

DANCECATS TEACHERS



HILARY NELSON

Hilary has been the Dance Director at Gymcats since 2013. A competitive gymnast until age 13, injury pushed her to reapply her skill set to dance. Hilary has instructed dance & gymnastics all over the state of PA, choreographed competitive floor routines, and was a K-12 Charter School dance teacher prior to relocating to Las Vegas in 2011.

She is a Level 1 Certified Dance Teacher from Dance Teacher University through UNLV and has a B.A. in Communications with a minor in Technical Theatre.

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DEBORAH HESS-BOLAND

Deb has studied dance since the age of 3. She graduated from West Texas A & M in 2002 with a BFA in Dance. While in college, she was in the International Folk Dance Company, Lone Star Ballet Company, and West Texas A & M Dance Ensemble.

She has performed throughout Texas and Oklahoma with the WT Dance Ensemble. Deb has continued her dance education through conventions and workshops including Technique in Taos, Tremaine, and Dance Teacher Web.

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AUBREY COLVIN

Aubrey has been dancing since the age of 2 and competing since age 10. As a competitive dancer, Aubrey was named Senior Solo National Champion. After high school, Aubrey moved to Las Vegas to pursue a career as a professional dancer, singer, and actress.

Most recently, Aubrey has been a dancer for *Air Supply*, *The World's Greatest Rock Show*, the Golden Knights NHL Hockey Team, and *MJ Live* at the Stratosphere.

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MONICA BOWCOTT

Monica grew up and studied dance in Los Angeles, California. She moved to Las Vegas to dance in Cirque Du Soleil's annual charity show, One Night for One Drop. Since then, she has been performing in various shows on and off the strip. Monica also taught dance to adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Opportunity Village.

Monica currently performs in the Extravaganza show in the Jubilee Theater at Bally's.

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CHARISSA BARNES

Charissa has been dancing since she was a child, studying dance in school as well as competing and performing with various dance companies. In college, Charissa was a member of a national championship hip hop dance team, performing in shows, music videos, and half-time.

She started teaching dance in Dallas/Fort Worth, TX and then moved to Las Vegas, where she continued teaching dance locally. After getting married, she took a break to raise her three children.

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LAUREN ORTIZ

Lauren has loved musical theater since starting at 8 years old. At Liberty High School, she competed on the dance team, served as dance captain for 2 years, performed all four years in her high school's stage productions and show choir, and served as choreographer and assistant director for their musicals and show choir competitions.

She is currently majoring in Dance Production & Management with a minor in Theater Arts at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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