



Summer Slam's Incredible Teaching Staff



Lauralyn Kofford – Camp Director/Instructor

- Award winning choreographer and dance instructor nationwide – including Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, CA, Iowa, and internationally in Japan.
- 20+ yrs. Training and professional experience in all styles of dance from all across the nation working with the very best in the industry!!
- Dance scholarship recipient to Brigham Young University where she was a member of the award winning “Cougarette” Dance Team for 2 yrs. and a BYU cheerleader/songleader for 3yrs.
- Bachelor of Science Degree in Dance Education with a minor in Health & Fitness from BYU.
- 10 yrs. High School Dance Teacher/Educator/Coach - served as the Dance Department Chair, Dance Company Director, and Drill Team Coach.
- Choreographer for the “Stadium of Fire” show, the “Miss Rodeo America” Pageant, the 2002 Winter Olympic Games Opening and Closing Ceremonies in SLC, Commercial choreography, Bowl game halftimes shows, and many National Championship Dance/Drill Team, Studio, and Solo competition routines.
- Event Coordinator for Dance America – including events such as Summer Slam Dance Camps, “Rap It Up” hip hop workshop, and Dance America Competitions.
- Full-time staff member for BDT Drill Team Camps – 2002 - present.
- Co-Director for the “Utah Studio Solo Championship” and the “Miss Drill Utah Pageant” – 2008-present.
- Member for the “Utah Dance Judges Association”
- Certified State and National dance adjudicator for 18+ yrs.
- International Adjudicator for Japan Miss Drill Team & Solo Competition.
- Group Fitness Instructor for Golds Gym - expert in Powerflex, Kickboxing, Step Aerobics, Dance



Cicily Gibbs Oldham - Instructor

- 15+ yrs. - Trained in Jazz, Hip Hop, Ballet, and Pointe.
- 4 yr. member of the National Champion Dance Team, "The Cougarettes" at BYU
- Dance Captain of the BYU “Cougarettes” for 2 years.
- Choreographer for various HS, College, and University Dance Team competition routines.
- Professional Dance Teacher -- expert in technique, jazz, lyrical, and ballet.
- Award winning choreographer throughout Utah, Idaho, and Washington – 15+ yrs.
- Coach for the award winning Utah State Champion Bingham High “Minerettes” Drill Team – 3 yrs.
- Instructor for Summer Slam Dance Camps
- Instructor for Precision Dance Camps



Shannon Vance – Instructor

- Masters of Fine Arts in Modern Dance from the University of Utah
- Guest choreographer for Nicholas Leichter’s “Free the Angels” featured in the Uof U’s Performing Dance Co. spring showcase.
- Graduate Utah Teaching Assistant under the U of U dance department for the 2009-2010 academic school year.
- Dance Teacher for Salt Lake Community College.
- Director and Teacher for the Mountain View High dance program teaching modern, ballroom, aerobics, and directing the HS Dance Company. While at Mountain View two of her works, “How Many Does it Take to Tango” and “Protecting Ophelia” received top honors at the 2006 Utah Shakespeare Festival.
- Choreographer for musicals such as *Little Mary Sunshine*, *Beauty and the Beast*, and *Les Miserables*.
- B.A. in Dance Education from BYU where she toured with the Ballroom Dance Company and was a member of BYU’s “*Dancensemble*”.
- Diverse training and expertise in jazz, lyrical, ballet, precision, hip-hop, character, and dance twirl, and ballroom.
- Performer in the annual Mormon Tabernacle Choir Christmas Concert, the 2002 Olympic Opening Ceremonies, and was a top-five finalist at the Miss Dance Drill USA pageant, 1998.
- Presently teaching/choreographing for various dance studios and programs including Emotion Dance, DF Latin Dance Studio, The Dance Company, and Youth City Art Ways.
- Dance Instructor for Southern Utah University’s Dance Department 2010-2012.



Amy Davis Jackman

- 14+ years of dance training in Jazz, Lyrical, Ballet, Hip Hop, Tumbling, and Precision Dance.
- Danced with Ballet West in Nutcracker performances.
- 3 yr. member of National and International Champion Dance Team the “BYU Cougarettes.”
- 3 yr. member of Bingham High “Minerettes” winning region, state, and national championships 2006-2009.
- Dance Captain of “Minerettes” Dance/Drill Team 2008-2009.
- Top 5 Finalist for “Miss Dance/Drill Team Utah”.
- Choreographer for Dance Teams & Studios nationwide.
- Instructor for Summer Slam Dance Camps.
- Instructor for PDC Dance Camps.



Melissa Ross – Instructor

- 18+ yrs. Teaching jazz, hip hop and technique classes throughout the United States.
- Professional choreographer for Universities, State and Community Colleges, High Schools and Private Studios, as well as dance numbers performed in stadiums such as Kansas City Chiefs, St. Louis Rams, and the once-known L.A. Raiders.
- Member of the nationally acclaimed “Golden Girls” at University of Missouri in Columbia.
- Bachelors Degree in Child/Family Studies and Dance from the University of Missouri.
- Trained in L.A., Missouri, and Utah.
- Dance adjudicator in the western United States for regional and national competitions.
- Summer Slam Dance Camp Instructor.

