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- 2014—Present **Miami City Ballet**
Principal Dancer
Artistic Director: Gonzalo Garcia, Former Lourdes Lopez
- 2026 **Miami City Ballet**
Interim Development Coordinator
Reported directly to the Senior Director of Development
Donor Management, Donor Relations, Fundraising, Special Events
- 2025—Present **Founder of Fifth Position Path LLC**
A Dance Mentorship platform for ballet students, new and seasoned professionals, families, schools and companies worldwide.
- 2018—Present **Founder of the Miami City Ballet School Mentorship Program**
A monthly curriculum based mentorship series curated for the pre-professional division students.

Educational Background

- 2025 Northeastern University, Boston (Remote)
Interdisciplinary Master of Science in Arts Administration and Cultural Entrepreneurship
Recipient of the Dean's Scholarship
- 2015 University of Phoenix
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science
- 2007 Bedford High School
- 2007 Keystone National High School Online Program

Awards

- 2025 Alex Dubé Scholarship recipient (Partial award provided by Career Transition For Dancer)
- 2023 Dean's Scholarship - Northeastern University
- 2007 Pao Merit Scholarship Recipient
- 2008 Anthony Albano and K. Ann Choe—Albano Fellow - Cincinnati Ballet
- 2006 YoungArts - National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts Honorable Mention Ballet Award

Industry Leadership & Speaking Engagements

2024	Pointe Magazine
2023	iAM a Culture Icon Campaign: Aventura Mall
2022	Guest Speaker: Swan Ball Gala Miami City Ballet
2022—	Tutulist - (First online dancewear thrift store: supporting environmental sustainability)
2020	Funding Arts Network <i>An Evening with Lourdes Lopez and Samantha Galler</i>
2020	Dance Magazine
2020	Podcast: “ Process Piece ” hosted by Ruby J. Smith. Discussing Creating During The Pandemic
2020	Campaign: My Miami Beach Your Escape Campaign
2017-	4Dancers: The Commitment to Pursue, Dancing & The Unexpected, A Professional In A Student’s Class
2017	Capezio Athlete

Full Professional Dance Career**Miami City Ballet**

2014—Present A.D., Gonzalo Garcia, Former Lourdes Lopez
 2023 Principal Dancer
 2022 Principal Soloist
 2018 Soloist
 2014 Corps de ballet

National and International Touring with MCB

2018, 22’ Massachusetts: Jacob’s Pillow - 85th & 90th Anniversary Festivals
 2015 Canada: Vancouver, British Columbia, Ottawa
 2018 France: Paris - Les étés de la danse
 2018 Charleston, NC - Spoleto Festival
 2016, 18’ New York: New York City - Lincoln Center, City Center
 2016, 18’ Chicago, IL Chicago Dance Festival - Harris Theater, Millennium Theater
 2018 Minneapolis, MI
 2019, 21’ Washington, D.C. - The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Alabama Ballet

2009-2014 A.D., Tracey Alvey, Associate A.D., Roger Van Fleteren
 2012 Principal
 2010 Company Artist
 2009 Apprentice

Cincinnati Ballet

2008-2009 A.D., Victoria Morgan
 A.D., Devon Carney - Trainee Program

Year-Round Ballet Training: 1995-2008

2004-2008 The Boston Ballet School: A.D., M. Tracey, Previous A.D., D.Miles Burger 1995-2006
 The Ballet Academy Inc.: A.D., F. Cavicchio Kotelly
 1998 - 2003 Northeast Youth Ballet: A.D., D. Cecere

Summer Dance Training: 2001-2011

2011 Boston Conservatory Summer Dance Program: A. Suarez, G. de Marco, A. del Saz, T. Moricz 2004-2009
 Boston Ballet Summer Dance Program: A.D., M. Tracey
 2001, 02’, 10’ Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet: A.D., M. Dale Weary, Director

Performance Career**2014-Present****Miami City Ballet**

Richard Alston	José Limón
Frederick Ashton	Sir Kenneth MacMillan Victoria Morgan
Ricardo Amarante	Mikko Nissinen
Margarita Armas	Justin Peck
George Balanchine	Marius Petipa
Brian Brooks	Alexei Ratmansky Jerome Robbins
Christopher Bruce	Ariel Rose
Val Caniparoli	Liam Scarlett Paul Taylor
James Cranko	Twyla Tharp
Agnes de Mille	Antony Tudor
Amy Hall Garner	Durante Verzola
Jiří Kylián	Septime Webre

A Midsummer Night's Dream: G. Balanchine: staged by Sandra Jennings: Hermia, Act II Divertissement pas de deux Analogo: World Premiere, Margarita Armas, Principal Woman

Allegro Brillante: G. Balanchine (Jacob's Pillow 85th Anniversary Festival), Corps de ballet

Bourrée Fantasque: G. Balanchine: 1st Movement Corps de ballet, 2nd Movement Soloist

