


# Cecily Herchek

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## Dancer – Choreographer – Educator

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### Skills

- Dedicated
- Hard-working
- Passionate
- Confident
- Positive
- Goal-oriented

### Experience

OCTOBER 2022 – CURRENT

#### **Dance Educator/Choreographer / Above the Barre, Berea OH**

Passing down the knowledge of tap dance through history, technique, and musical theory. Inspiring those who take class to continue their pursuit of mastery in tap dance. Enriching their abilities such as musicality, rhythmic complexity, creativeness, timing abilities, and more!

SEPTEMBER 2023 – CURRENT

#### **Dance Educator/Choreographer / Dance Dance Dance, Parma OH**

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AUGUST 2022 – MAY 2023

#### **Supervisor / PAVS Creamery, Cuyahoga Falls OH**

Organize and direct coworkers to accomplish short and long term goals for the store. In general, food service standards are met and supervisors help customers if need be to aid non-supervisor coworkers. Counting the register and running ice cream are two other main jobs that are associated with a supervisor position; however, at the end of the day, being a leader is the most important.

### Education

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## **Bachelor's In Exercise Physiology / The University of Akron, Akron OH**

Currently, I am a junior in college studying for and on track to complete my undergraduate degree in exercise physiology. After completion, I will continue to pursue my education and attend a 3-year doctor of physical therapy program. Ultimately, my end goal is to become a physical therapist in addition to my dance career that I hold a deep passion for.

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### **Autobiography**

Cecily Herchek hails from northeast Ohio where she has founded her dance career. Having been a competitive dancer for 12 years, Cecily is well rounded in many forms of dance, but her passion is tap. She has had the honor of traveling the country, working with many highly acclaimed and respected tap dancers. Currently, she regularly trains with her mentor, Jason-Samuels Smith. Cecily is also a founding member of the Ohio Elite Tap Company. Among many competitive dance accomplishments, she has also had the privilege of performing as an All-Star dancer for Showstoppers and being the first overall winner of the international, Australian-based, Ooh La La Dance Extravaganza Competition. She has also been recognized by the state of Ohio as gifted and talented in dance with the first-ever perfect evaluation score. Cecily had the extreme honor of being invited to perform with the esteemed members of Rhythm ISS... at the Tapology Call and Response Concert in Flint, Michigan. Additionally, she has also toured with Tapology as a performer in Seattle, Washington. During her inaugural year as a choreographer, Cecily brought success to her students with award-and-Title winning choreography. Most recently, Cecily was commissioned to set choreography on Youngstown State University's theater students for their spring musical: Once Upon A Mattress. In addition to her outstanding choreographic skills, she continues to work rigorously as an educator, passing down the techniques of tap dance. Cecily is beyond blessed for the opportunities she has received so far and is excited to see what the future brings.

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### **Cecily Herchek – Dancer, Educator, Choreographer**

#### **PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

Cleveland Tap Experience	Cast Member	Various Performance Pieces
Dayton Tap Project	Cast Member	Various Performance Pieces
Motown On Tap	Cast Member	Motor City Coles
A Christmas Story	Commissioned Artist	Kids First Theatre Initiative
Snow Maiden	Pied Piper, Lead Tap	The University of Akron
"For Fred"	Pre-Show Performance	Ryan Casey
The Nutcracker	Pierrot Doll	The Joffrey Ballet

The DC Tap Festival	Performer	Various Performance Pieces
Chicago Tap Summit	Performer	Various Performance Pieces

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Choreographer, including 2022 Petite Dancer of the Year (Rainbow), 2024 Junior Dancer of the Year (Rainbow)

Teacher and Choreographer – Above the Barre

Teaching Assistant - Motor City Tap Festival

Class Assistant – Cleveland Tap Repertory

Choreographer (Commissioned) - Youngstown State University Theatre

Performer - Tapology

Intern - The DC Tap Festival

Intern - The Hollywood Tap Festival

Intern - Phoenix Tap Festival

Teacher and Choreographer - Dance Dance Dance

**DANCE TRAINING**

Tap 15 years	Contemporary/Lyrical 11 years	Acro 8 years
Ballet 13 years	Musical Theatre 9 years	Hip Hop 6 years
Jazz 13 years	Ballroom 3 years	Pointe 6 years

**WORKSHOPS, MASTER CLASSES, AND MENTORSHIPS**

Angela Carter	Gregg Russell	Ryan Lohoff	Jensen Freedman
Ryan Vettel	Justin Lewis	Jason Samuels Smith	Ray Hesselink
Anthony LoCascio	Staci Cousert	Sarah Savelli	Kandee Thacker-Mann
Michelle Dorrance	Sam Weber	Shelby Kaufman	Jenefer Miller
Denise Caston-Clark	Karen Callaway-Williams	Jason Bernard	Chris Broughton

Dormeshia Sumbry-Edwards Vikas Arun Charles Renato Maud Arnold  
Dianne Walker Jay Fagan Maurice Chestnut Karissa Royster  
Suzy Guarino-Hall Kelsey Rose Danielle Betscher Ryan Casey  
Mary Ann-Black Ohio Dance Masters Motor City Tap Fest Tap Into the Network  
Cleveland Tap Experience Dayton Tap Experience Intrigue Wing It Tap Intensive  
Tapology The DC Tap Festival The Hollywood Tap Festival  
Phoenix Tap Festival

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Ohio Elite Tap Company member

Cleveland Tap Repertory Member

Former Above the Barre Elite Competition Team Member

Woodridge High School Dance Team

2021 Showstopper Dance Competition All-Star Dancer

Placed in top 10 at Ohio Dance Masters Nationals 2021

Shining Star Award 2021 – Ohio Dance Masters

Runner Up Miss Dance - KAR National Dance Competition 2021

Recognized by State of Ohio as gifted and talented in dance (score 30/30)

Regional Champion, Teen Division (tap solo performance) - Showstopper National Dance Competition

3rd Place tap scholarship 2019 – Ohio Dance Masters

Shining Star Award 2019 - Tap Workshop – Ohio Dance Masters