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## **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

Functional Awareness Movement Educator Certification (FA®ME)	2022
Master of Fine Arts, Theatre Performance and Pedagogy	2020
Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas	
Bachelor of Arts, Humanities	1989
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah	

## **GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS**

Fulbright Specialist Roster	2025
U.S. Fulbright Scholar, Magyar Táncművészeti Egyetem, Budapest, Hungary	2024
National Visiting Fellow, School of American Ballet	2021-2022
Helen Jones Graduate Fellowship, Texas Tech University	2017-2020

## **ARTS ADMINISTRATION and LEADERSHIP**

**Artistic Director, Ballet Lubbock, Lubbock, Texas** 1997 - Present

Establishes Ballet Lubbock as a nationally recognized pre-professional ballet school with a regional performing company. Under tenure, quintuples student enrollment in the school and oversees the implementation of a community outreach programming, presently in over 20 elementary public schools, two children's hospitals and classes for disabilities and neurodiversity. This program also provides free classes to committed students to transition into Ballet Lubbock school through scholarship.

## **TEACHING**

**Ballet Lubbock: Artistic Director, Lubbock, Texas** 1998- Present

- Ballet and contemporary ballet classes Elementary, Middle and High school
- Functional Anatomy awareness curriculum to all students
- Responsible for all choreography, productions, casting and narratives

**US Fulbright Scholar: Dance, Magyar Táncművészeti Egyetem, Budapest, Hungary** 2024

- Ballet technique classes in High school and University.
- Contemporary ballet classes to Theatre and Jazz students in University
- Invited to sit on Judge panel for Dance competition and University exams.

**Adjunct Professor of Dance, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, Texas** 2018-Present

- Develops curricula for and teaches courses Ballet I, Ballet II, Ballet III, Ballet IV.
- Collaborates with department faculty to write program-wide student learning outcomes.
- Choreographed virtual and live performances of contemporary ballet and musical theatre.

## **PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

Urban Ballet Theatre (New York City, NY)	1993 – 1997
Cirque Du Soleil, “MYSTÈRE,” (Las Vegas, NV)	1995
Arena Stage, “The Odyssey,” (Washington, DC)	1994
Ballet Hispanico of New , (New York City, NY)	1993
Desrosiers Dance Theatre Tour, “Land of the Spirits,” (Toronto, Canada)	1992
Maryland Ballet (Baltimore, MD)	1989 – 1991

## **GUEST TEACHING, LECTURES, WORKSHOPS**

<b>Ballet Spartanburg</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intermediate and Advanced Ballet</li><li>• Functional Anatomy Awareness for Dancers</li></ul>	2025
<b>Regional Dance America Southwest Dance Festival</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intermediate and Advanced Ballet</li><li>• Contemporary Ballet Class</li></ul>	2025
<b>Austin Dance Institute</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intermediate and Advance Ballet</li></ul>	2024
<b>Csillagszeműek Folk Dance Ensemble</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beginning Ballet to Adults, Szent Angéla School, Budapest, Hungary</li><li>• Beginning Ballet to Children, Teens, Marczibányi Square Culture Centre, Budapest Hungary</li></ul>	2024
<b>University of Pécs, Institute of Sports Science and Physical education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Beginning Ballet classes to Community Outreach</li></ul>	2024
<b>Ballet Hispanico, New York</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Company Ballet Class</li><li>• Advanced Ballet and Pointe (Summer Intensive)</li></ul>	2023
<b>Dallas Black Dance Theatre</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contemporary Ballet Class (Summer Intensive)</li></ul>	2023
<b>Texas Ballet Theater</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Intermediate and Advanced Ballet and Pointe</li><li>• Choreography and Repertoire</li><li>• Hungarian Folk Dance</li></ul>	2023
<b>Booker T. Washington School of Performing Arts, Dallas, Texas</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced and Intermediate Ballet</li></ul>	2018-2020

<b>Budapest Dance Theatre, Hungary</b>	2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Company Ballet Class</li> <li>• Company Contemporary Ballet Class</li> </ul>	
<b>NOW Dance International, Merida and Monterey, Mexico</b>	2016-2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced and Intermediate Ballet</li> <li>• Repertory</li> </ul>	
<b>Texas Christian University</b>	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advanced Ballet</li> </ul>	
<b>Performing Arts Academy, Skaneateles New York</b>	2013-2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beginner and Intermediate Ballet</li> </ul>	
<b>New York Institute of Dance Education, Auburn, New York</b>	2009-2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contemporary Ballet Class</li> </ul>	
<b>Lincoln Jackson Arts Academy, Clovis, New Mexico</b>	2003
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Choreography and Improvisation</li> </ul>	

