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PROFILE

Gwen Potter is an educator, choreographer, performer, and movement coach who has been working in the dance industry for the past fifteen years. Her vast knowledge of various dance forms and passion for sharing it with her students has afforded her the many opportunities listed below.

FACULTY TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Broadway Dance Center, New York, NY

- *Tap Dance Faculty*
- *BDC Online Class Instructor*
- *The Dance Teacher Workshop Faculty*
- *Absolute Beginner Workshop Faculty*

2015 - PRESENT

Teach weekly drop in classes to people ages 13+ of all levels and abilities. BDC Online classes are pre-recorded and are used on an online platform for people all over the world to have access to dance anywhere, any time. The Dance Teachers Workshop is an annual workshop that invites dance teachers and studio owners from all over the world to come to NYC, take classes, attend seminars, and get re-inspired for their upcoming dance season. The Absolute Beginner Workshop is an 8 week class offered to adults only and breaks down the fundamentals and mechanics of any style of dance from the very beginning.

Broadway Dance Center Children & Teens Program, New York, NY

- *Tap Dance & Hip-Hop Faculty*
- *Rhythm Arts Project Director (Artists In Motion Performance Company)*

2015 - 2023

Facilitated weekly classes that ended in an annual showcase as well as mentored youth dancers ages 7+ from recreational to professional abilities. Led the Tap Dance Performance Company, Rhythm Arts Project, for five years as the sole curriculum developer, choreographer, and weekly educator.

The School at Columbia University, New York, NY

- *Tap Dance Ensemble Faculty and Advisor*

2022 - 2023

Choreographed and taught weekly for grades 6-8. Weekly administered grades that included attendance, participation, overall improvement, as well as monthly dance history reports of various subjects. Choreographed an appropriate piece each semester for the Performing Arts Department Showcase.

Common Ground, Directed by Justin Boccitto, New York, NY

- *Tap Dance Faculty (Original Skeleton Crew)*

2019 - PRESENT

Teach class to all levels beginner-advanced. These community classes were developed by a group of tap dance educators as a means to bring all different walks of life together. It is an adults-only, judgment free setting where everyone can afford (donation based) to come take class without feeling any outside pressure.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin -
Stevens Point
BA in Dance 2007

SKILLS

Valid Driver's License
Public Speaking
Stage Management
Music Editing

REFERENCES

Diane King (917) 743-1860

Allie Beach (917) 664-5396

Ali Koinoglou (631) 834-8055

Koin & Co, Directed by Ali Koinoglou, New York, NY

— *Tap Dance Guest Choreographer and Summer Intensive Faculty*

2018 - PRESENT

Resident guest teacher for weekend training program. Sole Tap Dance Instructor for a primarily jazz/hip-hop contemporary based program. Teach class during the annual summer intensives to kids and adults ages 10-25 at both professional and pre-professional levels. Regularly choreograph tap dance pieces for many tri-state performance opportunities including their annual Agency and End of Season Showcase.

DESTRO Experience, Destini Rogers' In-Studio Convention Tour, USA

— *Tap Dance Faculty*

2018 - PRESENT

Tap dance and improv jam faculty utilized on a city by city basis.

Peridance Center, New York, NY

— *Tap Dance Faculty*

2018 - 2020

Facilitated weekly drop in classes as well as taught absolute beginner workshops.

Mark Morris Dance Group, Brooklyn, NY

— *Youth Program Outreach Teacher (Hip-Hop)*

2016 - 2018

Facilitated classes for their annual youth programming as well as their outreach after-school programs.

Tap Life: Youth Chapter, West Orange, NJ

— *NJ Chapter Company Captain*

2016 - 2018

Auditioned youth dancers around the tri-state area, cast dancers, and formulated the company. Taught Tap Life: Company repertory to students across New Jersey to be performed for many opportunities on the East Coast.

Studio Jacked Dance Company, Nanuet, NY

— *Dance Teacher (Street Jazz, Jazz, Tap Dance)*

2013 - 2018

Taught weekly annual program classes of various styles to dancers 10-18. Choreographed their competition teams as well.

Sea Coast Dance Academy (Studio 7), Belmar, NJ

— *Dance Teacher (Hip-Hop, Tap Dance, Jazz, Contemporary, Ballet)*

2013 - 2016

Taught weekly annual program classes of various styles to dancers ages 10-18. Choreographed their competition teams as well.

North Shore Performing Arts, Syosset, NY

— *Dance Teacher (Hip-Hop & Tap Dance)*

2013 - 2015

Taught weekly annual program classes to students ages 7-18 and choreographed their competition teams.

