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## EDUCATION & TRAINING

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| <b>The Ballet Studio</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Samba dance, Cabaret dance, Burlesque dance</li></ul>                     | San Francisco, CA |
| <b>Bay Aerials Gymnastics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tumbling, Floor, Balance Beam, Conditioning</li></ul>                | Fremont, CA       |
| <b>Absolute Center</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ballet, Pilates Conditioning</li></ul>                                      | Lafayette, CA     |
| <b>Mobu Dance Studio</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Professional Salsa &amp; Mambo Performance Team Training</li></ul>        | San Francisco, CA |
| <b>Arabesque Dance Studio</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Belly dancing</li></ul>  | Chicago, IL       |
| <b>Lakeshore Academy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Adult Gymnastics, Tumbling, Balance Beam, Floor, Conditioning</li></ul>   | Chicago, IL       |
| <b>Broadway Dance Center</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jazz, Latin Jazz, Hip Hop, Ballet</li></ul>                           | New York, NY      |
| <b>Steps on Broadway</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Jazz, Hip Hop</li></ul>   | New York, NY      |
| <b>Northern Hemispheres Gymnastics</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Tumbling, Uneven Bars, Balance Beam, Vault, Floor</li></ul> | Webster, NY       |

## TALENT AGENCIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Wink Back, Inc. DBA The Go Game</b> – Character Actress</li><li><b>Babes &amp; Beaus</b> – Print Model</li><li><b>One Magnificent Model</b> – Promotion &amp; Spokes Model</li></ul> | San Francisco, CA<br>Chicago, IL<br>Chicago, IL |
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## DANCE INSTRUCTION & PERFORMANCE & COMPETITION

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Earth Circus Productions at Immersive Nightclub</b> – Featured Ballroom Dancer</li><li><b>Joyce Gordon Gallery 2016</b> – Featured Burlesque Entertainer</li><li><b>Café Cocomo</b> – Salsa Dance Instructor</li><li><b>Masquerotica Ball 2012</b> – Featured Burlesque performer</li><li><b>Rose City Salsa Festival 2011</b> – Mambo/Salsa featured dancer/performance</li><li><b>Ballroom Fashion Extravaganza 2011</b> – <i>Dancesport Divas</i> Mambo performance</li><li><b>San Francisco Salsa Festival 2011</b> – <i>Dancesport Divas</i> Mambo performance</li><li><b>Symbolic Dance &amp; Fitness</b> – <i>Dancesport Divas</i> Director</li><li><b>Shoebox Studio</b> – <i>Ladies Salsa Series &amp; Beginner's Salsa</i> Instructor</li><li><b>The UpTown Night Club</b> – Burlesque dance performance</li><li><b>Habibi Nights Dance Party</b> – Bachata &amp; Bellydance performance</li><li><b>Macy's MTV "Burlesque" Dance Contest</b> – Dance contestant</li><li><b>US Salsa Open 2010</b> – <i>Dancesport Divas</i> ChaChaCha performance</li><li><b>Dancesport Divas Female Dance Team</b> – Director, Choreographer, Performer</li><li><b>El Valenciano Bar &amp; Restaurant</b> – Salsa Instructor &amp; Performer</li><li><b>The Vinyl Room Lounge</b> – Salsa Instructor</li><li><b>Seattle Salsa Congress 2010</b> – <i>Couture Dance Alliance</i> team Salsa performance</li></ul> | Los Gatos, CA<br>Oakland, CA<br>San Francisco, CA<br>San Francisco, CA<br>Vancouver, WA<br>El Cerrito, CA<br>San Francisco, CA<br>San Francisco, CA<br>San Francisco, CA<br>San Francisco, CA<br>Oakland, CA<br>San Francisco, CA<br>San Francisco, CA<br>San Francisco, CA<br>San Francisco, CA<br>Seattle, WA |
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## DANCE INSTRUCTION & PERFORMANCE & COMPETITION

