

## Art In Motion Staff



**Tricia Trimble/ Owner - Director:** Tricia began dancing at the age of 4 in Clinton, IL. She began teaching at the age of 16, moved to Southern California in 1989 and danced/taught for 2 years at Just Plain Dancin' before moving back to IL & opening AIM in 1991. Tricia is known for her energy & passion for teaching. She has engineered AIM for 28 years into the studio it is today. AIM is recognized nationally for its' strong technique and creative choreography. She is thankful and blessed to have such a strong foundation in which AIM is built and for so many AIMazing people along this journey. Chad & Tricia are blessed to have their two daughters, Skylee & Symphony, grow up in the studio and take part in the many demands that AIM requires. When not teaching, managing & planning DANCE, she enjoys reading, jogging, writing, watching HGTV, and spending time with her daughters Skylee & Symphony & 2 golden doodles, Roman & Rosey.

**Chad Trimble/ Owner - Director:** Chad began his dancing as early back as Kindergarten, taking classes to enhance his sports abilities. Growing up in a family of athletes, he enthusiastically dove back into dance when he met Tricia at age 17. He graduated from ISU in 1993 with a BA in Special Education and taught at Jefferson Middle School in Champaign for 10 years. He currently teaches hip hop, jazz, fitness and technique classes at AIM as well as manages the studio & fitness. Chad has won numerous choreography awards throughout the last 28 years and occasionally judges dance competitions across the nation. Chad enjoys fishing, playing cards, and planning the DAD DANCE!



**Frank Bates** - is returning to AIM this season ! Frank taught Advanced Ballet at AIM for 20 years before retiring 3 years ago. He is now back to share his love for ballet with our dancers! Frank began training at age 12 & became a professional ballet dancer at age 16. He danced with the Russian Ballet in the 1980's and guest performed, taught and choreographed with several ballet companies. Frank is a veteran of the U.S. Army & currently works as a clinical and cognitive therapist at a local hospital.

**Skylee Trimble:** Skylee has been dancing at AIM before she could walk! This is her 13<sup>th</sup> year teaching and choreographing. Skylee graduated from the University of Illinois in May, 2016 with high honors. She received a BFA in Dance while on a student talent scholarship all four years. She loves teaching all styles of dance but her passion is contemporary & lyrical. Choreography is her greatest love and she choreographs most of the company groups, duet/trios and solos each year. She is also sought after from studios across the nation for her choreography. Her work has been shown at the University of Illinois and several dance competitions around the country. She has won numerous choreography awards at competitions/conventions, including "Choreographer of the Year" at Starpower Nationals in Branson, MO in July of 2014, 2015 & 2017, the "Cutting Edge" choreography award in Orlando, FL, and most recently was nominated for Top Choreography of "Cry Pretty" for the Star Dance Alliance in which her work was chosen from thousands across the world this past season. She will be celebrating her nomination at a Gala in NYC in August. Skylee also received the Office of Undergraduate Research Travel Grant during her time at the University of IL. When not teaching, you can find Skylee listening to music, watching movies, reading, or shopping. She also loves to spend her down time with family and friends!



**Barb Smith:** Barb has been the office manager for AIM for 28 years. She is the mother of Miss Tricia. She put Tricia in dance at the age of 4 years old and the dance world has encompassed her ever since. She took jazz, ballet and tap classes for nine years and even competed in the adult division! Miss Barb devotes a great deal of her time to Alzheimer's awareness, as she recently lost her husband to early onset Alzheimers. She is blessed to have so many wonderful, caring parents and children here at AIM to support her! She enjoys reading Christian Historical Romance novels, working in the yard, crafts and listening to Christian music and of course, Queen and Enya! Her little blessings are her 6.5 lb Toy Rat Terrier, Jorgie, and her 17lb cat, Tank!



