

ARTISTS IN MOTION

Presents our 2018-19 staff

Announcing Our New Name!!



Brenda Sorrells Owner/Director (Pre-School, Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Clogging, Tumbling) Christmann Academy of Dance completed its 25th year in May, 2018. Brenda purchased the studio and by combining the old with the new is proud to announce our new name as Artists In Motion Dance Studio! Brenda is the owner/director. Prior to this year, she taught at Christmann Academy of Dance for 24 years and was the manager/director two years. She began dancing with Barbara Thompson when she was 5 and became an assistant teacher at the age of 12. Brenda was a member of the Miss Lubbock Dancers for 6 years as well as dance captain for 1 of those years. She also performed at the Miss Teen Texas pageant in Ft. Worth as a Miss Teen Dancer. She is a member of Texas Association of Teachers of Dancing. Throughout her dance career, she has attended numerous conventions and competitions.

This past dance year, Brenda took our dancers to West Coast Dance Explosion and to Celebration where they attended classes, competed and won several awards. Brenda believes that dancing builds self-confidence and self-esteem in every student, young or old. She has seen several students blossom into confident adults and is proud to have been a part of their life. Brenda is the proud mother of Hope 25 and Shelton 20. Both Hope and Shelton are CAD alumni. She is super excited about this year!



Jennifer McCandless (Pre-School, Turns & Leaps, Tap, Jazz, Pom Prep) Jennifer graduated from Texas Tech University in 2014 with a degree in Community, Family and Addiction Sciences. Jennifer has taught dance for the last 11 years, and was a part of CAD since she was 3. She began dancing when she was 3 years old. Jennifer has attended many conventions including Texas Association of Dance, Encore LA Danceforce, West Coast Dance Explosion just to name a few. She was a part of the dance company of Christmann Academy of Dance known as “Artists In Motion” Dance Company for several years. She was on the Lubbock High Pom Squad in High School and has always stepped in where needed whether it be teaching classes, working the recital or at front desk. We are excited to have her teaching again this year!



Kaelea Pena (Hip Hop, Contemporary, Ballet, Jazz) Kaelea danced at Christmann Academy of Dance for 14 years. She has studied ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, clogging, turns and leaps and pointe. She also competed in the “Artists In Motion” Dance Company for 7 years. She has attended many conventions including New York City Dance Alliance, Jump, Tremaine, West Coast Dance Explosion and Celebration. She is currently attending Lubbock High School. This past year, Kaelea took her first numbers to competition and both placed Gold! This is Kaelea’s 3rd year teaching and we are so excited to have her back!



Hope Sorrells (Substitute - Pre-School, Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Clogging) Hope graduated from West Texas A&M University in 2017 with a Masters in Agriculture. She is also a certified Ag/Science Teacher and will begin teaching in Cotton Center this year. Hope began her dancing career at the age of 2 with Christmann Academy of Dance. Throughout her dancing career, Hope has attended many conventions including Dupree, Encore LA Danceforce, Tremaine, West Coast Dance Explosion and Showstoppers just to name a few. She was a part of the dance company of Christmann Academy of Dance known as “Artists In Motion” Dance Company for several years. She began teaching with us last year and is always willing to work where needed. We are excited that Hope will be back and available as needed!



Lily Blue (Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Hip Hop, Pom Prep) Lily began dancing at the age of 3. She has trained in ballet, jazz and hip hop at various studios including Ballet Lubbock, The Dance Gallery and Dance Warehouse. Throughout high school she trained with Teresa Byrd and was on the Coronado Pom squad. She currently attends Texas Tech University where she is a member of Dancers with Soul. Her teaching experience includes teaching hip hop for 3 years with Teresa Byrd, assisting with Pom tryouts, Pom clinics, and choreographing for the All Saints Pom squad. This is Lily’s 2nd year teach with us and we are excited she is back!



Samantha Ordoñez (Pre-School, Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop) Samantha has been dancing since she was 6 years old and began teaching at the age of 12. Her dance journey began in Dumas, TX at West Garrett Dance Studio where she danced for 8 years. She then began teaching classes for Lonestar Ballet. She began taking classes at The Edge Amarillo when she was 14 where she auditioned and joined their competition team and began teaching classes there from 2011 until 2016. She has studied ballet, tap, jazz, modern, clogging, hip hop and tumbling. This is Samantha’s first year with us and we are excited she is here!