunities

Guest Instructor | Choreographer**2012 – Present**

Philadelphia 76ers Dance Team – Philadelphia, PA
 Dance Express Studio - Portland, ME
 BB Dance Productions - Charlotte, NC
 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools – Winston Salem, NC
 Center of Performing Arts - Burlington, NC
 On Stage School of Dance - High Point, NC
 The Dance Department – Irmo, SC
 Britza Dance Studios – Sioux Falls, SD
 Lenoir-Rhyne University – Hickory, NC
 Limestone College – Gaffney, SC
 Empower Dance Studio – Durham, NC
 Visions Gymnastics and Dance – Rock Hill, SC
 Eastern Alamance High School – Mebane, NC
 Cardinal Gibbons High School – Raleigh, NC
 The Rhythm Company – Gretna, VA
 Destination Arts – Oak Ridge, NC
 Katura Dance Academy – Greenville, NC
 Elon University – Elon, NC
 DanceArt Studio – Garner, NC
 Prestige Dance Institute – Garner, NC
 Charlotte Dance Alliance – Charlotte, NC
 Dance Productions – Charlotte, NC
 The Pointe! Studio of Dance – Greensboro, NC
 NC Underground Workshops – Durham, NC
 East Carolina University – Greenville, NC
 Amber’s House of Dance – Burlington, NC
 Xtreme Dance Academy – Mebane, NC
 University of North Carolina at Greensboro – Greensboro, NC
 Destination Dance Workshop – Durham, NC
 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – Chapel Hill, NC
 DanzQuest Dance Studio – Wilmington, NC
 Brunswick County Schools All-County Dance Workshop – Wilmington, NC

- Choreograph customized routines in the styles of jazz, hip hop, and pom for game day performances and/or the competitive dance season.
- Conduct master classes in the styles of jazz, ballet, contemporary, hip hop, jazz funk and tap with a focus on strengthening technical skill and performance quality.

Dance Studio Instructor

Heather’s Dance Incorporated - Knightdale, NC	2017 – 2018
DanceArt Studio - Raleigh, NC	2017 - 2018
Extravadance & Tumble – Kernersville, NC	2014 – 2015
Dance Productions - Charlotte, NC	2006 - 2008

- Choreograph and rehearse hip-hop and jazz routines for the competitive and recreational dance season
- Plan and conduct weekly technique classes in the areas of hip-hop, jazz, and jazz funk

Stage and Performance Experience

Dancer | Choreographer

2008 - 2018

Ginuwine – *East Coast Tour* - New York, NY, Philadelphia, PA, Greensboro, NC, Richmond, VA, Raleigh, NC
Ginuwine – *Kings of R&B European Tour* – United Kingdom, France, Netherlands, Germany
Vybz Choreographers Showcase – *LeDarius Parker* – Atlanta, GA
Laura Reed – Pour House Music Hall, Raleigh, NC
VAE Presents: Black Dance Matters – Raleigh, NC
North Carolina Black Film Festival – Wilmington, NC
Weird Al Yankovic – *Mandatory World Tour* - Greensboro, NC
Imani – *Chris Brown, Royalty Tour* - Atlanta, GA
Iyaz – Raleigh, NC
Spartan G’s Dance Team – Greensboro, NC
Elevate Performance Production Company – Raleigh, NC
Techmoja Theatre and Dance Company – Wilmington, NC
UNCG Dance Department – *BFA Thesis Concerts* - Greensboro, NC

Film and Video

Dancer

“Shero” - Music Video – *Laura Reed* – Raleigh, NC **2017**
“Chosen” - Music Video – *Free Boogie and Amari Marshall* - Los Angeles, CA **2017**
“Bolden” - Movie – *CiCi Kelly and Bubba Carr* - Wilmington, NC **2019**

Training

Xcel Studios - Atlanta, GA **2019**
Broadway Dance Center – New York, NY **2018 - 2019**
Gibney Dance Center – New York, NY **2018**
The Dance Teacher Summit – Long Beach, CA **2017**
Millennium Dance Complex – Los Angeles, CA **2016**
Debbie Reynolds Dance Studio – Los Angeles, CA **2016**
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro – Greensboro, NC **2008 - 2012**
The Pulse Summer Intensive – New York, NY **2007**
The Atlanta Ballet Jazz Intensive – Milledgeville, GA **2006 - 2007**
Dance Productions Dance Studio – Charlotte, NC **1993 - 2008**

- Maintains training in the genres of ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, heels technique, West African, modern, contemporary, musical theatre, and jazz funk

Academic Qualifications

University of North Carolina at Greensboro
B.A. Dance, K-12 Teaching Licensure
School of Music, Theatre, and Dance
Graduated May 2012

Specialized Skills

Choreography
Music Editing
K-12 Dance Instruction
Costume Design
Makeup Application

Awards and Recognition

High School Dance Instructor

Triangle Rising Star, Recognition in Outstanding Choreography **2018 - 2019**
Triangle Rising Star, Best Musical **2016 & 2018**

Scholarships

Peridance Capezio Center 5-Class Scholarship – Durham, NC **2008 - 2016**
Ikonic Regional Dance Convention – Atlanta, GA
Pulse Summer Intensive – Atlanta, GA
Pulse Regional Convention – Atlanta, GA
Delta Sigma Theta Debutante Cotillion – Charlotte, NC

High School Dance Team Coach

Supreme Grand Champion – Maximum National Cheer and Dance Competition **2012 - 2014**
High School Grand Champion – Port City Challenge Cheer and Dance Competition
First Place Dance Champion – Cape Fear Fair Cheer and Dance Competition

Competitive Dancer

Top National Senior Soloist – Star Systems Dance Competition – Las Vegas, NV **2007**
Miss Dance of North Carolina – Dance Masters of America – Greensboro, NC

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