

# Jessica Miller Tomlinson

Dancer- Choreographer- Teacher- Ballet Mistress

## EXPERIENCE

### **Thodos Dance Chicago- Dancer, Choreographer, Teacher, Assistant Rehearsal Director**

2005-2017

Artistic Director- Melissa Thodos

Works by Lucas Crandall, Robyn Mineko Williams, Ron De Jesus,  
Lar Lubovitch, Gustavo Ramirez Sansano, Bob Fosse, Brian Enos,  
Stephanie Martinez and Francisco Avina, Lauri Stallings

Toured both Nationally and Internationally

Choreographer- Two works in companies repertoire

Co-Artistic Director Thodos Youth Ensemble

### **Lou Conte Dance Studio- Instructor**

2009-Present

Director- Claire Bataille

Advanced/Pro Contemporary, Intermediate Jazz, Modern

### **HSDC Youth Dance Program- Faculty**

2016-Present

Director- Jennifer Gunter

Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Contemporary and Youth Ensemble

### **Northern Illinois University- Adjunct Faculty**

2017-2019

Director School of Theatre and Dance- Alexander Gelman

Modern and Jazz

### **Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre- Ballet Mistress**

2018-Present

Artistic Director- Wilfredo Rivera

### **The Joffrey Academy of Dance -Faculty**

2017-Present

Academy Director- Raymond Rodriguez

Contemporary For the Joffrey Studio Company/ Trainees

### **Alma Dance School-Faculty**

2020-Present

Directors- Vilma Machin and Guillermo Leyva

Contemporary and Modern

### **The Rooted Space-Faculty**

2020-Present

Directors- Chelsea Branch and Stefany Cotton

Adult Beginning Jazz

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## AWARDS

2019-Guest

Choreographer-Washington  
and Lee University Repertory  
Dance Company

2017-Selected to present  
work for "Dance For Life"  
Chicago AIDS Benefit

2017-Finalist METdance  
Emerging Choreographer  
Competition

2016, 2017, 2018-Finalist  
Avant Chamber Ballet  
Women's Choreography  
Project

2016- Guest Choreographer  
for Columbia College of  
Chicago's Repertory  
Performance Workshop  
Course

2013-Winner of DanceWorks  
Chicago's Inaugural  
NewMoves Choreography  
Competition

2012- Winner of Idaho Dance  
Theatre's Inaugural New  
Visions Choreography  
Competition

2009- Grand Prize Winner of  
the Joyce Theater  
Foundation's A.W.A.R.D. Show

2007- Guest Alumni  
Choreographer NC School of  
the Arts Summer Scenes

## EDUCATION

### **NC School of the Arts- BFA Contemporary Dance**

1999-2003

Dean of Dance- Susan McKee McCullough

### **Lou Conte Dance Studio- Scholarship Student**

2003-2005

## COMMISSIONED AND PRODUCED WORK

2021- "New Work"- Eisenhower Dance Detroit

2020- "Snakes" "One" "Bells"- Spring To Dance Festival St Louis

2020- "Ne"- Alluvion Dance Chicago

2020- "Tierspuren"- Hot Crowd Dance Company

2020- "we walk the miles"- Hubbard Street Youth Ensemble

2019- "Recurrent Shudder"- Aerial Dance Chicago

2019- "Berseluk-Beluk" (excerpt)- The Dance Gallery Festival Texas

2019- "Flippant Chenilles"- Dancing To Dream Fundraiser

2019- "Snakes", "One", "Bells"-Harvest Dance Festival

2019- "Bells"- Dance in the Parks Chicago

2019- "Fleeting Embrace"- Hubbard Street Youth Ensemble

2019- "Homesick Blues"- Washington and Lee University

2018 -"Respiro"- Northern Illinois University Fall Dance

2018 - "Speak to me only with your eyes"- Harvest Dance Festival

2018 - "Berseluk-Beluk" (Excerpt)- NewDANCEfest, Michigan

2018- "Berseluk- Beluk" (Excerpt)- Midwest RAD Fest, Michigan

2018- "Atuona"- SHIFT DANCE | FESTIVAL Albuquerque NM

2018- "Quandary"- Hubbard Street Dance Chicago Youth Ensemble

2017- "Berseluk- Beluk"- Thodos Dance Chicago, New Dances

2017- "In Tongues"- Dance For Life Chicago AIDS Benefit

2017- "Rebellious Reflection"- Visceral Dance Chicago Solus Project

2016- "R.O.C.B."- Thodos Dance Chicago, New Dances

2016-"Homesick Blues"- Columbia College of Chicago

2015- "Nocturne"- Harvest Contemporary Dance Festival

2015- "Something to do with Five"- Thodos Dance Chicago

2015- "Nihavent Sirto" - Nebraska Contemporary Dance Theatre  
2015- "Possessing and Caressing Me" - Dance in the Parks Chicago  
2014- "Bach Suite" - Forum Dance Theatre  
2014- "Architecture: Splintered and Cracked" - Chicago Rep Ballet  
2014- "Atuona" - Visceral Dance Chicago Solus Project  
2014- "dark night cold ground" - Nomi Dance Company  
2013- "Entwined Winds" - Thodos Dance Chicago, New Dances  
2013- "Freight Train Running..." - DanceWorks Chicago  
2013- "Forget What You Came For?" - Edinburgh Fringe Festival  
2012- "Architecture: Splintered and Cracked" - Idaho Dance Theatre  
2012- "93 83" - Thodos Dance Chicago, New Dances  
2012- "Transient Intersections" - JMT/JLS Triptych: 3 Dance Voices  
2011- "coalesce" - The Inconvenience Performance Group  
2011- "run 1 run 2", "Synopsis: Abrasion" - JMT/JLS Dance Gallery  
2011- "In Tongues" - Thodos Dance Chicago, New Dances  
2010- "Big Technique" - Thodos Dance Chicago, New Dances  
2010- "Let Me In" - JMT/JLS Choreography  
2009- "Architecture: Splintered and Cracked" - Thodos Dance  
2008- Crimes D'Amour" - Thodos Dance Chicago  
2008- "Die Lieder Tanzen" - NC School of the Arts  
2008- Dance For Life "Our Voices Dance"  
2007- "Die Lieder Tanzen" - Thodos Dance Chicago  
2007- Andy Warhol "Silver Clouds Exhibit" - MCA Chicago  
2006- "Forget What You Came For?" - Thodos Dance Chicago  
2005- "Somebody, Not just Anybody" - Thodos Dance Chicago  
2000- "Synopsis: Abrasion Part 1" - Chautauqua Ballet Company