- **Revue at the Revival** – Featured Burlesque Performer Berkeley, CA
- **The Hubba Hubba Revue** – Featured Burlesque Performer Oakland & San Francisco, CA
- **The DNA Lounge Bootie Mash Up** – Featured Burlesque performer San Francisco, CA
- **Miracle Toes Dance Studio 2011 to 2012** – Burlesque & Salsa Instructor Oakland, CA
- **The Institution Indie Rock Band** – 2012 Featured Dancer at live show performance Alameda, CA
- **San Francisco Salsa Congress 2010** – *Couture Dance Alliance* team Salsa performance San Francisco, CA
- **San Francisco Salsa Congress 2010** – Mikko & Ashanti Salsa dance competition San Francisco, CA
- **Couture Dance Alliance Professional Salsa Dance Team** – Salsa dance performer San Francisco, CA
- **The Buzz Night Club** – Salsa Instructor Chicago, IL
- **Chicago International Salsa Congress 2009** – Ashanti & Excell Salsa dance Chicago, IL
- **Chicago International Salsa Congress 2008** – Ashanti & Excell Salsa dance Chicago, IL
- **Midwest World Salsa Open Championships** – Chicago 4<sup>th</sup> place Chicago, IL
- **Arabesque Dance Studio** – Salsa Instructor Chicago, IL
- **ARCC Ballet Dance Studio** – Salsa Instructor Chicago, IL
- **Club 720** – Salsa Instructor Chicago, IL
- **Images Restaurant** – Salsa Instructor Chicago, IL
- **Coco's Restaurant** – Salsa Instructor Chicago, IL
- **Nacional 27 Restaurant** – Salsa dance contest competitor Chicago, IL
- **Rumba with the Stars** – Salsa Dancer/Salsa Instructor/Celebrity Partner Competition Chicago, IL
- **ESPN World Salsa Championships 2006** – Quarter Finalist/Semi-Finalist (Las Vegas) Chicago, IL
- **Mambo Tribe Winter Salsa Carnival** – Altovese Salsa Theater/ Featured Team Toronto, Canada
- **Chicago International Salsa Congress 2006** – Featured Dancer - Ballet & Salsa Chicago, IL
- **Altovese Salsa Theater** – Director/Choreographer/Dancer Rochester, NY
- **East High School – Girls Step Team** – Choreographer/Dance Workshop Rochester, NY
- **Ladies Styling Workshop** – Salsa Instructor/Choreographer Rochester, NY
- **Roc Salsa Dance Company** – Salsa Instructor/Performer Rochester, NY
- **Six Flags Darien Lake-Spanish Festival** – Latin Dance Performer/Altovese Salsa Theater Rochester, NY
- **Latin Street Dance Company** – Latin Dance Instructor/Performer Chicago, IL
- **Lakeshore Dance Team** – Pom Pom Coach/Choreographer Chicago, IL
- **IIT-Nous Danson Dance Troupe** – Head Choreographer/Dancer Chicago, IL
- **Chicago International Hostel** – Latin Dance Instructor/Choreographer Chicago, IL
- **Cygnets Pom Pom Dance Team** – Performance Member/Thornwood H.S. South Holland, IL

## FILM & TELEVISION & RADIO & THEATER & MEDIA

- **TNT "Murder in the First"** – Extra 2016 San Francisco Episode San Francisco, CA
- **BMW SUV Commercial** – Extra 2015 San Francisco, CA
- **TLC "Randy To The Rescue"** – Extra 2013 San Francisco Episode San Francisco, CA
- **Dance NET TV Show** – Featured Dancer 2012 Episodes 1 – 16 Walnut Creek, CA
- **Bravo "The Kandi Factory"** – Featured Audition Contestant San Francisco, CA
- **"The Steppes" – Indie Film** – Featured Salsa Dancer & Movie Extra San Francisco, CA
- **"Salsa Superstars" TV Pilot** – Host & Dancer Monterey, CA
- **Examiner.com** – featured articles as dance Director, Performer, Competitor, & Instructor San Francisco, CA
- **"The Sauna Room"-WIIT 88.9FM** – Guest Personality/weekly Salsa segment Chicago, IL
- **NBC 5 News-Early Morning Show** – Featured Dancer/Dance Pink Breast Cancer Chicago, IL
- **FOX 32 News-Early Morning Show** – Featured Dancer/Nacional 27 Salsa Contestant Chicago, IL
- **FOX "So You Think You Can Dance" Season 6** – Audition Contestant Chicago, IL
- **Daily Southtown Newspaper** – Featured Picture & Article/Salsa Dance Competition Chicago, IL
- **Chicago Sun-Times Newspaper** – Featured Picture & Article/Salsa Dance Competition Chicago, IL
- **"The Beat Box" - Music Video** – Featured Dancer/Model Chicago, IL
- **"Cherry Crush"-Feature Film** – Movie Extra Rochester, NY
- **Democrat & Chronicle Newspaper** – Featured Picture & Article/Hispanic Festival Rochester, NY
- **Channel 13 WORC-Early Morning Show** – Featured Latin Dancer Rochester, NY

