



OCTOBER WORKSHOP



Guy Groove

Guy began his dance training at the Charlotte Klein Dance Centers in Worcester, Massachusetts at the age of seven. Upon graduating from High School, Guy received his BFA from the University of Arizona. He was also the recipient of The Creative Achievement Award for his Choreography and Creative Direction on stage and film. Guy moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career doing what he loves. Guy is now working as a Choreographer and Teacher in Los Angeles. He has had the opportunity to work on many TV shows including "Glee", "The Goldbergs", "My Crazy Ex Girlfriend" as well as various Nickelodeon shows. Guy has also worked on many commercials including Android, Google and Pepsi to name a few. Guy has had the opportunity to be lead choreographer for Nickelodeon, JoJo Siwa, Jayden Bartels, Carson Lueders, LOL Dolls, and many more well known teen stars and brands. In Los Angeles Guy teaches at all the professional studios including Playground LA.. Recently Guy has created a virtual dance studio "Groove Interactive" where dancers can take live/interactive classes with LA choreographer from anywhere in the world!



Ashley Canterna Hardy

Ashley Canterna Hardy received her ballet training at the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington, DC on full scholarship. At 14, she was the winner of the junior division at the Youth America Grand Prix Ballet Competition. That same year, she represented the United States at the 2000 International Ballet Competition in Varna, Bulgaria winning the silver medal (the highest awarded) and the City of Varna Award. In 2002, she went on to win the title of "Miss Dance of America." Ashley's true passion is teaching. She is a certified teacher through Dance Masters of America. She enjoys traveling as a guest artist, master teacher, choreographer and judge. Her students have gone on to attend the Juilliard School, Boston Conservatory, the Cats National tour, Phantom of the Opera National tour, and many have joined ballet companies, including Derek Dunn principal dancer at the Boston Ballet. She currently teaches and choreographs at Akhmedova Ballet Academy, has done master teaching at The Rock School for Dance, choreography for Maryland Youth Ballet, and is Director/Owner of the Artistic Movement Academy of Dance in Linthicum, MD. She is honored to have won many choreography awards, including the Sherry Gold Memorial choreography award, USAIBC choreography award, and most recently was named Outstanding Choreographer at the Youth America Grand Prix International Ballet Competition. Ashley has had the pleasure of working on faculty for Rhee Gold's DanceLife Teacher Conference and Soul Conference for the last two years. She loves nothing more than being a mom to her four children Gabriella, Noah, Elijah, and Jonah!



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Casey Gonzalez

Casey Gonzalez, an Arizona native, has always had a passion for movement. She graduated from The Ailey School Certificate program in 2012 and followed up with achieving a B.S. in Healthy Lifestyles and Coaching From Arizona State University, a classical comprehensive Pilates Certification and both GYROTONIC® and GYROKINESIS® Teacher Training certifications by 2017. Her dance career has bridged the gap between the commercial and concert worlds. She has worked with choreographers such as Mandy Moore and Andrew Winghart, for brands like Master Card and Smirnoff, and performed on stages across Germany, France, Switzerland, and Dubai touring in Sweetbird Productions "Rock the Ballet X" and "Romeo & Juliette" ballets, choreographed by Adrienne Canterna. Casey began assisting for CLI Studios in 2019 for choreographers like Teddy Forance and Kathryn McCormick and made the move to Massachusetts from Los Angeles in 2021 to be a resident faculty member at The CLI Conservatory. Casey is also on faculty with Dana Foglia Dance programs. Casey takes great pride in working with younger dancers that have professional aspirations. She's been fortunate enough to guest teach and choreograph at studios and is often a guest teacher and judge at Dance Masters of America organization events. From her own career experience and extensive study of movement, Casey's mission is to coach and guide dancers to understand and value efficiency in movement. Casey believes that with the right balance of concentration, balance, and energy, even the most advanced movements can be done with ease and flow. Each class is aimed to unlock the greatest potential in each individual body. Outside of Casey's deep appreciation for movement, Casey is the mother of two, 6-year-old sibling cats, Fred and Ginger.



Brent Oplotnik

Brent Oplotnik grew up studying dance at his mother Patricia Oplotnik's studio Applause Studios in Oklahoma City. At the age of nine Brent appeared on Univision's El Sabado Gigante and Star Search. Other television credits include commercial ads for Taco Mayo and 7-11. Brent was a featured soloist appearing on Dino's Christmas Spectacular on QVC and Andy William's Christmas Spectacular. As a teen, Brent was a featured actor in the Fox Movie of the Week, "Rise and Walk: The Dennis Byrd Story" starring Peter Berg. Other credits include the HBO/Amazon Prime Video Special, "Public Enemy #1" starring Alyssa Milano, Theresa Russell, and Eric Roberts. Brent has performed live on stage with names such as Creed, Dino, and Jimmy Osmond. Country Superstars Neal McCoy and Randy Travis. Melinda the First Lady of Magic and the late legend, Mr. Christmas, Andy Williams. He was also featured in Dance Spirit magazine with renowned LA choreographer and master teacher Tymme Reitz. Brent has created original choreography for numerous shows in Branson, Missouri in addition to directing and choreographing shows for Six Flags theme parks. A master of many styles, Brent has set award winning competition choreography for dancers and dance studios across the country. For over a decade he has been an adjudicator for many national organizations in the US. Brent is a Master Teacher and currently a faculty member of Flow 40 Dance Workshops and Force Dance Tour. He has been on staff with Dance Masters of America, Dance Olympus and LA Dance Magic. He resides, with his wife Marissa and their two sons, in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. Brent's personality and experience have created a choreographer and master teacher who is anticipated and in demand.

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