

BELINDA A. SAENZ

Teaching Artist, Triple-Threat Performer, Instructional Specialist, Choreographer, Scholar, Performing Arts Entrepreneur

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Education:

Master of Arts with Institute Honors/The Western Scholarship—Dance Education- Teaching Dance in Higher Education and in the Professions from New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development (2012-2014). * 54/34 Credits *Degree Awarded May 21, 2014 * GPA 3.97/4.00

Master of Education-Instructional Specialist- Concentration in Bilingual Education from University of Texas at El Paso (2007-2009). * Degree Awarded Dec. 12, 2009 * GPA 4.00/4.00

Bachelor of Fine Arts Magna Cum Laude and University Honors Certificate— in Music Theatre with Theatre/Acting concentration and Dance minor from University of Texas at El Paso (2001-2007). * Degree Awarded May 12, 2007 *GPA 3.89/4.00

International Programs:

Summer 2013 **London and Oxford - Institute of Education and NYU Steinhardt Global Programs**—Literacy Teaching and Learning: Integrated Curriculum Design for Global and Digital Learning Environments

May 2006 **Eastern and Central Europe - International Scholar Laureate Program Delegation in Music**

1999-2011 **México (Michoacán, Aguascalientes, Campeche, Querétaro, et.all) - Instituto de Investigación y Difusión de la Danza Mexicana, A.C. (IIDDMA)**

Teaching Experience:

September 2017- Present **Disney Theatrical Productions / Disney on Broadway - Teaching Artist**

October 2014- Present **Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts- Teaching Artist**

2014-2017 **New York University- MA Dance Education Program- Adjunct Faculty:** Intercultural Dance (Fall 2014) and Tap Dance (Spring 2015). **Teaching Assistant for Tap Dance** (Spring 2014)

Fall 2017 **State University of New York at Old Westbury- Diverse Language of Dance- Substitute Instructor**

2002-2004 **El Paso Community College Valle Verde/Upward Bound Program: Part Time Dance Instructor- Latin Rhythms and Ballroom Dance.** * El Paso, TX

2009-2012 **Ysleta Independent School District/ Del Valle High School: Full Time Dance Teacher, Dance/Drill Team, and Ballet Folklórico Director.** * El Paso, Texas

Summer 2008- Fall 2009 **Ysleta Independent School District/Camino Real Middle School and Del Valle High School/ Fine Arts Department—Full Time Itinerant Folklórico Dance Teacher and Dance/Drill Team Director.** * El Paso, Texas

Stage Production Experience:

2006-2007 **University of Texas at El Paso Music Department-Music Theatre Company - Assistant Director and Costume Co-Designer.** * El Paso, TX

2006-2007 **University of Texas at El Paso Dinner Theatre - Costume Designer Assistant.** * El Paso, TX

Administrative Experience:

Sept. 2012- May 2014 **NYU Dance Education MA Program— Program Administration Assistant.**

Fall 2001-Spring 2007 **UTEP- Office of Special Events - Student Assistant/Customer Service.** *El Paso, Texas

Professional Certifications:

International Certification of Dance Studies granted through membership with UNESCO International Dance Council (August 2014-Present) New York State Conditional Initial Certification in Dance (Exp. Nov. 2014)

Texas State Standard Teaching Certifications (Exp. 5/15/14): **Dance 8-12 & Theatre Arts EC-12**

English as a Second Language Certificate issued by Universidad de Ciudad Juárez, Chihuahua, México (Dec. 2000)

Facilitated Lectures, Presentations, Symposia, and Professional Development:

February 25, 2018 **Speaker at Dance/NYC 2018 Symposium**

Jan-March, 2018 **Co-facilitator at Lincoln Center Education's Community Engagement Programs:** *Feeding Creativity*

Winter 2015-2018 **Movement of the People Dance Company's Winter Intensive: Dance Choreograph, Envision**

Summer 2015-2017 **Presenter at Lincoln Center Education's Summer Forum.**

December 12, 2015 **Facilitator at daCi USA (dance and the Child international) Day of Dance held at NYU Steinhardt**

Summer 2014 **New York University- MA Dance Education Program- Faculty for the Summer Dance Intensive**

Fall 2013 & Spring 2014 **New York University- MA Dance Education Program- Guest Educator for the Intercultural Dance**

2013 **National Dance Education Organization: *Intercultural Dance in Higher Education at a Curricular Level: Towards a Holistic Preparation of Versatile Dance Professionals.*** *Miami, FL.