## MODELING

- **Ignite / Horizont / XANY / Proficient / Style Equation** – Published Magazine Model SF Bay Area, CA
- **The Health Beat Show – Featured Fashion Designer and Fitness Model** Oakland, CA
- **Diva Talk Tonite TV Show** – Diva Dive Model Berkeley, CA
- **Natural Bikini Magazine** – Bikini Fitness Model San Bruno, CA
- **INBA Pro Bikini Diva / NPC Bikini Model** Competitor San Francisco Bay Area, CA
- **Fillmore Salsa Festival** – Salsa Dancer Model San Francisco, CA
- **The Travel Channel “Ace the Game”** – Contestant Santa Cruz, CA
- **BMW Commercial** – Extra San Francisco, CA
- **SF Bay Area Check Please** – Extra Union City, CA
- **Dancesport Divas** – Dancer/Model online Oakland, CA
- **Danscents** – Dancer/Model online Oakland, CA
- **Neo Gospel Soul Concert** – Fashion Model/Runway Chicago, IL
- **Liquor Room Bikini Contest** – Swimsuit Model Rochester, NY
- **Eastman Kodak Company** – Test Print Model Rochester, NY
- **Fashion Bug Fashion Show** – Model Rochester, NY
- **IIT Department of Marketing** – Promotional Model/Poster Chicago, IL
- **Yes! Vodka** – Promotional Model Chicago, IL
- **Fidelity Investments** – Promotional Model Chicago, IL
- **Miller Lite** – Promotional Model Chicago, IL
- **Corona** – Promotional Model Chicago, IL

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

- **2021 The Sacred Peach: My Secret to Immortality Science** - Published Poet / Author Amazon.com
- **2020 GC Entertainment** – Featured Fashion Designer Hollywood, CA
- **2019 SF Combat** – MMA Cage Fighting Co-Promoter Napa, CA
- **2019 Bay Area Combat** – MMA Cage Fighting Ring Card Girl Napa, CA
- **2018 The Vampire Vixen: Peace of War** – Published Poet / Author Amazon.com
- **2017 San Jose Fit Expo** – Booth #810 Fashion Booth for Ashanti Altovese Collection San Jose, CA
- **2017 San Francisco Fashion Week** – Temple SF Featured Fashion Designer San Francisco, CA
- **2016 The Vampire Vixen: Tainted Blood** – Published Poet / Author Amazon.com
- **2015 NPC Contra Costa Bikini Open Masters 35+ - 2<sup>nd</sup> place** Hayward, CA
- **2014 INBA Northern California Natural** – Bikini Divas Tall – 1<sup>st</sup> place Oakland, CA
- **2014 INBA Silver & Black** – Bikini Divas Tall – 2<sup>d</sup> place Oakland, CA
- **2013 INBA Northern California Natural Bikini Divas Open** – 1<sup>st</sup> place San Francisco, CA
- **2013 INBA Northern California Natural Women’s Fitness** – 1<sup>st</sup> place San Francisco, CA
- **2011 INBA Natural Olympia Women’s Fitness Competitor** Reno, NV
- **2011 INBA Western USA Women’s Fitness Champion** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Sacramento, CA
- **2011 NPC San Francisco Women’s Fitness Champion** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Hayward, CA
- **2011 Latin Fever Fridays Salsa Footwork Competition** – 3<sup>rd</sup> place Berkeley, CA
- **2010 So You Think You Can Dance Bachata Competition** – 1<sup>st</sup> place San Ramon, CA
- **2009 San Francisco Salsa Congress** – 4<sup>th</sup> place team division CDA San Francisco, CA
- **2009 San Francisco Salsa Congress** – 4<sup>th</sup> place Pro On2 couple San Francisco, CA
- **2009 Chicagoland Salsa Championships** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Chicago, IL
- **2007 Rumba with the Stars** – Series 2 2<sup>nd</sup> place / Series 3 1<sup>st</sup> place Chicago, IL
- **2007 Buzz 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Bachata Contest** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Chicago, IL
- **2006 ESPN World Salsa Championships** – Las Vegas finalist Chicago, IL
- **2006 Studio Viva Salsa Championships** – 1<sup>st</sup> place Chicago, IL
- **2006 Nacional 27 Salsa Contest** – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Chicago, IL
- **2006 Roosevelt University** – Talent Show 1<sup>st</sup> place Chicago, IL
- **2003 Illinois Institute of Technology** – Talent Show 1<sup>st</sup> place Chicago, IL
- **2001 University of Illinois at Chicago** – Talent Show 1<sup>st</sup> place Chicago, IL
- **2000 Summer Dance Grant Park** – Amateur Salsa contest 1<sup>st</sup> place Chicago, IL

