

# Vanessa Small

## **Choreographer/Dancer**

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Welcome to a transformative journey where dance meets empowerment. Our classes blend the vibrant rhythms of jazz, the dynamic energy of hip hop, and the sultry movements of Caribbean stilettos style to create a unique, sensual experience.

## Work Experience

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### **Dancer/Choreographer**

Ness Thee Goddess-Atlanta, GA

February 2009 to July 2023

Dance/Performance Training with the following Choreographers and their personal credentials

- Michelle White cred: Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Contemporary Dance at C.E. Jordan High School
- Marcus Cobb cred: Janet Jackson
- Tasha Bryant cred: Beyonce
- David Summerlin cred: Kierra Sheard
- Aisha Francis cred: Beyonce/Chloe Bailey
- CiCi Kelley cred: Beyonce
- Kimmie Gee cred: Beyonce
- Saidah Nairobi cred: Beyonce/Usher
- Diddi Emah cred: Beyonce/ Coming To America
- Lanier McKinney cred: Beyonce/Mariah Carey/ Doja Cat
- Karen McDonald cred: Michael Jackson's Thriller Dancer/Debbie Allen Dance Academy Master Teacher
- Courtland "FULL-OUT" cred: Doja-Cat/Chloe Bailey
- Monica Wilson cred: Cee-Lo Green

Work Experience:

- Member of Couture productions Performing Arts Club at NC A&T State University 2009-2011 (Greensboro, NC)
- Choreographer of kids crew INSIDE OUT for YMCA half time basketball games 2011 (Durham, NC)
- Member of Eclipse Productions Dance Team at NC Central University 2011-2012 (Durham, NC)
- Performed with local Rap artists DJ FINESSE KING & SPYDAMAN P 2012 (Durham & Charlotte, NC)
- Gotta Dance Atlanta Work-Study Student Best Salesperson 2013-2014 (Atlanta, GA)
- Performed with Kierra Sheard on BET Sunday's Best 2013 (Atlanta, GA)
- Produced, directed, casted and performed in music/concept videos for local artists 2013-2023 (Atlanta, GA & Los Angeles, CA)
- Production Assistant for CiCi Kelley's Dare Dream Dance Academy 2013-2014 (Atlanta, GA)
- Performed with many local choreographers in dance showcases 2013-2015 (Atlanta, GA)
- Selected Participant in Monica Wilson's Mentorship Program 2014-2015 (Atlanta, GA)
- Owned and operated an entertainment company booking dancers to perform at events, gatherings, parties, etc. 2015-2017 (Atlanta, GA)

- Participant in Aisha Francis's Weekend workshop 2019 (Los Angeles, CA)
- Assisted directed and performed in short film for local choreographers 2020-2021 (Los Angeles, CA)
- Receptionist at Debbie Allen Dance Academy 2023 (Los Angeles, CA)
- Production Assistant for Debbie Allen Dance Academy Summer Intensive Showcase 2023 (Los Angeles, CA)
- Audition Coordinator for Mariah Carey's Vegas Residency Tour Auditions 2023 (Los Angeles, CA)
- Assistant and Mentee of Karen McDonald 2023
- Conducted dance classes at Rhimes Performing Arts Center 2023 (Los Angeles, CA)

## Education

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### **Bachelor's degree in Sociology**

North Carolina A & T State University - Greensboro, NC

August 2007 to May 2011

## Skills

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- Dance (10+ years)