Received Professional Development/ Intensive Training:

Feb 9, 2018 **Disney Theatrical Group's Workshops' Content and The Business of Show Business**

Jan 10 and Feb 7, 2018 **Cultural Responsiveness-Talking About Race in The Classrooms and Beyond: A Training for Educators**

Committed to Racial Justice with Border Crossers at Lincoln Center Education

Community Programs at Lincoln Center Education

Jan 28, 2018 **Active Shooter Preparedness Training at Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts**

Jan 17, 2018 **Belly Dance and Flamenco at Piel Canela Dance and Music School**

Nov-Dec. 2017 **Embracing Multicultural Education & Working Across Difference with Bary Katz Consulting at Lincoln Center Education**

September 2016 **Social Justice: Using the Arts to Help Young People Cope with Trauma and Discuss Social Issues** with Renee Watson from Community-Word Project

Jan 27th, 2016 **Aesthetic Education, LCE's Practice and Teaching Artistry' Training at Lincoln Center Education**

2013-Present **Family Engagement in Educational Settings at Lincoln Center Education**

October 8, 2013 **Voice lessons at Sean Buh'r's Studio**

Spring 2014- 2016 **Tap, Theatre Dance, Hip-Hop, and Ballet** at Broadway Dance Center

Summer 2012 **Jazz and Modern Simonson Technique** at Dance New Amsterdam

Summer 2011

August 2009, 2010, and 2011

TIMBA Dance and Fitness with Eddy Zayas-Reyes. * El Paso, TX.

Music Theatre dance and Repertoire with Rocker Verastique and **Graham Technique and Repertoire** with Jennifer Conley (August 2009, 2010, and 2011) *El Paso, TX.

Professional Development, Conferences & Symposia:

March 12, 2018

April 2014

Spring 2014

2012 & 2013

November 2010

Jan. 2009, 2010 & 2011

Nov. 2008, 2009, and 2011

Women's Day on Broadway: Symposium Celebrating Stories By, For & About Women.

The New York City Arts in Education Roundtable **Face to Face Conference**.

New York State Dance Education Association (NYSDEA) Conference.

National Dance Education Organization (NDEO) Conferences. *Los Angeles, CA 2012 and Miami, FL 2013

El Paso Mariachi and Folklórico Conference w/Prof. Antonio Rubio Sagarnaga. *El Paso, TX

Texas Dance Educators Association (TDEA) Conventions. *Houston, TX

Las Cruces International Mariachi and Folklórico Conference- Prof. Rafael Zamarripa Castañeda. *Las Cruces, NM

Special Skills: Fully Bilingual (English-Spanish)

Skills: Triple-Threat Performer (Dancer, Actor, Singer)

Highly responsible, organized, flexible, persistent, and able to balance multiple competing demands

Activator of artistry in self and others

Strong interpersonal and follow-up skills

Solid written and oral communication skills

Comfortable working independently and collaboratively

Culturally competent

Active developer of the Capacities for Imaginative Thinking (Notice Deeply, Pose Questions, Make Connections, Embody, Live with Ambiguity, Identify Patterns, Exhibit Empathy, Create Meaning, Take Action, and Reflect/Assess)

Proficient in Microsoft office programs, social media, and database entry

Familiar with sound and video edition. (WavePad/W. Movie maker)

Familiar with websites' design (wix)

