



STAFF BIOS



Miss Bri hails from Pennsylvania where she began her early training. A summer intensive at the School of American Ballet led to a scholarship to Boston Ballet where she performed in *Swan Lake* and *The Nutcracker*.

In 2008, she joined Orlando Ballet's second company and advanced the following year to Orlando Ballet's professional company. Through the course of six seasons, she performed the leading roles of Odette from *Swan Lake*; Sugar Plum, Dew Drop, and Snow Queen in *The Nutcracker*; Ursula in *The Little Mermaid*; Witch from *Snow White*; and Zulma from *Giselle*.

Miss Bri joined Ballet Arizona in 2015 to perform in Balanchine's *Rubies*, *Symphony in 3* and original works by director Ib Anderson. At last, she was drawn to Wisconsin where she performed for several seasons with Madison Ballet including leading roles in W. Earle Smith's *The Nutcracker*, as well as the principle role in George Balanchine's *Valse Fantaisie*.

Through the years, Miss Bri has been a guest artist with the Lake Arts Project; Hammond Ballet; and Envision Ballet Theatre. She has performed with Mariah Carey in Disney's Christmas parade, and choreographed with Cirque du Soleil for *A Choreographer's Workshop*.

Since the age of 18, Miss Bri has been teaching at highly-respected schools across the country and is certified by the American Ballet Theatre in pre-Ballet through level 4. She is currently splitting her time between Milwaukee Ballet School and Showcase Dance Studio where we are immensely fortunate to benefit from her expertise in Classical Ballet and Lyrical dance styles.



Miss Amy joined Showcase Dance Studio in 2017 and teaches hip-hop classes for all ages. She is originally from Oak Creek and, at the age of six, began her formal dance training – learning the foundations of ballet, tap, jazz and hip-hop.

She was a member of the Oak Creek High School Varsity Poms team and notably placed fifth in the Midwest for her solo performance at the 2011 Miss Badgerette competition.

Miss Amy received her Bachelor's Degree in Public Relations and Master's Degree in Communications from Marquette University. It was at Marquette where she found her passion for the hip-hop style as a member of Hype Dance Company, a student-run hip-hop team that is the oldest urban dance group in Milwaukee. With Hype Dance Company, Miss Amy learned advanced choreography and received training by respected hip-hop dancers from the Milwaukee, Chicago and L.A. areas. As a team captain during her junior year and a co-director her senior year, she helped to coordinate two Milwaukee hip-hop dance showcases per year on the Marquette campus.

Miss Amy brings energy and enthusiasm to her classes and loves seeing her students get excited about hip-hop and urban movement. Outside of dance, Miss Amy works full-time as the Community Relations Coordinator at WaterStone Bank, and is newly married.



Miss Valerie was studio trained in ballet, tap, jazz, and lyrical from the age of six years. She credits her dance classes for many fond childhood memories: learning new technique, meeting new friends, and feeling safe to express herself in a stress-free environment. She strives to create that same experience and environment for her students in Jazz & Tap 3; Lyrical 1; and Adult Tap.

In high school, Miss Valerie was a member of the Cudahy Varsity Pom & Dance team; served as captain; taught ballet and tap classes through the Recreation Department; and received dance honors as a Badgerette All Star. After graduation, she pursued a degree in Accounting and Finance at UW-Milwaukee while also maintaining her connection to dance. Miss Valerie taught classes at Encore Dance Studio for seven years before it closed. She has also volunteered her time and talent as coach of the Cudahy Bulldog Spirit, as well as CCYM, a local youth musical theater group, where she choreographed and co-lead productions of *Pirates of Penzance*, *Cinderella*, and *Anne*.

Miss Valerie has served on the Showcase Dance Studio staff for six years. She works full-time as the Senior Manager of Financial Services at a Marketing Research Company, and lives with her husband and beloved fur-babies.



Miss Avi has dedicated her life to helping children be happy and successful. It brings joy to her heart when her students have an “aha” moment, especially when it is through dance. This is her sixth year as a Showcase Dance Studio instructor, teaching our youngest students in Pre-Ballet and Tap; Ballet & Tap 1; Ballet & Tap 2; and Jazz & Tap 1.

Teaching has always been a calling for Miss Avi. Her career began in child care centers where she achieved her early childhood license and CPR certification. She is currently a teacher assistant at an MPS elementary school, where she is also a member of the Code Blue medical team. This spring, Miss Avi will graduate with a degree in Early and Middle Childhood Education.

Miss Avi’s love of dance began 22 years ago when she enrolled in ballet, tap and jazz classes. In middle school, she joined the Cudahy Bulldogs Pom & Dance team and, as a freshman, earned a spot on the Cudahy Varsity Pom & Dance team. Miss Allison was Miss Avi’s coach during her high school career which included bonus solo, trio and senior kickline performances. After graduation, Miss Avi coached the Junior team and that experience sparked her passion for teaching.

Miss Avi stepped away from teaching and coaching dance briefly to focus on her education and family. However, she couldn’t resist the opportunity to join the Showcase staff and welcome dance into her life again. Miss Avi is married with two children of her own.



Miss Emily's love of dance began as captain of the Cudahy Varsity Pom & Dance team in high school which won *(what was highest achievement? was she on State or Regional Championship team?)* She also achieved personal success as a member of the pom trio that placed first in the Midwest at the 2001 Badgerette competition. The following year, her trio routine earned a top six finish.

After high school, Miss Emily remained active in Cudahy's pom and dance program serving as a coach from 2006 to 2019. When Showcase Dance Studio took over the program's Pixie, Junior and Allstar teams, Miss Allison recruited Miss Emily to join the coaching staff of the competition squad, as well as teach Poms 1 and Poms 2 classes at the studio. She is recently certified with Acrobatic Arts to teach acro skills for dance.

Miss Emily has been a student in the Adult Tap class for many years; and always plays a critical role in the recitals – working behind the scenes and backstage to ensure a smooth production each year.

With a Bachelor's Degree in Human Resources, Miss Emily is an Organizational Change Consultant at Northwestern Mutual Wealth Management Company in downtown Milwaukee. She lives with her husband and their dog, Lincoln.