

Candice Brown Dunn

Candice Brown Dunn hails from Dallas, TX where she began her early training as a dancer. Her formal ballet education was from Denise Brown (City Ballet), of the Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo with George Balanchine. She went on to dance in several jazz companies, workshopped with Ann Reinking, Arnott Mader and performed regularly for local charities. She began assisting dance classes at 15 years old where she discovered her deep passion for teaching and creating dance. Throughout her college years, Candice was a principal member of Collin County's Dance Repertory Theatre, Brookhaven Dancers Theatre, and University of Texas at Dallas Dancers. She also interned with Dallas Dance Council and helped produced Dance for the Planet, a three day dance festival benefitting Earth Day. Professionally, Candice has performed for Rent-a-Center, Levi's Silvertab jeans, and in various local music video productions while working for a film production company, AMS Productions. Candice was chosen to perform live with drummer Chad Smith of The Red Hot Chili Peppers. She also danced with Dallas Black Dance Theatre 2, as well as many other Dallas based dance companies. In addition, she founded and directed her own modern dance company, Dance Collaboration, which debuted to favorable reviews. Candice has worked as dance educator and choreographer all over the country, and her work has been critically acclaimed from the Kodak Theatre in LA (while running the high school dance team in Santa Maria, CA) to ranking in national competitions in New York City. Her pieces have been regularly high placed in various dance competitions throughout the Boston, MA area where she was on faculty at Cape Cod dance studios. Candice's choreography has been awarded Top Overall, and numerous specialty awards to include "Choreographic Excellence", "Most Creative" and "Deeply Emotional" to name a few. Candice also spent 8 years choreographing all en pointe' sections and all lead roles for The Nutcracker for a Cape Cod, MA dance studio. Her former students have gone to major in dance at high ranking universities on artistic scholarships as well working professionally. Candice was most recently on staff as Dance Designs in Cape Cod, MA and successfully choreographed many award-winning pieces for their competitive company, DDC. Candice also deeply believes in the altruistic side to dance and contributed yearly for Dance Marathon, which raises money and awareness for breast and ovarian cancers. She also cofounded the non-profit group, Dancers Making Waves, with Amy DeFeudis and Kelly Thind which produced dance performances that raised thousands of dollars for charities such as Toys for Tots, For the Love of Erika, and Hurricane relief. She has furthered her Dance education by training with Dance Masters such as Mia Michaels, Trisha Brown, Cathy McCann (Of Paul Taylor Dance Company), Margie Gillis, Bruce Wood, Derrick Schraeder, Kerry LaGrande and classes at Broadway Dance Center, as well Hubbard Street Dance Chicago. She deeply believes incorporating solid technique of Graham, Horton, Taylor and Ailey with artistic, personal storytelling. Candice is also certified yoga instructor and believes incorporating that into her dance classes so students can safely sustain a lifelong love of dance, as well as healing and transformative powers of yoga practice, which is available to everyone. She currently resides in Panama City Beach, FL with her family while remaining as adjunct faculty member for Dance Designs, Ma.