## MEDIA & MAGAZINES

- Studio M Ballroom in San Jose, CA (Bachata) Dance Instructor and Performer
- 2022 NYE Burlesque at Hotel Utah San Francisco, CA (Featured Artist)
- Hot & Juicy Burlesque at The Ivy Room Albany, CA (Featured Artist)
- SoFa Festival – Burlesque – The Haberdasher San Jose, CA (Featured Artist)
- Burlesque Cabaret – The Great Star Theater San Francisco, CA (Featured Artist)
- Brunch Burlesque – Jolene’s Bar San Francisco, CA (Featured Artist)
- Burlesque at the Circus of Sin – Caravan Lounger San Jose, CA (Featured Artist)
- Richard MacDonald Studios - Model
- Hubba Hubba Revue Monday & Saturday San Francisco, CA – Burlesque (Featured Dancer)
- Skylark Bar San Francisco, CA – Burlesque (Featured Dancer)
- Brookdale Lodge Burlesque FantaSEA Santa Cruz – Burlesque (Featured Dancer)
- The Hub Burlesque on Broadway Redwood City, CA – Burlesque (Featured Dancer)
- Berber’s Got Talent San Francisco, CA – Judge and Performer (Featured Dancer)
- NKDArts Bollywood Professional Performance Troupe @ C.R.Y. Fundraiser 2022
- Indeep Bollywood Hip Hop Artist – Music Video (Featured Dancer & Model)
- Authority: 5 Ways to Reduce Burnout (Featured Influencer) Medium.com
- Authority: 5 Ways to Maintain a Healthy Weight (Featured Influencer) Medium.com
- Authority: 5 Ways to Become More Resilient (Featured Influencer) Medium.com
- Style Equation – Goddess of Light (Featured Influencer)
- Ignite – Goddess in the Garden (Featured Influencer)
- Proficient – Dark Doll & Wealth Witch (Featured Influencer)
- XANY – Gothic Glamour (Featured Influencer)
- Horizont – Goddess Glamour (Featured Influencer)
- Voyage – Dance / Fitness / Fashion (Featured Influencer)
- Natural Bikini – INBA Bikini Bodybuilding Competitor (Featured Influencer)

## SKILLS

- Ballroom / Burlesque / Bollywood / Ballet / Jazz / Hip Hop / Salsa / Mambo / Merengue / Cha Cha Cha /
- Bachata / Cumbia / Tango / East Coast Swing / Samba / Yoga /
- Belly Dance / Pom Pom / Chicago Style Stepping / Gymnastics / Tumbling / Fitness
- Public Speaking / Kick Boxing / Rollerblading / Running / Volleyball / Basketball / Swimming
- Singing / Yoga / Driving / Interviewing / Hosting / Master of Ceremonies
- Writing / Poetry / Rhyme / Spoken Word / Author
- Fluent English / Intermediate Spanish (spoken & written)

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