



# dionna JOI pridgeon

*As a seasoned artist, I bring a wealth of experience and a track record of success. My journey, originating in Chicago, led me to reside in Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, South Korea and New York.*

*My holistic and empathetic teaching methods have resonated globally, creating meaningful connections through the language of dance.*

*My impact as an educator and choreographer goes beyond just teaching. I've created a transformative and supportive environment, where students feel challenged, inspired, and connected on a deeper level. My classes are described as incorporating techniques from various genres, fostering encouragement, warmth, patience, and providing valuable critiques.*

*My commitment has fostered a culture of collaboration and inclusion.*

## CONTACT

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## SPECIALTIES

*Movement Therapy  
Contemporary movement  
Improv/Freestyle  
Street Jazz/Jazz Funk  
Hip Hop  
Stylized Jazz  
Musical Theatre*

## GUEST TEACHING

Chi Arts High School - *Chicago*  
Broadway Dance Center - *New York*  
Gibney Dance Center - *New York*  
Peridance Capezio Center - *New York*  
Edge Performing Arts Center - *LA*  
Movement Lifestyle - *Los Angeles*

## WORKSHOPS/ MASTER CLASSES/ INTENSIVES

Maine East High School - *Chicago*  
Chicago Repertory Ballet (Training Program)  
Columbia College (MT Majors) - *Chicago*  
BNI Dance Studio Ecuador (*online*)  
Dayton Dance Conservatory Ohio (*online*)  
Auree Danse - *Montreal, Canada*  
Private Jazz Wksp - *Germany*  
Don't Forget to Dance Wksp - *Norway*  
Two River Theatre - *New Jersey*  
ArchCore 40: Jennifer Archibald - *New York*  
Princeton University - *New Jersey*  
The Pulse on Tour - *Atlantic City, NJ*  
Los Angeles Contemporary Dance  
Loyola Marymount University - *Los Angeles*  
Extensions Dance - *Chicago*  
*+ more!*

## COMPANY CLASSES

moveDIPR | Chicago Dance Crash | SIX, the musical | Common Conservatory | Water Street Dance Company | Visceral Studio Company | Rooted in Motion | Boom Crack! | DanceWorks Chicago | CODA | Jiggle | Inside Chicago Dance | Design | Gus Giordano Dance Chicago | Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre

## DANCE FACULTY EXPERIENCE

### HUBBARD STREET DANCE /LOU CONTE DANCE STUDIO

CHICAGO

2004-2019

- Education: Youth Outreach Hip Hop
- Adult Contemp, Hip Hop, Jazz All levels/ + Adv/Pro Contemp Sub
- Teen Intensives, Master Classes/Wksp

### VISCERAL DANCE CENTER CHICAGO

2020-2021, 2009-2013

- Hip Hop, Street Jazz, Contemporary, Improv
- Youth Program Sub
- Master Classes/Wksp

### DANCEWAVE NEW YORK

Winter 2018 - Spring 2019

- Company III: Teen Contemporary

### THE AILEY EXTENSION NEW YORK

2011 - 2018

- Adult Contemporary
- Sub for Street Jazz, Hip Hop + Ailey School
- Guest Artist for the Ailey Youth/Teen Experience

### STEPS ON BROADWAY NEW YORK

2015 - 2017

- Street Jazz
- Sub for Contemporary & Jazz

### JOFFREY ACADEMY OF DANCE/BALLET SCHOOL

CHICAGO & NEW YORK

2007 - 2016

- Trainee Program: Jazz & Modern + Kids Hip Hop (CHI)
- Contemporary for 4th Year Trainee Program (NY)

### DEBBIE REYNOLDS DANCE STUDIO LOS ANGELES

2011 - 2013

- Jazz Funk
- Sub for Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop & Stretch

## EDUCATION

### POINT PARK UNIVERSITY

Pittsburgh, PA

Bachelor in the Arts

- *Self Explore Alum*
- *Monsters of Hip Hop Alum*
- *Pulse on Tour Proteg *