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PROFILE

Highly experienced, award winning professional with a rich portfolio of accomplishments in a 35+ year career producing, directing, and choreographing classical and contemporary dance

Awarded recognition/financial support by national and international institutions

Proven acumen for conceptualizing, planning, and producing performing arts events

Demonstrated leadership ability in professional settings

Directed/produced/collaborated with dancers, singers, and actors in over 500 productions

Experienced in working with students of diverse backgrounds, challenges, and cultures

Skilled at building and maintaining relationships with community sponsors, boards of directors, and patrons

Lectures, master classes, and choreography for workshops in private schools, studios, and high schools nationwide, as well as the following **six universities**: *Boise State University, Northwestern State University (La.), University of Houston, University of California at Los Angeles, University of Southern California and Utah State University*

Adjudicator for University Interscholastic League, private and public institutions.

Developed dance language, staffs, and curriculum

Commissioned as staff instructor for eight private studios

Owned and operated performing arts studios

Managed human resources for staffs of up to 18

Interviewed for publicity by media

Wrote and managed 501(c) 3 based grants

CERTIFICATIONS

- ♦ Cecchetti Council of America, Incorporated
- ♦ Dance Masters of America, Incorporated
- ♦ Southeast Texas Association of Dance Teachers
- ♦ Southern California Association of Dance Teachers

EDUCATION

Master of Liberal Arts	St. Edward's University, Austin, TX	
	Concentration: Dance	2014
Centro Panamericano de Idiomas	San Juan de Flores, Costa Rica	
	Course in cultural immersion	2012 & 2013
Bachelor of Fine Arts	St. Edwards University, Austin, TX	
	Concentration: Directing and Producing	2009
The National Dean's List	St. Edwards University, Austin, TX	2006-2007
Certificate of Achievement	Austin Community Access TV Field Production	1999

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Austin Shakespeare**, Austin, TX
Choreographer/ Movement Coach
Choreographed dance and coached movement for a youth performance of *Midsummer Night's Dream* 2015
- Dance By Carly**, Austin, TX
Ballet Instructor
Currently teaching ballet in intensive workshops
- Dance By Carly**, Austin, TX
Ballet Instructor
Taught ballet, pre-pointe, and pointe classes. Choreographed pieces for corps and solo pointe variations for seasonal performances and recitals 2013-2014
- Jackie's Performing Arts Center**, Austin, TX
Dance Instructor
Taught classes in tap, ballet, and jazz. Choreographed pieces for competitions, seasonal performances, and recitals 1999-2007
- D'ette's and Company**, Austin, TX
Tap Instructor
Taught weekly classes in tap 1999
- Kirby Hall Preparatory School (UT Campus)**, Austin, TX
Ballet Instructor
Developed curriculum and taught ballet classes 1998-1999
- West Coast Performing Arts Center**, Mission Viejo, CA
Co-Owner / Artistic Director
Produced in-house performances for targeted audiences in voice, drama, dance, and music. Managed a staff of 10 administrative and artistic personnel; supervised 4 departments 1992-1995
- Laguna Beach Dance Invitational**, Laguna Beach, CA
Founder /Producer
Directed a 1-week festival for 40 performing arts students
Wrote press releases, set up interviews for artists with L.A. Times and Orange County Register
Allocated a budget for travel, housing, and stipends for nationally recognized artists
Coordinated housing for 25 out-of-town students 1989-1992
- Francesca Ballet of London**, Santee, California
Ballet Instructor

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Taught classes in ballet and pointe

1991

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TRAINING

Florence Coleman, Marsha Woody, Jack Stanley, Ron Abshire, Margo Marshall, Patsy Swayze, Rudy Jenkins, Camille Hill, David Howard, and Roni Mahler.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

