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Education

2025 (May) **Northeastern University**, Boston (Remote)
Interdisciplinary Master of Science in Arts Administration and Cultural Entrepreneurship
Recipient of the Dean’s Scholarship

- **Founder of The GAAAP - Guide to Art Administration for Aspiring Professionals in Dance**
(Preliminary stage) Curriculum based professional development program for performing artists in dance

2015 University of Phoenix
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science

2007 Bedford High School
2007 Keystone National High School Online Program

Professional Dance Career

Presently: Principal Dancer

Miami City Ballet
A.D., Lourdes Lopez

2023— **Principal Dancer**
2022 Principal Soloist
2018 Soloist
2014 Corps de ballet

2018-2024 **Miami City Ballet School Mentorship Program Founder**

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
Trainee

Year-Round Ballet Training

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

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

Instructors

E. Aliev, P. Alosa, T. Alvey, P. Ballard, N. Bielski, C. Bruce, F. Bujones, D. Carney, E. Cisneros, E. Ellison, J. Elo, R. Van Fleteren, J.P. Frohlich, J. Gardner, L. Godfrey, A. Hinline, D. Hoover, A. Houghland, R. Kaiser, T. King, F. Kotelly, E. Kudo, J. Lang, L. Lopez, B. Mathis, A. Mckerrow, K. Mitchell, V.	Morgan, T. Moricz, H. Muir, M. Nissinen, H. Pickett, S. Pilarre, A. Randazzo, R. Reyes, A. del Saz, S. Schorer, D. Shultze, R. Sosenko, B. Thornton, R. Tonoyan, M. Tracey, T. Vives, M.D. Weary
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Awards

2025	Alex Dubé Scholarship recipient (Career Transition For Dancer)
2023—	Dean's Scholarship - Northeastern University
2008	Graduate of the Boston Ballet School - 2007 Pao Merit Scholarship Recipient
2008-2009	Cincinnati Ballet - Anthony Albano and K. Ann Choe—Albano Fellow
2006	National Foundation for the Advancement of the Arts Honorable Mention Ballet Award, Top 5% of U.S High School Seniors

National and International Touring with Miami City Ballet

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

Interviews and Speaking Opportunities

2024	Pointe Magazine
2023	iAM a Culture Icon Campaign: Aventura Mall
2022	Guest Speaker: Swan Ball Gala
2020	Funding Arts Network , An Evening with Lourdes Lopez and Samantha Galler
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

Professional Performances

Choreographers and Repertoire listed Alphabetically

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

Miami City Ballet, 2014-Present

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

Pictures as an Exhibition: A. Ratmansky: Principal, Old Castle

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 Pas de deux: G. Balanchine
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
Walpurgisnacht Ballet: G. Balanchine - Principal, Soloist, Demi-Soloist, Corps de ballet
West Side Story Suite: J. Robbins: staged by J.P. Frohlich: Jet "Cool"
Year of the Rabbit: J. Peck

Alabama Ballet Performance 2009-2014

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
Unravelled: V. Fleteren: Principal

The Boston Conservatory Summer Program 2011

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

Cincinnati Ballet 2008-2009**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**The Boston Ballet School, 2006-2008****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**Boston Ballet Summer Dance Program, 2004-2009****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**Ballet Academy Inc., 2005****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**Northeast Youth Ballet, 1998-2003****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**Ambassadorship**

2022	Tutulist
	First online dancewear thrift store: supporting environmental sustainability
2017	Capezio Athlete

Dance 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–

Currently mentoring professional dancers in companies abroad

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. - Japa