

Jessica Simpson

I have been working with children for several years and what I enjoy most about teaching dance to kids is not only seeing them improve with their dance but also grow as people from the experiences they gain in dance class and performance. It is important for children to have something they participate in that gives them confidence as well as an understanding of what it is like to work with others and I feel that in dance class they get all of that. Being a dance teacher for me is not only about teaching the steps but also teaching about what it means to be a dancer inside and outside of the studio, and understanding of what it means to respect everyone around them. I also really enjoy being both friend and teacher to my students.

Training

2004-Present

University of Colorado at Boulder

Boulder, Co

- Head of Department: David Capps
- Faculty: Nada Diachenko, Michelle Ellsworth, Robin Haig, Toby Hankin, Jesse Manno, Onye Ozuzu, Bob Shannon

Summer 2005

Boulder Jazz Dance Workshop

Boulder, Co

- Directors: Laura Brannen, Daniel Morimoto, Chris Harris
- Instructors: Jessica Hendricks, Gabriel Masson

Summer 2005

Gabriel Masson Summer Workshop

Boulder, Co

- Instructor: Gabriel Masson

2003-2004

Robert Ivey Ballet

Charleston, SC

- Artistic Director: Robert Ivey
- Instructors: Olga and Michael Weiss

2000-2003

Connecticut Conservatory of the Performing Arts

New Milford, Ct

- Artistic Directors: Robert Maiorano and Barbara Braverman
- Instructors: Maria Calegari

Summer 1998

Dance Aspen

Aspen, Co

- Director: Jillana
- Instructors: Mel Thomalson and Gail Gilbert

1990-2000

Ballet Califia

Mill Valley, Ca

- Artistic Directors: Shelley Scott and David McNaughton
- Instructors: JoEllen Arntz

**Performance
Experience**

1991-2000

Ballet Califia

- The Nutcracker
- A Mid-Summer Night's Dream

2000-2003

Connecticut Conservatory of the Performing Arts

- Spring and Fall Concerts (three years)

2003-2004

Robert Ivey Ballet

- Festival, A Dance Repertory

2005

University of Colorado

- Danceworks, Faculty Dance Concert
- Student Dance Concert
- Choreographer's Showcase

Blue Moon Dance Company

- Spring Forward II
- Torque

Boulder Jazz Dance Workshop

- Student Concert

Work Experience

2005

Blue Moon Dance Company

- Dancer and Choreographer
- Guest teacher at Manhattan Middle School

2005-Present

Dance Dimensions

- Ballet Instructor for ages 6-18

Boulder Jazz Dance Workshop

- Office work/help organizing workshop
- Sound Board Operator and crew member for Interweave Dance Theater Performance

References

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