- St. Edwards University**, Austin, TX
Staged philosophy, *Plato's Allegory of the Cave*. (Directed Study) 2014
- St Edward's University**, Austin, TX
Internship in lighting design at Long Center (Marriage of Figaro), and Bass Concert Hall (Don Giovanni) with Kathryn Eader 2013
- St Edward's University**, Austin, TX
Produced and directed *An Evening of Choreography* showcasing diverse movement. (Directed Study) 2013
- St Edward's University**, Austin, TX
Traveled to Costa Rica for cultural immersion and taught ballet class and presented choreography *Silver Thread* at Universidad de Nacional. (Directed Study) 2013
- St Edward's University**, Austin, TX
Staged the short story, *A Worn Path*, by Eudora Welty. (Directed Study) 2010
- St Edward's University**, Austin, TX
Staged poetry, *Stuff*, by Ntozake Shange 2009
- Julliard School for the Performing Arts**, New York, NY
Invited to audit modern and pointe classes via *Make a Wish Foundation* 2005
- Disneyland**, Anaheim, CA
Presented original choreography, *Silver Thread* 2003
- Disneyworld**, Orlando, FL
Presented original choreography, *Silver Thread* 2003
- Weatherford Independent School District**, Weatherford, TX
Contracted to teach, direct, and stage *Silver Thread* in a week long residency 2003
- Texas Association of School Boards**, Austin, TX
Contracted to teach, direct, and stage *Silver Thread* at statewide convention *Parent Learning Network* 2003

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Special Projects Continued:

Silver Thread Debut, Austin, TX

Received City of Austin Cultural Contract for a multi-media, dance based performances at the Scottish Rite Theatre. Production included Grammy award winning singer, Donna Hightower 2002

Austin Community Access, Austin, TX

Received certificate of completion in producing and editing. 1999

Seventh Annual Youth Dance Festival, Austin, TX

Presented choreography at Zilker Park's Hillside Theatre 1999

Lamar Opera Department/Beaumont Civic Opera, Beaumont, TX

Co-directed and choreographed for musical production of *Fiddler on the Roof* 1998

Hotel Beaumont, Beaumont, TX 1997

Conducted movement therapy for senior citizens (Volunteer) 1997

Austin Middle School, Beaumont, TX

Instructed youth-at-risk in the *Beaumont Summer* arts program 1997

Youth Rescue Mission, Beaumont, TX

Provided art therapy to homeless youth (Volunteer) 1997

Lamar Theater Department/Beaumont Community Players, Beaumont, TX

Choreographer for production of *West Side Story* 1997

West Coast Performing Arts Center, Mission Viejo

Artistic Director for a 6,000 square foot performing arts studio of four departments 1992

Laguna Beach Dance Invitational, Laguna Beach, CA

Directed one week dance retreat involving students from various states 1989

Linda Kelm, San Francisco, CA

Personal trainer for this Grammy award winning singer 1994

Juilliard School of Music, New York, NY

Presented original choreography at student audition 1993

Hidden Valley Art Institute, Carmel, CA

Choreographed and produced three concert pieces 1990

Special Projects continued:

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Laguna Beach Dance Invitational , Laguna Beach, CA Founder and producer of international dance festival held in Southern California.	1988-1992
Laguna Outreach for Contributing Artists Produced excerpts from: <i>A Christmas Carol</i> , Laguna Beach, CA	1987
Paramount Studios , Hollywood, California Appeared as a dancer in the Paramount motion picture, <i>Back to the Future</i>	1986
Disneyland Creative Challenge Award , Anaheim, CA Served as an adjudicator for high school award	1986
USC and UCLA , Los Angeles, CA Taught summer dance camps (Kaye Tier Crawford-Director)	1980
Utah State University , Logan, UT Commissioned to choreograph piece presented to deaf audiences <i>Hands Up</i> (Jackie Fullmer-Director)	1980
Rose Bowl Stadium , Los Angeles, CA Choreographed/instructed over 200 students in collaboration with musical celebrity, Ray Anthony, for Los Angeles Rams/Minnesota Vikings football game halftime	1980
Jefferson Jazz Ballet , Beaumont, TX Founder and artistic director for this 501c (3) dance company. Responsible for choreography, directing rehearsals, lighting and sound design.	1977-1979
Paramount Theater , Austin, TX Presented selection from <i>Jefferson Jazz Ballet</i> to Texas Arts Alliance and Texas Legislators representing Texas dance companies	1978

