

# *Diana L. McCormack*

CHOREGRAPHER

JUDGE

MASTER INSTRUCTOR

## *Certification:*

*Progressing Ballet Technique Certified*, San Antonio, TX; August 2018 - current

A certified instructor who is qualified in the innovative program developed by Marie Walton-Mahon for students to understand the depth of training muscle memory in achieving their personal best in classical ballet.

Incorporating the use of muscle memory to improve students understanding of core stability, weight placement and alignment for many decades.

**American Ballet Theatre Teacher Training Attendee**, Manhattan, New York; May 2017

Application and acceptance in program required, received intensive training in ABT's National Training

Curriculum, a nine-level program that combines high quality artistic training with the basics of dancer health and child development. Attendees will be permitted to teach ABT's National Training Curriculum with intensive training and attendance.

## *Teaching:*

**The Wilson Ballet & The Medina Ballet**, August 2014 - present

Owner & Artistic Director

Instructor of ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop classes, defining students ability through emotional, mental and physical capabilities. Promoting those students thru the two division of the school; lower and upper school, continuous efforts made to communicate to the parents of their child's aptitude, strength and weaknesses.

Responsible for annual performances and choreography, costume purchases, school items for purchase, setting and arranging rehearsal schedules, contacting parents and community leaders for support, music editing, staging of props and scenery, ticket sells, and marketing for the school.

**Incarnate Word High School**, San Antonio, TX; August 2014 - November 2016

Dance Team Director & Choreographer

Reinvented program that was non-existent since 1981. Created conditioning program, classroom training and designed uniforms and marketing team to area middle schools and performed for community. Awards won: Marching Auxiliaries Regional Competition 2015: Best in Class winner, Sweepstakes Award winner, Best Team Choreography, One Superior Officer Routine, and Best Choreography in an Officer Routine; Marching Auxiliaries National Competition 2015: Jazz National Champion Title; Hip-Hop National Champion Title; Lyrical National Champion Title; Officer National Champion Title; NDA Dance Camp 2015 - Team Silver Plaque in the Custom Team Routine-eligible to attend the Buffalo Wild Wing Citrus Bowl; Team Superior Ranking in the Custom Team Routine; Team Awarded National Bid to attend National Competition in Orlando, Florida; Two NDA All American Nominees-eligible to attend the Houston Thanksgiving Parade; NDA All American; TAPPS Competition 2015: 2 teammates received All State individual TAPPS medal.

**Trilogy Dance Center**

Ballet/Tap/Jazz & Private Dance Instructor, San Antonio, TX ; January 2013 - July 2013

Instructor for ages 18 months-8 years old in creative movement, ballet, tap and jazz. Assisted in creating and adding to the studio's curriculum, creator of the recital's costume board, and newsletter. Teaching style is by example of perseverance, practice, and positive morale. Creates a stimulating and innovative environment for all children. The liaison for the parents to provide continuous communication and acknowledgement of their children progress.

## *Choreography & Performance:*

**Comal ISD - Canyon Middle School**

Lyrical choreographer for the 23-24 Season. Trained and coached whole dance team and selected useable size of teammates for their competition season. Created and designed choreography, selected music and instructed dancers to be successful with core exercises to improve their skill sets.

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## **The Medina & The Wilson Ballet**

Choreographed, designed, and managed the productions of Cinderella 2016; Peter Pan 2017; Sleeping Beauty 2018; Dance of the Decades 2019 and Alice in Wonderland in 2021, The Little Mermaid 2022, and Aladdin in 2023. Performed as the “Fairy Godmother” in Cinderella and “Flora the Fairy” in Sleeping Beauty; Ursula in The Little Mermaid.

## **The Moscow Ballet Great Russian Nutcracker/Nutcracker! Magic of Christmas Ballet**

December 2017, 2018 & 2022; San Antonio, TX

Partners with Moscow Ballet’s Great Russian Nutcracker as the host school of the city of San Antonio and its surrounding areas. Hosted open audition for all students who qualified and was responsible for all choreography for all cast members and school performed alongside with the Moscow Ballet at the Majestic Theatre for two consecutive years.

## **Miss San Angelo Scholarship Pageant 2000, San Angelo, TX November 2000**

Created choreography and performed to the music of Act II of Tchaikovsky’s “The Nutcracker” – The Spanish Dance

### *Training:*

## **Montgomery Ballet Company, Montgomery, AL; September 1993 – May 1998**

Performed as “soldier” and “party girl” in “The Nutcracker” in 1995, 1996 Auditioned and chosen as an apprentice to the company. Taught by several guest instructors and had additional performance opportunities and learning given to company members.

## **San Angelo Ballet, San Angelo, TX; October – December 2000**

Trained along with the San Angelo Ballet Company members in ballet and jazz, received direction for the upcoming pageant ballet performance

## **Booker T. Washington Magnet High School, Montgomery, AL; August 1997 – May 1998**

Accepted into and place in level 3 dance class; took classes under direction of Ms. Hess, Mr. Gary Moore. Classes taken included Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Modern, and Tap. Performed in the annual school production of Oklahoma! as a dancer and cowgirl.

## **Montgomery Ballet, Montgomery, AL; June 1993 – August 1996**

Performed in the annual, city-wide Performance on The Green in conclusion of the International Summer Seminar. Attended Ballet and Jazz classes under the direction of Mrs. Marylou Miller, Ms. Hess, Mrs. Priscilla Crommelin-Ball & Mr. Don Steffy

### *Master Classes*

Mansfield ISD Timberiew Celebs Summer Intensive  
West Austin Ballet Intensive

Lawton School of Ballet Summer Intensive  
Lisa’s Dance Connection Intensive

The Dance Expo Instep Dance Center Intensive

### *Judging*

Navarro ISD High School Dance Team  
BAFL Drill Team Competition  
Harlingen High School Cuero High School  
A.C. Jone High School

Laredo Larriettes On the Border Competition  
Prosper High School Dance Team  
Pleasanton High School  
Mountain Valley Middle School

Miss Cinderella International Scholarship Pageant

**References are available upon request. Please view direct link on website:**

**<https://www.balletinthecountry.com/director>**