**Kristin Rees:** Kristin began her dancing career at AIM when she was just 7 years old. She is one of AIM's original students, beginning in 1991! She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Millikin with a degree in Organizational Leadership. She works full time for State Farm in Bloomington. Kristin is a very popular AIM teacher & is known for her energy, enthusiasm and sense of humor! She enjoys spending time with family and friends and playing with dogs, Lily & Stan, is an avid concert goer, loves to travel. Kristin is excited for the new season!

**Stephanie Clifton:** Stephanie is an AIM Alumni dancer and has been on the AIM Staff for 16 years. She graduated from ISU in 2010 with a BA in hearing science, and received the ASL Interpreting Certification from Illinois Central College in Peoria last May. She is currently on her 2<sup>nd</sup> year at Unit 4 school district as an interpreter. Stephanie is a popular AIM teacher and loved for her sweet personality.



**Emily Chapman:** Emily is a graduate of ISU in Bloomington and a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at the Mahomet-Seymour High School. She has a strong background in dance, as she took lessons for many years at Dance Arts Studio in Springfield, IL. In college she was a member of the Illinois State Dance Theater Company. This is her 6<sup>th</sup> year on the AIM teaching staff. She has a passion for teaching the little dancers! In Miss Emily's free time, she loves reading books and going for bike rides as well as spending time with her family and friends. Emily is enjoying her new little girl, Amelia, and her son, Landon.

**Angelina Gibson** – Angelina is an AIM Alumni Dancer, dancing at AIM for 15 years and a member of the Competition Company for 9 years. Angelina is so blessed to have been a part of this studio for as long as she can remember. Dancing at AIM, she says, is the best experience she ever had and she cherishes all of the memories she has here. This is Angelina's 6<sup>th</sup> year teaching at AIM & she is so excited for season #29! She can't wait to see the kids excel and achieve their goals. Angelina is now a senior at the University of Illinois, majoring in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences to pursue a career in Occupational Therapy. As well as teaching at AIM, she works as a pre-school teaching assistant and volunteers to teach dance at the Stephen's Family YMCA through Larkin's Place.



**Sierra Smith:** Sierra is an AIM Alumni dancer! After high school, she danced for Parkland while pursuing her Associates in Mass Communications. She then transferred to Southern IL University where she studied Public Relations as well as Theater & Dance Performance and received her Bachelors in both areas. She currently works Christie Clinic in the Education & Training Department. Sierra has been dancing for 22 years and has over 9 years of experience teaching various styles to dancers of all ages. When she has spare time, she enjoys spending it with her family, friends, her fur babies and friends. She also enjoys outdoor activities (camping, hiking), shopping and traveling! AIM is excited to have Sierra on staff again this season!

**Alyssa Trelz:** Alyssa graduated from Charleston High School in May, 2016 and is now a senior at the University of IL. She danced at AIM for 4 years and was in the Competition Company for 4 years. She is studying Dance & Psychology. In her free time, Alyssa spends time with friends, watches movies and listens to music. Alyssa is excited to work hard with all of the dancers this season!



**Jacey Raney** – Jacey recently graduated from the University of Arizona with a BFA in Dance. She danced at AIM for 15 years and was a member of the AIM Competition Company for 12 years. Jacey's hobbies include spending time in nature (hiking, camping, fishing, etc.), spending time with loved ones, cooking, eating, yoga, and of course dancing. Jacey plans to get certified in yoga and also move to Los Angeles to become a professional dancer.





**Lauren McClure:** Lauren McClure grew up dancing and at 16 she joined AIM. After graduating from Urbana High School, she went to Lincoln College where she was a member of the dance company for 2 years. She Graduated from Lincoln and moved on to Southern Illinois University where she was President of the Southern Illinois Dance Company. Lauren graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Art and moved to Los Angeles where she lived for 8 years. She attended dance intensives with Diavolo, workshops with Sonya Tayeh and Dorian Sanchez of SYTYCD and started training in aerial circus. She trained and taught Aerial Silks, Lyra and Trapeze for 6 years at various studios in LA and Orange County before moving back to Champaign in the summer of 2017. This is Lauren's third year on the AIM Staff. She will be launching her own aerial business, Champaign Aerial Arts LLC, this fall! Lauren loves traveling & riding motorcycles with her husband. She is also secretly a 100% Disney and Broadway nerd.