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

All American Talent Showcase - Top Teacher, Best All Around Choreography	2001
United States Tournament of Dance – Petite Miss Texas, Junior Miss Texas, Miss Texas (student placement)	2001
Star Systems - Junior Mr. Dance, Petite Miss Superstar, and Junior Mr. Superstar (student placement)	2000

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CHOREOGRAPHED PIECES

Award Winning Only

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Year</u>
Ballet Variations		
Romanza	MJS Movement	2014
Carmen	Dance by Carly	2014
Dying Swan	Dance by Carly	2014
Pas de Quatre	Dance by Carly	2013
Peasant Pas de Deux from Giselle	Fundanzers	2005
Carla Etude	Fundanzers	2005
Moderato	Fundanzers	2004
Pizzicata Polka	Fundanzers	2003
Brandenburg Concerto	Fundanzers	2001
Midnight Waltz	Fundanzers	1999
Piano Concerto #1	West Coast PAC	1995
Don Quixote	West Coast PAC	1993
Coppelia	Saddleback Dance Center	1992
Sarah's Band	West Coast PAC	1992
Firebird	Triple C Arts	1199
Moonlight Sonata	Triple C Arts	1988
Peter and the Wolf	Saddleback Dance Center	1986
Musical Theater		
Iko iko	Fundanzers	2001
You Made the Pants Too Long	Fundanzers	2000
Honeybun	Fundanzers	2000
Here Comes Charlie	Fundanzers	1999
Second Hand Rose	Fundanzers	1999
Newsies	Fundanzers	1994
Oliver	Laguna Moulton Playhouse	1994
The Wiz	Greater Los Angeles Children's Theater	1993
I'm the Greatest Star	West Coast PAC	
Tap		
Tobacco Road	Fundanzers	2006
Slip Sliding Away	Fundanzers	2004
Shock the Monkey	Fundanzers	2004

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Choreographed Pieces Continued:

Great Balls of Fire	Fundanzers	2003
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof	Fundanzers	2002
Tap Pup	Fundanzers	2001
Driving My Life Away	Fundanzers	2001
As Long As I'm Singing My Song	Fundanzers	2001
Jump Jive	Fundanzers	2000
Whatever	Fundanzers	2000
Miles Away	Fundanzers	1999
A Capella	Fundanzers	1999
Belles	Fundanzers	1999
Vatican Rag	Fundanzers	1999
Oregato	Laguna Beach Dance Ensemble	1996
Lullaby of Broadway	Hidden Valley Arts Institute	1990

Jazz and Lyrical

New York State of Mind	MJS Movement	2013
Fantasma	MJS Movement	2013
Great Gig in the Sky	Austin School for the Blind	2002
Out of Africa	Fundanzers	2002
Topsy Turvy	Fundanzers	2002
Twilight	Fundanzers	2001
Footloose	Fundanzers	2001
I Will Always Love You	Fundanzers	2000
Bad Feeling	Fundanzers	2000
Money	Fundanzers	1999
Have You Ever	Susan English Dance Company	1999
Move	Susan English Dance Company	1999
Tush	Susan English Dance Company	1999
Kick Off Your Shoes	Fundanzers	1998
Miss Brown to You	Fundanzers	1998
Fever	Fundanzers	1998
Screamer	Juilliard Audition	1997
Whispers	Hidden Valley Art Institute	1990
Opus	Hidden Valley Art Institute	1990
Do You Want to Dance	Laguna Beach Dance Ensemble	1990
When Sonny Gets Blue	Laguna Beach Dance Invitational	1989
Peace	Utah State University	1988