Applause Theatrics, New York, NY

— *Hip-Hop Faculty*

2013 - 2015

Taught not only the foundation, but the history and culture of the dance genre with an allstar faculty. Met for weekly classes and concluded with two semester showcases including a faculty performance. Program was open to kids of all ages and levels.

Pure Movement Dance Center, Berkeley Heights, NJ

— *Dance Teacher (Hip-Hop & Tap Dance)*

2012 - 2015

Taught weekly annual program classes to students ages 10-18 and choreographed their competition teams.

House of Duende, New York, NY

— *Tap Dance Faculty*

2012 - 2013

Taught adults drop in classes to pre-professional and professional dancers.

Visions Dance Studio, Kearny, NJ

— *Dance Teacher (Hip-Hop, Contemporary, Cultural, Tap Dance) & Stage Manager*

2011 - 2015

Taught weekly annual program classes of various styles to dancers ages 5-18. Stage managed annual recital showcase. Choreographed multiple dances in multiple styles for their competition team.

IS 302 Rafael Cordero Junior High School, Brooklyn, NY

— *Dance Teacher (Stepping, Hip Hop, Ballet, Modern, Tap Dance) and Musical Choreographer/ Co-Director*

2011

Taught grades 6-8 various dance forms for their elective class during their school day. Choreographed two pieces for each semester to showcase the students' new learned skills. Kept record of a weekly grade book based on participation and monthly dance history reports. Met with parents for Parent Teacher Conferences once a semester. Co-choreographed a youth adaptation of The Wiz for the end of the year musical. Wrote a grant to get a tap shoe donation so that all students could participate in tap dance class.

EXTENDED TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Kick Dance Studio, Rumson, NJ

— *Guest Teacher (Tap Dance)*

2023

Taught classes for annual summer dance intensive ages 7-18 in multiple levels. Cleaned and fine tuned competition dances and coached many students privately.

Thrive Dance CT, Monroe, CT

— *Guest Teacher (Tap Dance)*

2023

Hired as a guest teacher for their annual studio dance intensive. Taught students of all ages and levels.

Powerhouse Dance Center, Stony Point, NY

— *Returning Guest Teacher & Choreographer (Tap Dance)*

2022 - 2023

Taught guest classes to students ages 13+ in multiple levels. Choreographed routines for their pre-professional performance company for the upcoming dance season.

Earl Mosley's Diversity in Dance Intensive, New York, NY

— *Guest Faculty (Tap Dance)*

2022

Facilitated class and a jam for all levels through rhythmic exercises spanning across the African Diaspora.

Dream Makers Performing Arts, Bronx, NY

— *Guest Choreographer (Tap Dance)*

2022

Choreographed several numbers for advanced kids ages 16+ for multiple performance opportunities.

StarStruck Dance Studio Lincolnton, NC

— *Guest Teacher (Tap Dance)*

2022

Hired as a guest teacher for their annual studio dance intensive. Taught students of all ages and levels. Choreographed several pieces for their pre-professional companies.

Seven Stars Dance Academy, Brewster, NY

— *Guest Teacher & Choreographer (Tap Dance)*

2022

Taught at their annual in-studio Tap Dance Intensive for ages 10+ in multiple levels. Choreographed a piece on most advanced students for multiple performance opportunities throughout the year.

Nancy's Dance Factory, Hicksville, NY

— *Returning Guest Teacher & Choreographer (Tap Dance)*

2021 - 2023

Hired as guest teacher and choreographer for their performance troupe.

Infinite Motion Performing Arts Center, Bergen County, NJ

— *Guest Teacher & Competition Choreographer Cleaner (Tap Dance)*

2021

Taught at their annual in-studio Tap Dance Intensive for ages 10+ in multiple levels. Spent time cleaning and fine tuning the studio's already choreographed competition numbers before they were performed for summer opportunities.

Ludovici Dance Academy, New Castle, PA

— *Guest Choreographer & Private Lesson Teacher (Tap Dance)*

2021

Choreographed for the studio's most advanced soloist as well as did both online and in person private lessons.

3D Dance Center, Spartunburg, SC

— *Returning Guest Teacher (Tap Dance, Hip-Hop, Street Jazz)*

2020 - 2023

Guest choreographer, virtual instructor via zoom during and after lockdown, as well as in-studio dance convention guest teacher

The Edge Dance Studio In House Dance Intensive, Amarillo, TX

— *Returning Guest Teacher (Tap Dance)*

2019 - PRESENT

Teach guest classes to students ages 7-19+ in multiple levels for the weekend as well as mentor and consult with current faculty.

