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Educational History

Master of Fine Arts in Performing Arts-August 15, 2009-University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee-Milwaukee, WI-Dance

Bachelor of Fine Arts-December 18, 1982-Southern Methodist University-Dallas, TX-Dance

Associate of Arts and Science-May 16, 1978-Brookhaven Community College-Farmers Branch, TX

Professional Experience

1995-15 University of Texas at Dallas - Richardson, TX.

1983-15 Brookhaven Community College - Farmers Branch, TX.

2003-15 Hathaway Academy of Ballet

1994-06 Resident Artist for Young Audiences of North Texas

Research Interests

Research includes the expansion in creativity in both the classroom and the stage. Ongoing exposure through workshop attendance of a wide range of technique and style has been crucial throughout my career as a performer, teacher, and choreographer. Most recently collaborative projects addressing issues pertaining to world conflicts in India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan have stimulated research prior to development of the project. In 2009, the development of programming for special needs children required extensive research through interviews, meetings with specialized teachers, consultations, and interactive performances with the children. I renewal of development for this production is currently being explored.

Workshop attendance:

2011 Zumba Workshop and Certification

2004 Robert Battle - Modern Choreographer Series - Steps on Broadway - New York, New York

2000 David Parsons Workshop - Peridance Center - New York, New York

2000-06Max Stone - Dance Space Center - New York, New York

2000-06Jana Hicks - Dance Space Center - New York, New York

Honors and other Recognitions

1982 Magna cum Laude, Southern Methodist University - Dallas, TX.

1982 Outstanding Senior of Dance Department, Southern Methodist University

1982 The Meadows Scholarship Award, Southern Methodist University

1981-82 Dance Merit Scholarship, Southern Methodist University

1980 Junior College Honors Award, Southern Methodist University

1979 Dye Foundation Scholarship, Brookhaven Community College

1974-75 Harkness Foundation Scholarship, Southern Methodist University

Award and Fellowships

2009 Chancellor's Award - University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

2008 Chancellor's Award - University of Wisconsin Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

2007 Fine Arts Nominee for "Excellence in Teaching for Adjunct Faculty" - Brookhaven College
Farmers Branch, TX

- 2000 Outstanding Teaching Award - University of Texas at Dallas
- 1990 Excellence in Teaching for Adjunct Faculty - Brookhaven College - Farmers Branch, TX.

Achievements in Original Achievement, Investigation, and Research

Invited Guest Master Teacher

- 2004 Summer Intensive Workshop – Ballet Academy of Texas – Coppell, TX.
- 2004 Master Classes for Arkansas Dance Network/Hendrix College/Conway, Arkansas
- 2002 Master Classes/Henderson State University/Arkadelphia, Arkansas
- 1998 Adjudicator and Master Classes, Dance Masters of America - Tulsa, OK
- 1991-92 Master Classes for Moon slice Dance Studio - Dallas, TX.
- 1988 Private Classes for Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing Arts - Dallas, TX.

Performance

- 2015 Collin County Ballet Theatre/Nutcracker – Eisemann Center – Richardson, TX
- 2014 Collin County Ballet Theatre/Nutcracker – Eisemann Center – Richardson, TX
- 2013 Collin County Ballet Theatre/Nutcracker – Eisemann Center – Richardson, TX
- 2012 Collin County Ballet Theatre/Nutcracker – Eisemann Center – Richardson, TX
- 2012 Collin County Ballet Theatre/Cinderella – Heritage High School – Frisco, TX
- 2011 Collin County Ballet Theatre/Nutcracker – Eisemann Center – Richardson, TX
- 2010 Collin County Ballet Theatre/Nutcracker – Eisemann Center – Richardson, TX
- 2010 Collin County Ballet Theatre/Ballet Fete – Eisemann Center – Richardson, TX
- 2009 Collin County Ballet Theatre/Nutcracker – Eisemann Center – Richardson, TX
- 2007 Dancemakers Concert – University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee – Milwaukee, WI
- 2005 Julius Ceasar Superstar – Dancespace Project at St. Marks Church – New York, NY
- 2005 Excerpt from Julius Ceasar Superstar – Dancers Responding to Aids – New York, NY
- 2005 Collin County Ballet Theatre/Cinderella – Frisco, TX
- 2000-06 Member of Ewert & Company
- 1992-06 Young Audiences of North Texas
- 1989-01 Member of Dancers' Unlimited Repertory Company
- 1990-04 The Dallas Morning News Dance Festival
- 1998-99 Really Big Show - Lake Charles, LA., Puerto Rico, Kansas City, MO., Tampa, FL.,
- 1997 *Shoppers Guide to the Center of the Universe* - Kalita Humphreys Theatre - Dallas, TX.
- 1995 Summer Fest 95 - San Francisco, CA.
- 1994 DIFFA/Dallas, TX
- 1993 Commercial for Haggar Company
- 1992 Anita Martinez Ballet Folklorico, Las Posadas - Majestic Theatre - Dallas, TX.
- 1991 Sharir Dance Co.\Dancers Unlimited - Austin, TX.
- 1990 Dancers Unlimited Guest Tour - Alexandria, LA.
- 1987 *Camelot* Greenville Avenue Pocket Sandwich Theatre - Dallas, TX.
- 1983 *La Fortza Del Destino* - Dallas Opera

