

Sarah Blake

Dancer/Choreographer/Arts Administrator/Dance Teacher

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Work Experience

Chutzpah Dance – New York City, New York – *Dancer/Administrative Assistant*

January 2023 – Present

Rehearses once a week with an emerging contemporary dance company. Performs solo and ensemble pieces throughout NYC, New Jersey and Philadelphia. Works alongside director administratively (grants, fundraising, etc.) and creates posts for social media

Ady's Art Center – Livingston, New Jersey – *Ballet Teacher and Contemporary Choreographer*

October 2022 – Present

Theatre NextDoor–Livingston, New Jersey — *Ballet Teacher*

July 2018 – Present

Carousel of Progress Academy–East Hanover, New Jersey — *Special Needs Dance and Theater Instructor*

January 2018 – March 2020

Dance Education

Manhattanville College– Purchase, New York — *BA in Dance*

August 2018 – May 2022

Was a double major in Dance and Psychology with a minor in Business Management. Along with taking technique courses every semester has taken classes on choreography as well as acting and technical theater studies.

New Jersey School of Ballet–Florham Park, New Jersey– *Student*

July 2012 – June 2018

Was a part of their year round, pre-professional intensive program. In 2015 was accepted into their Junior Company, which included classes with the professional company. Class ran five days a week with rehearsals for ballets on Sundays.

Roseland Performing Arts Academy – Roseland, New Jersey – *Student*

July 2003 – June 2012

Began training in ballet at age 3 and added jazz and tap by age 6. In 2011, selected to attend the Regional Dance America Festival located in Pittsburgh, PA, taking three master classes a day in modern, ballet, jazz for a week.

Performance Experience

Manhattanville College's Dance & Theater Department Dance Concerts– Purchase, New York — *Dancer*

August 2018 – May 2022

Performed every semester in the Fall and Spring Dance Concerts. Performances include works from both student and professional choreographers from New York City. Guest works are set during a residency week at the beginning of each semester and rehearsed through the semester.

Manhattanville College Dance Ensemble– Purchase, New York – *Dancer*

September 2018 – May 2022

Was a member of Manhattanville College Dance Ensemble for four years. Was selected to be the Treasurer junior year and was President during senior year, choreographing for events and organizing the entire dance team showcase both semesters.

New Jersey Ballet's Company Productions

November 2012 – March 2018

Performed the roles of: soldier, angel, courtier, snowflake in *The Nutcracker* (6 years (2012–2017); 75 shows; Morristown, Millville, Englewood, Cape May, NJ); Tik Tok and Courtier in *Cinderella* (3 shows, 2013, 2015, Morristown, Rahway, NJ); Couriter, Carabosse's Apprentice, Marzuka dancer in *Sleeping Beauty* (4 shows, 2015–2017, Hackettstown, Rahway, Morristown, NJ); Villager and Tavern Dancer in *Don Quixote* (2 shows, 2016, Hackettstown, Englewood, NJ); Villager and Monk in *La Esmeralda* (1 show, 2018, Morristown, NJ). All rehearsals occurred on weekends with the professional company; was paid for select *Nutcracker* performances.

Roseland, NJ
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STYLES

Ballet – 20 years (Classical, Vaganova and Contemporary)

Pointe – 8 years

Pas De Deux (Partnering) – 6 years

Jazz – 17 years

Modern – 12 years (Horton, Graham, and Taylor)

Contemporary – 5 years

Character – 4 years

Tap – 3 years

CHOREOGRAPHERS AND TEACHERS

Bradley Beakes

Shawn Bible

Marina Bogdanova

Carolyn Tener Brown

Sarah Housepian

Vanessa Owen

Michaela McGowan

Paul McRae

Janice Rosario

Gavin Stewart

Michael Trusnovec

Edward Vilella

SKILLS

Adobe Premiere Pro – Video

Editing

Earning Masters Degree in Arts

Administration – Anticipated May 2024

CHOREOGRAPHY

The Green Bird – Spring Theatre

Production – March 2022 –

Manhattanville College

Arachna – KoDaFe in NYC – July

2022 – Knj Theater at Peridance

1692 – Emerging Artist Theatre's

New Works Series – October 2022

– TADA Theater

AWARDS

The Michael Posnick Award for Academic Excellence (Dance) –

2020

Dance and Theatre Departmental Honors – 2022

The Greta Levart Award for Continued Artistic Excellence (Dance) – 2022