



JOYE THOMAS

DANCE EDUCATOR | CHOREOGRAPHER

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Joye Thomas, an accomplished dance teacher, choreographer, and dancer from the Washington DC Metropolitan area, began her dance career at Fairfax Ballet under the mentorship of Illona and Thomas Russell, Illona a Juilliard graduate and both with experience in the Metropolitan Opera Ballet. She pursued formal dance education at Point Park University and Virginia Commonwealth University, majoring in dance. Many of her students have achieved great success, from attending prestigious universities to major in dance, to being selected to dance on Division 1 collegiate dance teams.

Joye's choreography includes "Sky Warriors" at the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival and the Flash Mob on the National Mall, for Curefest which highlight her passion and creativity in dance. In addition to her teaching and choreography, Joye has danced in works by acclaimed choreographers and recently starred in a tourism commercial for the City of Fredericksburg, showcasing her versatility and artistry.

EXPERIENCE

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Fredericksburg Ballet Centre** | 2020-2024 | Advanced and Intermediate/Advanced Contemporary, Jazz, Ballet, Pointe, Tap
 - Taught Advanced Contemporary, Jazz, and Tap; Intermediate/Advanced Ballet, Contemporary, and Jazz; and Intermediate Ballet, Jazz, and Contemporary during tenure.
 - Choreographed Senior-level Jazz, Contemporary, Tap, and Open dance routines for the FBC Competition Dance Team.
 - Designed choreography for lead roles and large group dances in the Nutcracker and Spring Ballets.
 - Mentored students interested in pursuing dance at the collegiate or professional level.
 - Increased enrollment in several classes, including Contemporary, Jazz, and Dance Team participation.
 - Designed costumes and props for performances.
 - Established community partnerships to support dance programs.
- Creative Movement Dance Studio** | 2019-2020 | Advanced Ballet and Pointe
- Virtuous Dance Center** | 2017-2019 | Beginner to Advanced Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Tap, Hip Hop
- Progression Dance Studio** | 2014-2019 | Beginner to Advanced Ballet, Pointe, Modern, Tap, Hip Hop, Jazz
- Russell School of Ballet** | 2013-2017 | Intermediate to Advanced Ballet, Pointe, Modern, Jazz, Tap
- Ravel Dance Studio** | 2012-2018 | Intermediate to Advanced Ballet, Modern, Jazz
- Showcase Dance Studio** | 2011-2014 | Beginner to Advanced Ballet, Tap, Modern, Hip Hop
- Jessica Morgan School of Dance** | 2007-2011 | Beginner to Advanced Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern, Hip Hop

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- Actress** | City of Fredericksburg VA Tourism
- Soloist** | Art of Recovery
- Guest Dancer** | DHH Collaborative Seasons 2-8
- Beth Elliot Dance Group** | O'ahu Fringe Festival
- Beth Elliot Dance Group** | Small Plates Dance Festival
- Ensemble** | NOVA Dance Concert
- Guest Artist** | Diggs Deeper
- Dancer** | NOVA Drumline Battle
- Dancer, "A Jubilee Ball"** | Quantico Marine Corp Officers' Club
- Dancer, "Mega Norooz Party"** | The Howard Theatre
- Dancer and Instructor, "Holiday for Hope"** | Dreams for Kids DC
- Dancer** | "Rock the Look" Fashion Show for Celebrate Fairfax
- Dancer** | Mayzsoul Inc Seasons 1-5
- Dancing Artist** | Raw Artist "Stimulus"
- Dancer** | Zhara Universe (recording artist)
- Dancer** | Metro DC Dances
- Dancer, Halftime Show** | Richmond Kickers

CHOREOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

- Resident Choreographer** | DHH Collaborative Seasons 2-8
- Peter Pan** | Fredericksburg Ballet Centre
- Competition Choreographer** | Fredericksburg Ballet Centre
- Nutcracker** | Fredericksburg Ballet Centre
- Swan Lake** | Fredericksburg Ballet Centre
- La Bayadere** | Fredericksburg Ballet Centre
- Concerto Barocco** | Fredericksburg Ballet Centre
- Halloween Flash Mob** | Fredericksburg VA Main Street
- Choreographer** | Small Plates Dance Festival
- "Sky Warriors"** | Northern Virginia Fine Arts Festival
- Flash Mob** | Curefest
- Halloween Flash Mob** | NOVA Dance Concert
- Resident Choreographer** | The Fairfax Ballet
- Company Choreographer** | Ravel Dance Studio
- Competition Choreographer** | Progressions Dance Studio
- Resident Choreographer** | Mayzsoul Inc Seasons 1-5
- Choreographer, Halftime Show** | Richmond Kickers

SKILLS

- Choreography (Solo & Group)
- Lesson Planning
- Mentorship
- Leadership
- Communication
- Organization
- Patience and Understanding
- Community-oriented
- Business consulting

EDUCATION

TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL

Dance Masters of America
2010

DANCE & CHOREOGRAPHY

Virginia Commonwealth University
Fall 2006

DANCE (MODERN DANCE)

Point Park University
Fall 2004-Fall 2005

DANCE PROGRAM (ADVANCED LEVEL)

Fairfax Academy for Communications and the Arts
2002-2004

DANCE PROGRAM

Virginia's Governor's School for Humanities and the Arts (Summer)

AWARDS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

DANCE COMPETITIONS

- Group dances place in Top 5.
- Solos placed in Top 5.
- Choreography Awards
- Director's Pick

NOVA'S FAVORITE DANCER

- Runner-up
- Judge's Pick

VIRGINIA DANCE COALITION

- Emerging Choreographer Award

YOUNG ARTS

- Top 10% contestants for Choreography

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