**Lucas Anderson** – Lucas danced for 22 years, including 12 years of teaching tap in Iowa and Alaska, before going to graduate school at the University of Illinois. He stopped dancing for a while, during which time he earned a Master's degree in Philosophy and began working at the University's teaching center, where he now oversees the teaching training and pedagogical development of graduate students. Taking his daughter to dance at AIM for the past few years inspired him to get back into practice and he is very excited to be teaching tap for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year at AIM. He enjoys science fiction (especially *Star Trek*) and complicated board games, Lucas enjoys spending time with his wife, daughter, and three cats.



**Natalia Moreno** - AIM welcomes Miss Natalia to our ballet staff! Born in Buenos Aires, Argentina, she started classical training at age 6. She toured with the Maximiliano Guerra ballet company, was soloist for the Ballet Municipal de Asuncion in Paraguay, and danced for several ballet companies such as Ballet de Camara, Ballet Raices, Compania Ballet de Santiago, and USA Ballet. She currently teaches various levels of ballet including pre professionals, pointe, variations, coaching for YAGP & private lessons. Natalia is a Spanish interpreter and enjoys traveling and outdoors activities with her husband.



**Symphony Trimble:** Symphony is a sophomore at Lipscomb University in Nashville, TN. She has been dancing for 19 years and was a member of the AIM Competition Company for 15 years. Symphony will be teaching when she is back home during college breaks & looks forward to seeing the dancers excel and grow this year.



**Grace Terstriep:** Grace is a sophomore at the University of IL, studying education. She has been dancing at AIM since she was 2 years old and on the competition company for 14 years. Grace will be subbing & teaching occasionally throughout this season. She is eager to help the dancers with their technique & skills!



**Olivia Oltean:** "Livie" recently graduated from Central High School. She has been dancing at AIM since she was 3 years old and on the Competition Company for 14 years. She cherishes her lifelong friendships made at the studio. Livie will be attending Illinois State University this year & is on their competitive dance team. In her spare time she likes to support her brother Eli in his Football career, enjoy social time with friends and spend time with family at the lake and visiting them in Nebraska. She also loves to shop!



**Ruby Adams** – Ruby has been dancing at AIM for 13 years and has been in the AIM Competition Company for 5 years. She is a sophomore at Central High School in Champaign & is a first year student teacher! Ruby likes to bake, be with her family, and go on bike rides!



**Jacki Keller** – Jacki has been the AIM Company liaison for 4 years. Her daughter, Cassidy, has been an AIM dancer & company member for 11 years. Jacki is a math teacher for Champaign Unit 4 & enjoys her family, sewing, cooking & her many cats!



**Emily Fuentes** – Emily has been dancing at AIM since she was just 2 years old & is a member of the AIM Competition Company. She is a junior at Central High School in Champaign & this is her 1<sup>st</sup> year as a student teacher! Emily likes to spend time with family and friends, and bake.



**Georgia Liagridonis** – Georgia has been dancing at AIM since she was 3 years old & is a member of the AIM Competition Company. She is a junior at Mahomet-Seymour High School & this is her 1<sup>st</sup> year as a student teacher! Georgia enjoys reading, photography & working out.



**Ella Shafer** – Ella has called Art In Motion her home for 7 years and this is her 6<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the AIM Competition Company. She is a junior at Mahomet-Seymour High School & this is her 1<sup>st</sup> year as a student teacher! She loves to spend time with her family watching movies or being outside in the sun. She likes going to school events with her friends, eating ice cream, reading, and listening to music. She also loves all things Disney!



**Brynn Tsiakals** – Brynn has been dancing at AIM since she was 7 years old & is a member of the AIM Competition Company. She is a sophomore at Centennial High School in Champaign & this is her 1<sup>st</sup> year as a student teacher!