Carmen: R. Alston: staged by Richard Alston/Amanda Elyes: Cigar Girl

Carousel Pas de Deux: Sir Kenneth MacMillan: staged by S. Caddell: Louise

Company B: P. Taylor: "Another You"

Concerto Barocco: G. Balanchine: Corps de ballet

Concerto DSCH: A. Ratmansky: Soloist

Dances at a Gathering: J. Robbins: Mauve

Delight: R. Amarante: Principal - World Premiere

Divertimento #15: G. Balanchine: Principal

George Balanchine's The Nutcracker: The Sugar Plum Fairy, Lead Spanish, Demi Flower, Snow,

Marzipan Giselle: Coralli/Perrot: Peasant Pas de Deux, Friend, Wili

In the Night: J. Robbins: staged by J.P Frohlich: Pas de deux #2

In the Upper Room: Twyla Tharp: The Ballet Woman

I'm Old Fashioned: J. Robbins: Lazy Pas de deux, On Pointe Pas de deux

Jewels: G. Balanchine: Emeralds Principal, Emeralds Pas de Trios, Ruby, Diamond Demi-Soloist

La Source: G. Balanchine

La Valse: G. Balanchine: 1st Pas de deux

Mercuric Tidings: P. Taylor: staged by P. Corbin

One Line Drawn: B. Brooks - World Premiere

PAGANINI, In Play: D. Verzola - World Premiere

Raymonda Variations: G. Balanchine: Harp Variation

Resplendent Fantasy: A.H. Garner: Principal - World Premiere

Romeo and Juliet: J. Cranko: staged by J. Bourne: Benvolio's Gypsy

România: A. Rose: World Premiere

Sea Change: J. Roberts - World Premiere

Sentimento: D. Verzola - World Premiere

Serenade: G. Balanchine: Principal - Russian Girl - In-Season, debut (Jacob's Pillow 90th Anniversary Festival) Sunset: P. Taylor: Company Premiere

Swan Lake: A. Ratmansky: Swan Queen (Odette/Odile), Pas de Trois, Polish, Waltz Couple, Two Solo Swans (North American Premiere) 2022, 2024

Swan Lake: G. Balanchine: Pas de Neuf Soloist

Sweet Fields: T. Tharp: staged by A. Brady
 Symphonic Dances: A. Ratmansky: Soloist
 Symphony in Three Movements: G. Balanchine: Tall Girl, Demi-Soloist
 Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No. 2: G. Balanchine: Demi-Soloist
 The Cage: J. Robbins
 The Moor's Pavane: J. Limón - Emilia
 Theme and Variations: G. Balanchine: Demi-Soloist
 ViVa: A.H. Garner: Principal - World Premiere - (Digital Commission in collaboration with Paul Taylor American Dance Company)
 Viscera: L. Scarlett: Soloist
 West Side Story Suite: J. Robbins: staged by J.P. Frohlich: Jet "Cool"
 Year of the Rabbit: J. Peck Principal

2009-2014

Alabama Ballet

Alice in Wonderland: V. Fleteren: Tigerlily
 Allegro Brillante: G. Balanchine: staged/cast by D. Hoover: Principal Female, Corps de ballet
 Don Quixote: M. Petipa: Mercedes, Dryad Queen, Dryad Soloist
 Dracula: V. Fleteren: Party Guest
 George Balanchine's The Nutcracker: G. Balanchine: staged/cast by D. Hoover: The Sugar Plum Fairy, Arabian, Lead Marzipan, Snow, Flower, Party Guest, Demi Flower, Marzipan
 Giselle: Petipa: Myrtha: Queen of the Willis, Moyna: lead Willi, Friend
 La Bayadere: M. Petipa: staged by R. V. Fleteren: Nikiya
 La Sylphide: A. Bournonville: staged by T. Alvey: Sylph, Effy, Demi Sylph
 Paquita: Petipa: 2nd variation
 Rodeo: A. de Mille: staged by P. Sutherland: Ranchers' Daughter
 Romancing Rachmaninov: V. Fleteren: Principal - World Premiere
 Romeo and Juliet: by V. Fleteren: Juliet, Rosaline
 Rooster: C. Bruce: Lady Anne
 Sechs Tanze: J. Kylian: staged/cast by S. Esseboom
 Serenade: G. Balanchine: staged and cast by D. Hoover: Dark Angel, Corps de ballet
 Shostakovich: V. Fleteren: Principal
 Swan Lake: Petipa: Swan Queen, Pas de Trios, Big Swan
 Tarantella: G. Balanchine: staged/cast by D. Hoover: Principal Female
 The Lilac Garden: A. Tudor: staged by A. Mckerrow and J. Gardner: Caroline
 The Sleeping Beauty: M. Petipa: staged by T. Alvey: Lilac Fairy, Serenity Fairy, Silver Fairy
 Three Virgins and a Devil: A. de Mille: The Greedy One
 Unravalled: V. Fleteren: Principal

