

2023 - 2024 faculty



Erika is a professional dancer, choreographer & instructor. She currently resides in Las Vegas, Nevada where she was performing in the award-winning show "Le Reve - The Dream," at Wynn Resorts. Featured in the show as the lead female character "The Dreamer," Erika also performed as one of the ballroom dancers, and was the show's dance captain. Having the prominent title of dance captain allowed her to be a part of the creative process working side by side with brilliant choreographers like Maksim Chmerkovskiy from DWTS & Emmy winning choreographer Marguerite Derricks. During the holiday season you can see Erika in the music video "Christmas Show" with Straight No Chaser. Not only did she (& her cute pups Neptune) get to dance in the video, but she was also the associate choreographer on the project. Other choreography credits included being a guest choreographer for the San Francisco 49ers Gold Rush Dancers, Stiletto Entertainment on behalf of Holland America Cruise Lines & many studios & dance teams around the US. Before Le Reve some of Erika's favorite credits include dancing in the Broadway National Tour of "Peter Pan" starring Cathy Rigby. Numerous music videos & films for Nickelodeon, NBC & Stars Encore as well as industrials for Playstation, Honda & Apple. Dancing for Universal Studios Hollywood and shows aboard Holland America Cruise Lines has allowed her to dance around the world. Currently she is an Event Manager & Show Director for Spotlight Dance Cup which keeps her busy traveling all over the United States. She is honored to judge & master teach for Stage 8 Brands working alongside some of the best in the industry!



Erika Tomlinson



Stephanie Raciak

Stephanie Raciak began her dance career over 25 years ago. Inducted into the Hall of Fame of Dance at a young age, she participated as an athlete, captain, and coach for the University of Illinois Illini Dance Team and then went on to work as a professional dancer with the Junior Gus Giordano Company, Six Flags Great America, and the MDA Telethon featuring Jerry Lewis. As a previous UDA Instructor, she traveled across the United States and throughout Europe, South America, and Asia teaching athletes of all ages and backgrounds. Her choreography has been showcased on several National and World Champion high school and college teams, as well as the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and the Chicago Bulls BullsKidz half-time show. As the technical coach for Maine South High School, she continues to consult for many outstanding programs, including the University of Minnesota.

Kelsey has over 25 years of dance experience, from major motion pictures, teaching students across North America, judging at prestigious dance competitions within the United States and creating her own conditioning program for dancers. With a Bachelor of Science in Dance Management from Oklahoma City University, Kelsey's professional performing credits include working with renowned choreographers like Fatima Robinson, Mia Michaels, and many more on projects like Anchorman II: The Legend Continues, Rock of Ages, and Disney's Million Dollar Arm. She has also shared her talents with well-known companies such as HSN, Royal Caribbean International, Feld Entertainment, and Cirque Productions, to name a few. But Kelsey's passion goes beyond performing. She is equally dedicated to providing quality instruction and choreography. With experience at various universities, dance studios, and national conventions, she has continually honed her teaching skills and choreography portfolio. As a Master Instructor for various organizations, Kelsey has the privilege of connecting with dancers from all corners of the country.



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Tami Whatcott graduated from Utah Valley University with a BFA in Modern Dance and a BS in Dance Education. While at UVU she was a member of Synergy Dance Company, Contemporary Dance Ensemble, Ballroom Tour Team, and danced as well as coached for the NBA D-League, the Utah Flash. She is a former instructor for UDA and has had the opportunity to judge, perform and teach both nationally and internationally. Other notable professional companies include Diavolo, Joel Hall Dancers, Noumenon Dance Ensemble, and Myriad Dance Company. She has been trained in ballet, modern, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, and ballroom. Tami has choreographed for professional NBA teams, dance companies, numerous different studios, high schools, and teams from around the globe.



Tami Whatcott



Emmaline Saylor

Emmaline has her Bachelor of Performing Arts in Dance Performance from the Oklahoma City University and serves the cheer and dance industry as a performer, choreographer, teacher, and judge. She is currently a dancer at Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, and Seaworld, where she has performed in Halloween Horror Nights: Nightmare Fuel Wildfire, The Festival of the Lion King, Sesame Street Party Parade, Festival of Fantasy Parade, Macy's Holiday Parade and more. Emmaline has taught summer dance camps for UDA as a head instructor, performed various roles on judging panels and judged tryout selections for many dance teams around the nation. She has had the opportunity to teach and facilitate events such as the Citrus Bowl Pregame Performance and continues to spread her passion for dance through teaching, performing, choreographing, judging, and entertainment management.

Londyn Daniel is a highly accomplished dancer and educator from Hammond, Louisiana. She recently graduated from Louisiana State University with a degree in Kinesiology, where she was a standout member of the LSU Tiger Girls dance team for four years. As the team's captain for two years, she led her team to victory, earning National Champions in the 2022 UDA competition. With 15 years of training at Lemoine Academy of dance, Londyn has a diverse background in ballet, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, and acro. She started competing at the age of five and honed her skills on the nationally ranked St. Thomas Aquinas dance team. Her passion for inspiring and teaching dancers has led her to the role as assistant coach with the 2022-2023 LSU Tiger Girls during their nationals season. Londyn continues to make a positive impact on the dance community through her choreography and masterclasses.



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