Choreography

Adjudicated Works:

- 2014 *Core Fire*/Southwest Regional Ballet Festival/Richardson, TX
- 2013 Youth American Grand Prix Competition/Dallas, TX
- 2012 *Unity*/Youth America Grand Prix Competition/Dallas, Tx and NY, NY
- 2011 *Caravan of Wise Hearts*/Southwest Regional Ballet Festival/Plano, TX
- 2008 *Inside/Outside* Dancemakers Concert - University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee – Milwaukee, WI
- 2006 *Core Fire* Adjudicated and invited for performance – Southwestern Regional Dance America Festival, Houston, TX
- 1998 Southwestern Regional Dance America, World of Ballet Festival - Little Rock, AK.
- 1997-

- 2004 Dallas Morning News Dance Festival – Dallas, TX
- 2004 *Challenge of Hope” and “Don’t Let Go*
- 2003 *Don’t Let Go*
- 2002 *Concerto Esprit*
- 2001 *Universal Justice*
- 2000 *Crossing Over*
- 1997 *No Closure*

Invitation to Choreograph

- 2015 *Avenue Q*/Brookhaven College/Farmers Branch, TX
- 2014 *Carrie the Musical*/Brookhaven College/Farmers Branch, TX
- 2013 *Little Women the Musical*/Brookhaven College/Farmers Branch, TX
- 2012 European Tour/Brookhaven Choral Society/Czech Republic, Austria, Germany
- 2011 *Caravan of Wise Hearts* Collin County Ballet Theatre – Plano, TX
- 2010 *Chaflicterance* Texas Ballet Theatre School – Dallas, TX
- 2010 *Ban the Tal* Project X, The Green Zone – Dallas, TX
- 2007 *Dreaming Of...* Collin County Ballet Theatre – Eisemann Center – Richardson, TX
- 2006 *The Way Things Happen & No Closure* Dallas Dance at the Nasher – Dallas, TX
- 2003 *Wings on Wind* Collin County Ballet Theatre, Resident Choreographer, Plano, Texas
- 2002 *Entangled Flow* Choreography, Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas
- 2001 *The Odyssey* Choreography for Plano Repertory Theatre
- 1998 *Growing Flirts* Arkansas Ballet - Little Rock, AK.
- 1998 *Crossing Over* Dancers Unlimited - Dallas, TX.
- 1997-
- 99 Really Big Show - Industrial, Corporate Parties, and Award Ceremonies Entertainment Band
- 1996 *Wings on Wind* Arkansas Ballet - Little Rock, AK.
- 1995-
- 96 *Amalh and the Night Visitors* Deep Ellum Opera Theatre - Dallas, TX.
- 1993 *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat*–Garland Civic Theatre-Garland, TX.

Professional and University Citizenship

2004-2014 Coordinator and Sponsor for students attending the American College Dance Festival

Residency Coordinator for UTDance Ensemble:

- 2005 – Lawrence Goldhuber
- 2007 – Jen Mabus and Battleworks Dance Company
- 2009 - Lily Cai
- 2011 – John Mario Sevilla
- 2012 – Crossing Borders Concert – Eduardo Gutierrez, Alpana Jacob, Bridget Moore
- 2015 – Paul Taylor 2 Dance Company

