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. . . is a versatile, independent artist who currently resides in New York, but has also lived in Chicago, Pittsburgh, & Los Angeles. She is a published poet/writer, freelance consultant for Dance Media, Founder/Creative Director of moveDIPR (deeper); Dionna is a Point Park University graduate. Some of her training also includes Rennie Harris: Illadelph Legends (PA), Deeply Rooted (Chicago) & American Dance Festival (NC), Monsters of Hip Hop ('09 alumni), The Pulse on Tour (Protégé,) Ballroom Dance Chicago & the **Self Explore** Program, led by: Shaun Evaristo.

She holds 17 years of experience in Dance Education/Choreography. Her teaching journey began on faculty at The Lou Conte Dance Studio | Hubbard Street Dance Center & since, she has served on faculty at 10 other prestigious facilities including, The Ailey Extension, Steps on Broadway, The Joffrey Ballet School/Academy, Debbie Reynolds Dance Studio, plus more. She's taught *numerous* Master Classes across the US, including Columbia College, Chicago Repertory Ballet, LA Contemporary Dance, Loyola Marymount University, to name a few, plus workshops in Montreal, Norway, and Germany; Her contemporary class was also once featured in Dance Magazine.

Some of her credits include: The Pillow Project (PA), Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble, Xpressions Dance (PA), Dance 2XS (Chicago), Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre (Chicago). Black Nativity at the Goodman Theatre, Coachella Music Fest, Waterbomb LA, B96 Summer Bash and the 3 Sleuths Las Vegas. *Fun Fact!* Dionna was asked to style hair for the Britney Spears Circus Tour: Chicago. Dionna has shared her choreography at multiple venues in Chicago, LA, and New York + advocates for mental health, as well.