

DIARRA GRACE SMITH

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SUMMARY:

Artistic and creative technical Dancer/Choreographer with over 17 years of performance experience, as well as eight years of professional experience, and showcases a broad range of modern contemporary and ballet skills. Multi-talented artist, familiar with choreography setting, and skilled in teaching intermediate-advanced technique. Seeking vast, expressive performance opportunities and visionary teaching/choreographic positions.

EMPLOYMENT

- * Teaches ballet, pointe, and technique classes at **Waves of Motion Dance Center** in Spotswood, NJ
- * Has taught contemporary/improvisational movement classes at **Carbon the Collective** training company on Long Island, NY
- * Has captured photography for various live, local, and international up and coming bands, and movement artists in New York City, and Los Angeles, California
- * Has received choreography recognition, overall judications, and special judges awards for works set on the **5678 Dance Company** during their competitive seasons.
- * Choreographed dances for the musical, *Aladdin*, at the **Epitome of Soul** Afterschool Program
- * Selected by the **American Dance Company** to represent the USA at the 2019 International Dance Organization Ballet and Jazz Championship
- * Invited by **My Sister's Lighthouse** and the **NFL Alumni Association** to perform award-winning solo, *Beauty in the Rain*, for the "Community Book Bag Giveaway"
- * Invited by the **LaRocque Bey School of Dance Theater**, as a soloist to open the "creativity" portion of the Black History Month Open House at the World Famous Apollo Theater
- * **Dance Theater of Harlem** | Ballet Award Winner
- * Invited by **My Sister's Lighthouse**, for five consecutive years, to perform self-choreographed dances on the steps of the Newark City Hall for the Walk Against Domestic Violence

EDUCATION

Choreolab Europe | Arnhem, Netherlands

International & Collaborative Artistic Research Platform

Bachelor of Fine Arts, Dance Theater | New York, NY | Los Angeles, CA

American Musical & Dramatic Academy (AMDA)

Nitrogen the Company | Long Island, NY

Professional New York Based Training Company

5-6-7-8 Dance Company | Totowa, NJ

Intense regional and national competitive dance program for three years under the direction of Corrie Zodda and later under the direction of Chelsea Guidice for the last five years.

American Dance Company | N. Andover, MA

All-star dance team comprised of exceptional dancers across the country, working to perform at the International Dance Organization in Ossau, Poland

Dance Theater of Harlem | New York, NY

Three week summer Ballet intensive

SPECIAL SKILLS

- * Choreography
- * Soloist
- * Vocalist
- * Photographer

AWARDS

Received numerous choreography, overall judications, and special judges awards for work set on the 5678 Dance Company during their competitive seasons. | **2020-2024**

Dance Theater of Harlem Ballet Award Winner | **2018**