Jerra Kofford – Instructor



- 12+ yrs. training and experience in jazz, contemporary, lyrical, hip hop, musical theater, ballet, and pointe - Center Stage of Performing Arts in Orem, UT.
- Senior Co. member at Center Stage for 4 yrs. – winning national and regional awards from acclaimed competitions such as JUMP, NUVO, West Coast Dance Explosion, NYCDA, ... where she has worked with many professional choreographers such as Mandy Moore, Dee Caspary, Mia Michaels, Travis Wall, etc....
- Trained at Broadway Dance Center in NYC, The Edge in L.A., and private instruction from Balanchine’s Muse – Stephanie Saland.
- Performed in SLC 2002 Opening Olympic Ceremonies.
- Performed in Odyssey’s “Thriller” Show – University of Utah Kingsbury Hall.
- “High Point” lyrical soloist and “Over-All Solo Champion” in 2008 - Dance America Nationals.
- Lead role in the performance of “Sleeping Beauty” performed at Utah Valley University - 2008.
- 2 yr. member of Region and State Dance Champions - Lone Peak HS Drill Team
- Dance Captain of the Lone Peak “Chevalier Drill Team” 2009-2010.
- “Miss Dance/Drill Team Utah 2009” title winner.
- Member of the Pre-Professional Dance Company “Expansion” – directed by Bonnie Story – 2010-2011.
- Choreographer & Technique Instructor for various studios and high school drill teams.
- Currently enrolled at Brigham Young University – and a member of the National and International Champion BYU “Cougarette” Dance Team.
- Currently BYU Marketing Intern Event Planner with BYU Athletic Department.
- BDT Dance Camp Instructor 2012-present.
- Summer Slam Dance Camp Instructor 2011-present.

Autumn Hewlet – Assistant Instructor



- 18+ yrs. Training and experience in Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Pointe, Hip Hop, and Precision Dance.
- Trained by professionals in Utah, CA, NYC, and Las Vegas.
- Danced in Ballet West & Utah Regional Ballet Nutcracker performances.
- Scholarship recipient and Traveled as a Company Member with L.A. Dance Magic.
- 4 yr. Member of the #1 National Champions BYU “Cougarette” Dance Team.
- Dance Captain for BYU “Cougarettes” - 2011-2012.
- Choreographer/Teacher for private dance studios, soloists, and Collegiate Dance Teams.
- Region and State Championship High School Drill Team member – 3 yrs.
- Dance Captain for her HS Drill Team (5A classification) – 2 yrs.
- “Over-all” Solo Winner during her Junior and Senior years in HS.
- “Miss Dance/Drill Team Utah” title winner in 2008.
- Instructor for Summer Slam Dance Camps and BDT Drill Team Camps.

Sarah Paskett - Instructor



- 15+ yrs. Dance training and experience in Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, Ballet, Hip Hop, Character, and Precision Dance.
- Multiple scholarships at L.A. Dance Magic and Jump dance conventions.
- Teacher and Choreographer at multiple Dance Studios.
- Company Director for Studio Dance Teams.
- Region and State Champion High School Drill Team member – 3 yrs.
- Captain of her High School Drill Team - 2 yrs.
- Top 10 Finalist for “Miss Dance/Drill Team Utah” pageant 2009 & 2010
- Award Winning Choreographer/teacher – private studios, high school teams, and soloists.
- Instructor for Summer Slam Dance Camps – 2010-present.
- Instructor for BDT Drill Team Camps – 2011-present.
- Stadium of Fire – Field Assistant/Instructor – 2011-present.

Madysen Memmot Beighley - Instructor



- 15+ yrs. experience and training in ballet, jazz, tap, tumbling, hip hop, and contemporary dance.
- 10+ yrs. in voice and acting.
- Center Stage of Performing Arts Company Director and Choreographer.
- Pre-professional and Professional performer in Olympic Games Closing Ceremonies 2002, The Pearl Awards, Odyssey's "Joy to the World" show, Stage Productions lead dance roles in "Smokey Joes' Café", "Urinetown", "Steel Pier", "Peter Pan", "Giselle", and "A Mid-Summer's Night Dream".
- Numerous talent awards and choreography awards for national organizations such as NYCDA, Jump, West Coast, NUVO, Break The Floor, Etc...
- Leadership Skills... Student Body Vice President for Pleasant Grove HS, "Miss Pleasant Grove" in 2011, Teacher /Dance Instructor for Center Stage Performing Arts Studio.
- Prestigious Choreographer throughout Utah and Idaho.

Abbey Walkenhorst



- 15+ years training and experience in jazz, ballet, Pointe, lyrical, contemporary, modern, character, hip hop, and precision dance.
- Contemporary Dance Minor at Brigham Young University.
- Instructor and choreographer at Hi-Light Dance Academy.
- Private dance instructor.
- Field Assistant and Instructor, Stadium of Fire.
- Instructor, Summer Slam Dance Camp.
- Two year captain, Lone Peak Chevaliers (2008-2010).
- Member of the 2010 All-State Drill Team.
- Top 5 Finalist, Miss Dance/Drill Utah 2009.
- Finalist for Miss Dance/Drill USA 2009.
- JUMP Dance Convention Jazz Recipient 2009.