

Kayla Geerts

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Education:

BS, Dance and Arts Management, Oklahoma City University, Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment, 3.95 GPA, Projected Graduation May 2027

Minor, Environmental Science

Relevant Coursework: Choreography theory, arts administration, technical dance training, dance pedagogy, costuming, career preparation

Choreography Experience:

CHOREOGRAPHER AND DANCER

Iowa Choreography Festival- Dora Novak

Des Moines, IA
Summer 2025

- Choreographed group piece titled, "I'm So Grateful for Change" and danced in 2 other dance pieces
- Collaborated with local musician, Abigail Phelps
- Required Skills: Adaptability, leadership, creativity, fundraising skills, collaboration (with director, cast, and local musician), event strike

CHOREOGRAPHER

Urbandale Community Theatre-Brynn Sweere

Des Moines, IA
Summer 2024

- Choreographed the *Wizard of Oz*
- Required Skills: Leadership, creativity, collaboration, working with performers of all ages and abilities

CO-CHOREOGRAPHER

Johnston High School

Des Moines, IA
Spring 2023

- Co-Choreographer for Disney's *Frozen the Broadway Musical*
- Featured at Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards
- Required Skills: Leadership, creativity, collaboration, working with performers of differing abilities

CO-CHOREOGRAPHER

Johnston High School

Des Moines, IA
Spring 2022

- Co-Choreographer for Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*
- Featured at Iowa High School Musical Theatre Awards
- Required Skills: Leadership, creativity, collaboration, working with performers of differing abilities

SUMMER DANCE INSTRUCTOR

Iowa Ballet Academy- Ami Yaro

Des Moines, IA
Summer 2024, 2025

- Competition tap and lyrical solo choreography
- Taught tap, jazz, musical theatre, and ballet classes to beginning, intermediate, and advanced dancers at summer competition team intensive and as a substitute teacher for regularly scheduled summer classes
- Required Skills: Choreography, professionalism (promptness, preparedness, and mature attitude), leadership, creativity, ability to work with kids, knowledge of proper dance technique, and the ability to engage a classroom

SUMMER DANCE INSTRUCTOR

Midwest Dance Collective- Theresa Berger

Des Moines, IA
May-August 2024, 2025

- Taught tap, jazz, musical theatre, and ballet classes to beginning, intermediate, and advanced dancers
- Required Skills: Choreography, professionalism (promptness, preparedness, and mature attitude), leadership, creativity, ability to work with kids, knowledge of proper dance technique, and the ability to engage a classroom

SUMMER DANCE INSTRUCTOR

Dance Vision- Sabetha Mumm

Des Moines, IA
July 2025

- Taught intermediate jazz and beginner stretch classes.
- Required Skills: Choreography, professionalism (promptness, preparedness, and mature attitude), leadership, creativity, ability to work with kids, knowledge of proper dance technique, and the ability to engage a classroom