Familiar with costume & prop elaboration, stage make-up, and hair styling

Awards

and Recognitions: May 19, 2014

2012-2014

Spring 2013

Summer 2013

May 2011

May 2007

May 2007

Fall 2005

2004 and 2005

2001 to 2002

2001 to 2007

2001 to 2007

NYU Steinhardt Institute Honors/Graduation Award- The Western Scholarship

NYU Steinhardt Graduate Scholarship

NYU Susan Carol Hersh Scholarship

NYU Steinhardt Global Programs Scholarship/Summer Study Abroad in UK

Top Ten Teacher by Del Valle High School's Chapter of the National Honor Society

UTEP BFA Magna Cum Laude and University Honors Certificate

UTEP College of Liberal Arts- Music Theatre Program Certificate of Excellence in Music Theatre

John and Vida White Endowment

UTEP Woman's Auxiliary Scholarship in Fine Arts- Outstanding academic achievements

Emil Jay Dittmer Memorial Scholarship Outstanding academic achievements

UTEP's SSSP Recognitions as outstanding GPA student

UTEP's College of Liberal Arts Dean's List

Service:

Dec. 2014

May 2015

Summer 2013

2013 & 2014

1995-2008

Sept. 2007

Oct. 2006

98 – 06

Oct. 2000 & 2005

July 2004

2002

Sept. 2000 & 2002

Performer at The Growth Art Project 2014 presented by ArtLab Oh and Sunproject-*Peer Pressure* by Ako Ando

Performer at *Chronicles of Le Femme* Dance Performance by Kim Elliott at Alvin Ailey Studios

Performer at "The Struggle"- Jacqueline K. Onassis High School Theatre-*Broken Sorrow* by Kim Elliott

NYSDEA Conferences Organization Committee

Participant at Cultural and Artistic Events at Ateneo Fronterizo de Cd. Juárez, A.C. *Ciudad Juárez, Chih. México

Participant/Performer at La Tenda di Cristo 16 (AIDS Shelter)/Mexican Night Fundraiser. * Ciudad Juárez, Chih. México

Participant/Performer at the U.S Department of Homeland Security - Hispanic Heritage Month. * El Paso, TX.

Performer at Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez - UACJ/IADA ("Paleofonía", "Colectivo de Danza", and "Día de Muertos"). * Ciudad Juárez, Chih. México

Alumna Participant at Escuela Secundaria Federal No. I*- 70th and 75th Anniversaries. * Ciudad Juárez, Chih. México

Participant/Performer at María Niña Children Shelter * "Poetry and Singing for Life". * Ciudad Juárez, Chih. México

Participant at UTEP Office of Special Events/UTEP Union Gallery's "Freedom and Me: Juneteenth Shared". * El Paso, TX

Sept. 2000 & 2002 Participant & Performer at Project Bravo, Inc.- Annual Paint-A-Thon. * Canutillo, TX

Affiliations:

January 2018- Present

September 2014-Present

February 2015- Present

February 2017-Present

February 2015- Present

October 2015-Present

August 2014- Present

September 2012-Present

September 2012- May 2014

September 2012- Present

June 2009-Present

Spring 2009-2012

Spring 2009-2012

January 2009-2012

Summer 2008-2012

August 2008- May 2012

Fall 2006 - Spring 2007

Spring 2005-2009

Fall 2004 to Present

1999-2011

American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA)

Adjuncts Come Together (ACT-UAW Local 7902-NYU)

United Federation Teachers (UFT)

UFT's Lincoln Center Education's Teaching Artists Chapter Leader

New York State United Teachers (NYSUT)

Pizarts Board Member

UNESCO International Dance Council

National Dance Education Organization (NDEO)

Student co-chair of the NYU's NDEO Student Chapter.

New York State Dance Education Association (NYSDEA)

Pi Lambda Theta- International Honor Society and Professional Association in Education

National Education Association (NEA)

Texas State Teachers Association (TSTA)

Texas Dance Educators Association (TDEA)

Association of Texas Professional Educators (ATPE)

Ysleta Teachers Association (YTA)

UTEP Honors Program and Certificate

National Scholars Honor Society (NSHS)

Golden Key Honour Society

Instituto de Investigación y Difusión de la Danza Mexicana, A.C. (IIDD MAC)