### **AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS**

Fulbright Specialist Roster (Washington, DC)	2025
School of American Ballet (SAB) teacher Training workshop (Lubbock, TX)	2024
Outstanding Leadership in the Independent Sector, National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) (Silver Spring, MD)	2022-2023
Institute of Inclusive Excellence, Texas Tech University (Lubbock, TX)	2022-2023
William D. Kerns Award for Performing Arts, Louise Hopkins Underwood Arts Center	2015
YWCA Women of Excellence, Arts & Culture (Lubbock, TX)	2011
Dynamic Force Ace Award, Lubbock Arts Alliance (Lubbock, TX)	2003

### **ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS**

<i>Balancing Balanchine in Budapest: Liberating Ballet with Intellectual Freedom and Student-Centered Learning. <b>FACON24</b></i>	Fulbright Conference (Washington, DC)	2024
<i>Research at the Graduate level: Accessing Resources and How to Plan and Limit the Theoretical Framework Effectively.</i>		
Co-Panelist Presenter on U.S. Fulbright Scholar Visiting Professor's Panel Discussion, Doctoral School of Education, Eszterházy Károly Catholic University (Eger, Hungary)		2024
<i>Balancing Balanchine in Budapest</i> , Fulbright Presentation (Budapest Hungary)		2024
<i>Teaching Pedagogy</i> , Texas Tech University Arts and Humanities (Lubbock, TX)		2019
<i>Theatre Education in Ballet Class</i> , Association for Theater in Higher Education Conference (Orlando, Fla)		2019
<i>Theatre Education in Ballet Class</i> , Texas Educational Theatre Association (Dallas, TX)		2019
<i>Choreographer and Composer Collaboration</i> , Texas Tech Vernacular Music Conference of Arts Practice Research (Lubbock, TX)		2019

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

<i>Balancing Balanchine</i> . National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) (Seattle WA)	2024
<i>Balancing Ballet: Functional Anatomy in the Ballet Class</i> , MoBBallet (Memoirs of Blacks in Ballet Symposium) (Virtual, Miami, Fla)	2022
<i>DEWD DROP: Gender-Codifying in Classical Story Ballets</i> , CORPS de Ballet International	2022
(Virtual, Richmond, VA)	
<i>CLICK– Choreographer and Composer Collaboration</i> , CORPS de Ballet International (Salt Lake City, UT)	2017
<i>Positive Effects of Ballet Training on Youth</i> , TEDXTALK (Lubbock, TX)	2015
<i>Choreography “Human Element,”</i> CORPS de Ballet International (Pittsburgh, PA)	2014

## **CHOREOGRAPHY**

<i>The Nutcracker</i> , Ballet Lubbock	1998– Present
<i>“5”</i> , Ballet Lubbock and composer Amy Faris	2023
<i>“Love: A Downward Trajectory”</i> , Ballet Lubbock with guest artists	2023
<i>“Pointe and Click”</i> , Ballet Lubbock and Texas Tech University	2023
<i>“Back to the Ball”</i> , Texas Tech University	2023
<i>Cinderella</i> , Ballet Lubbock	2022
<i>Studio Sessions</i> , Ballet Lubbock	2021
<i>“Dream Aloud”</i> , Ballet Lubbock & Texas Tech Women’s Chorale, West Texas Childrens’ Choir, and Lubbock Gospel Choir.	2019
<i>A Midsummer Night’s Dream</i> , Ballet Lubbock	2018
<i>“CLICK”</i> , Ballet Lubbock and composer Scott and Amy Faris	2017
<i>Snow White</i> , Ballet Lubbock	2016
<i>The Phantom of the Opera</i> , Moonlight Musicals and Texas Tech University	2016
<i>“Percussion Pointe”</i> , Ballet Lubbock with Texas Tech Percussion Ensemble	2015
<i>Coppelia</i> , Ballet Lubbock	2014
<i>CATS</i> , Moonlight Musicals	2014
<i>Les Misérables</i> , Moonlight Musicals	2013
<i>“Music in Motion”</i> , Ballet Lubbock with Lubbock Symphony Orchestra	2013

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