2011

The Boston Conservatory Summer Program

Etudes: by H. Lander: staged by: A. Suarez, G. D. Marco
 Forsythe Technique: T. Moricz
 Nikolais/Louis Technique: Alberto D. Saz: Square Root

2008-2009

Cincinnati Ballet

Bolero: V. Morgan
 Discarded Spider: By Carlos Amorales: Living Installation Art Exhibit Cincinnati Contemporary Arts
 Center Dracula: D. Carney
 Giselle: staged by D. Carney
 Graceland: V. Morgan
 Myth: Guest Artist: Ballet Tech: J. Goodlett
 Peter Pan: S. Webre
 The Nutcracker: V. Caniparoli

2006-2008**The Boston Ballet School**

A Midsummer Night's Dream: G. Balanchine, staged by Sandra Jennings: Court Dancer, Epilogue Fairy, Hound Dog
 The Nutcracker: cast by M. Nissinen to perform: Sugar Plum Attendant, Mirliton Shepherdess, Snow, Flower BBII ON
 STAGE: In Studio: Excerpts from Raymonda, Graduation Ball: Soloist
 Pointe Off: choreographed by: Jormo Elo
 Walpurgisnacht: Spring Graduation Showcase: Demi Soloist
 Four Temperaments: G. Balanchine, staged by K. Mitchell: Third Theme, Devil's Dance
 Ensemble Group: staged by Eldar Aliev: Fairy Doll Pas de Trois; Le Corsaire: Jardin Anime: soloist

2004-2009**Boston Ballet Summer Dance Program**

Who Cares?: Principal, staged by M. Tracey and R. Kaiser
 The Dream: Titania, staged by D. Shultze and L. Godfrey
 Sleeping Beauty: Grande Valse, staged by D. Shultze and L. Godfrey
 Allegro Brillante: staged by M. Tracey and R. Kaiser
 Divertimento #15: staged by J. Glaze
 Serenade: staged by J. Glaze

2005**Ballet Academy Inc**

Bluebird Pas de Deux: with Luca Sbrizzi, Boston Ballet II
 The Sleeping Beauty: choreographed by Marius Petipa: Aurora's Variation, Lilac Fairy
 Les Patineurs: choreographed by F. Ashton: Pas de Deux

1989-2003**Northeast Youth Ballet**

The Nutcracker: D. Cecere: Dew Drop Fairy, Snow Queen, Kissing Doll, lead Mirliton, Chinese, Marie
 Peter and the Wolf: Boston Musica Viva: The Bird
 A Boston Cinderella: Original ballet by B. Hoffer, Boston Musica Viva: Summer Fairy

Teaching Career**Miami City Ballet School****Founder of the Pre-professional division Miami City Ballet School Mentorship Program**

Arantxa Ochoa, Director of Faculty and Curriculum

Miami Beach, FL 2018–

Ballet Rhode Island

A.D K. Breen Combes & Y. Yanowsky

Providence, RI 2022

Chicago High School for the Arts

Geer Reed, Dance Department Head

Chicago, IL 2018

Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet

Marcia Dale Weary, Head of School

Carlisle, PA 2018—

Schramel Conservatory of Dance

A.D., Marjorie. and Gregory. Schramel

New Orleans, LA 2017

Body Expressions for the Performing Arts

A.D, Heidi. Roth.

Mandeville, LA 2017

Northeast School of Ballet

A.D Denise Cecere
Reading, MA 2016–

Live Oak Dance School

School Principal, Jarina Carvalho
New Orleans, LA 2016

Marigny Opera House

A.D., David Hurlbert, Ballet Master, Jarina Carvalho
New Orleans, LA 2015

Pointe Dance Arts

A.D., Shannon Denney:
Year-round Faculty
Hoover, AL 2012-2014

Alabama Ballet

A.D. Tracey Alvey & Roger Van Fleteran Year-round Faculty
Birmingham, AL 2012-2014

Linda Dobbins Dance

A.D. Linda Dobbins
Year-round Faculty
Mountain Brook, AL 2011-2013

The Ballet Academy Inc.

School founder and Principal: Frances Cavicchio Kotelly
Arlington, MA 2010–

Kirova Ballet

A.D., Janna Kirova
Hallandale Beach, FL 2020

International Dance Academy

A.D., Deborah Squeri
Miami, FL 2020–

Miami Dance Collective

A.D., Marie Gaschler & Kristin Richards
Miami, FL 2020

Virtual Teaching (Covid-19 Pandemic)

The Ballet Academy Inc.
Ballet Together
Nigeria Partnership
Northeast School of Ballet
Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet
Live Oak Dance School
Miami City Ballet
UnBlanche Inc. - Japan