UnTapped, Columbia University's Tap Performance Company, New York, NY

— *Tap Dance Guest Choreographer*

2019

Hired as University's Tap Club choreographer consisting mostly of dance majors. Choreographed advanced level tap company showcase over the course of a semester.

Lehman College Each1 Teach One Dance Series, New York, NY

— *Guest Artist (Tap Dance)*

2019

Taught guest classes to Lehman College students of all levels.

Kitty Lee Dance Studio In House Dance Intensive, Douglas County, NE

— *Guest Teacher (Tap Dance)*

2019

Taught guest classes to kids ages 10–18 from beginner to advanced levels. Choreographed and presented multiple pieces for the end-of-the weekend showcase.

Millenium Dance Company, Albertville, MN

— *Returning Guest Teacher & Choreography (Tap & Hip-Hop)*

2018 - 2021

Hired as a guest teacher for multiple dance styles and taught students of all ages and levels. Choreographed several pieces for their pre-professional companies.

RiverTown Dance Academy, Tarrytown, NY

— *Artist in Residence (Tap Dance), Guest Teacher*

2018 - 2019

Chosen to be the Resident Tap Dance Choreographer for the studio's mixed level adult performance company. Choreographed a piece for the company to perform for multiple performance opportunities. Additionally, taught guest classes to students of all ages and levels.

Dance Theatre of NJ, Oakland, NJ

— *Returning Guest Teacher (Tap Dance & Hip-Hop)*

2017 - 2018

Taught dance classes to students of all levels and ages as well as substitute taught occasionally.

Creative Edge, Montauk, NY

— *Guest Teacher (Hip-Hop)*

2016 - 2018

Taught Hip-Hop guest classes to students ages 10–18 in multiple levels over the course of a three day intensive

LHQ Dance Force, New Haven, CT

— *Returning Guest Teacher & Choreographer (Tap, Hip-Hop, Contemporary)*

2015 - 2019

Guest teacher for students 10–18 in multiple styles and levels. Choreographed their annual recital and competition team.

Artistry Dance Project, Pleasantville, NY

— *Returning Guest Teacher (Tap Dance, Street Jazz, Hip-Hop)*

2015 - 2018

Taught guest classes to kids ages 10–18 from beginner to advanced levels. Choreographed and presented multiple pieces for end-of-the week showcase.

Nassau Dance Force, Bethpage, NY

— *Returning Guest Teacher & Choreographer (Tap Dance, Street Jazz, Hip-Hop)*

2015 - 2018

Taught multiple styles for students ages 10+ end of the semester in-studio dance intensives.

World Class Talent Experience, Multiple US Cities

— *Dance Competition Judge*

2015 - 2017

Traveled as a judge with the competition tour to adjudicate dances. Delivered special awards to select dancers and verbal feedback to dancers of all ages and levels.

Ferrari Dance Center, Queens, NY

— *Returning Guest Teacher (Tap Dance, Contemporary, Jazz, Hip-Hop)*

2014 - 2020

Taught classes in several different styles to different age groups and levels.

Stagelite Academy of Performing Arts, Pequannock Township, NJ

— *Returning Guest Teacher (Hip-Hop & Tap Dance)*

2013 - PRESENT

Bi-annually teaches intensives for students ages 10-18 as well as choreographs competition pieces.

The Dance Refinery, Indianapolis, IN

— *Returning Guest Teacher & Choreographer (Tap Dance & Hip-Hop)*

2013 - 2016

Hired as a guest teacher for multiple dance styles and taught students of all ages and levels. Choreographed several pieces for their pre-professional companies.

Infinite Dance Academy Indy, Plainfield, IN

— *Returning Guest Teacher & Choreographer (Tap Dance, Jazz, Hip-Hop)*

2012 - 2014

Hired as a guest teacher, then later hired to choreograph multiple pieces for their pre-professional performance troupe. Kids performed pieces several times throughout the Midwest.

Empower Dance Convention, Multiple US Cities

— *Faculty (Jazz & Contemporary)*

2012 - 2014

Traveled the East Coast and Midwest as a convention faculty member. Facilitated classes for kids of all ages and levels. Assisted the director both physically and administratively for planning of each city.

Ballet Academy East, NYC, NY

— *Assistant, Front Desk Worker, Substitute Teacher (Tap Dance, Hip-Hop, Jazz)*

2009 - 2011

Front desk receptionist, part-time administrator, as well as substitute teacher.

Unique Performing Arts Center, West Orange, NJ

— *Returning Guest Teacher & Substitute (Hip-Hop & Tap Dance)*

2008 - PRESENT

Guest teacher for bi-annual in studio intensive and competition choreographer for dancers ages 10-18.

Steps on Broadway, New York, NY

— *Youth Program Substitute Teacher, Assistant, Office Worker*

2008 - 2010

Substitute teacher for their youth program as well as administrative assistant in the office for their annual youth program.

Heather Cornell, Manhattan Tap Intensive, New York, NY

— *Intensive Assistant*

2006 & 2007

Helped to facilitate registration, assisted and demonstrated tap dance steps, as well as administratively aided Heather.

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Dumbo Drop: Tap Dance Bonanza, Brooklyn, NY

Choreographer, Dancer, Curator, Co-Producer

2022

Synthesis: The Miz Jade Show, Brooklyn, NY

Dancer

2022

Tap From the Soul: A Tap Dance Celebration, Brooklyn, NY

Choreographer, Dancer, Curator, Co-Producer

2021

Bushwig: Miz Jade, Brooklyn, NY

Dancer

2021

We Are Queens: BDC, New York, NY

Choreographer

2020

On 1 Condition: RDB, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2019

Some:body Benefit Show: Peridance, New York, NY

Choreographer

2018

Waack To the The Future: Princess Lockeroo, New York, NY

Dancer, Choreographer, Colaborator

2018

Aurora: Dance, New York, NY

Dancer

2018

Director's Choice - Anne Dragich & Co., Brooklyn, NY

Company Dancer

2018

Reason Legacy 2, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2018

Dale Art and Dance Experience, New York, NY

Dancer

2018

Apex Showcases I, II, & III, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2017, 2018, 2019

Jamie J & Co., Multiple NYC Venues

Company Member

2017 & 2018

The Craft: Jam, Brooklyn, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2017

Reebok: Toy Drive Benefit, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2017

Equinox: Showcase, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2017

Calvin Play (Recording Artist), Multiple NYC Venues

Back-Up Dancer

2017

Holi Hai: The Festival, New York, NY

Dancer

2017

Phoenix Rising Benefit, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2017

Manifesto Throwdown, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2017

Shenna "Magenta" Music Video, New York, NY

Assistant Choreographer/Dancer

2017

Reflection Spectrum- Opener, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2016

TapLife: Company Live Show, New York, NY

Company Member

2016

The Indian Telly Awards Show, New York, NY

Dancer

2016

Adidas Industrial: Luam Kflezgy, New York, NY

Dancer

2016

Thinx Industrial: Commercial Concept, New York, NY

Dancer

2016

NYFW:RAW, Brooklyn, NY

Choreographer and Clothing Designer

2015

Run The Night: Jared Grimes, New York, NY

Dancer

2015

Choreographer's Canvas: TapLife, New York, NY

Company Dancer

2015

Frank Persico "Eyes" Music Video: TapLife, New York, NY

Company Member

2015

Alice and Olivia, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2015

Broadway Underground: Jared Grimes, New York, NY

Dancer

2015

Ladies of Hip-Hop: Annual Showcase, New York, NY

Dancer

2014, 2015 & 2017

Bhangra NYC Company, Multiple Performances NYC area

Company Member

2014 - 2016

Gratitude Project, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2014 & 2016

The Giving Tree, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2014 & 2016

60 x 60- Tribeca Dance Festival, New York, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2014

Smashbox Cosmetics Industrial, New York, NY

Dancer

2014

Choreographer's Forum: TapLife, Brooklyn, NY

Company Dancer

2014

World of Dance NY: Gigi Torres, New York, NY

Dancer

2013

World of Dance NJ: Gigi Torres, New York, NY

Dancer

2012 & 2013

Facebook Industrial: Stage 48, New York, NY

Dancer

2012

Kat Wildish Presents: Jamal Josef - Alvin Ailey, New York, NY

Company Member

2010 - 2012

Astoria Dance Fest, Queens, NY

Dancer/Choreographer

2010 & 2012

Harlem Globetrotters: Opening Ceremony, Newark, NJ

Dancer

2010

Untitled: The Project, Off Broadway Production, New York, NY

Original Cast Member

2009-2010

Good Morning America: Faith Hill, New York, NY

Back-Up Dancer

2007

MOVEMENT COACHING EXPERIENCE

Calvin Play, 2017

Shenna, 2017

Machine Heart, 2016

Rica shay, 2016

Jennifair, 2016

Xavier White, 2015