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. . . is an Independent artist and Entrepreneur, originally from Chicago, IL. Dionna is a 15 year Dance Educator and has shared her teaching at prestigious facilities, while living in 4 cities: Chicago, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, & New York. She served on faculty at Lou Conte Dance Studio (The Hubbard Street Dance Center), the Ailey Extension, Steps on Broadway, The Joffrey Ballet School/The Joffrey Ballet Academy of Dance, Debbie Reynolds Dance Studio and Visceral Dance Center; On the east coast, she has also taught classes at Broadway Dance Center, Gibney Dance Center, Peridance Capezio Center, & Princeton University/On the west coast, at Edge Performing Arts Center, Movement Lifestyle, LA Contemporary Dance & Loyola Marymount University. Dionna taught a Master Class at The Pulse on Tour – Atlantic City and was a Guest Judge for The Pulse on Tour – New York City! Internationally, Dionna has taught Hip Hop, Jazz, & Contemporary workshops in Montreal, Norway and Germany. Dionna's contemporary class was once featured in DANCE MAGAZINE.

In her early years, she worked as a model/talent for Lily's Talent Agency. Later on, Dionna completed a summer study with Rennie Harris Puremovement (Philadelphia), received scholarships and recognition from Monsters of Hip Hop, The Pulse on Tour, & Dance Spirit Magazine! She performed works in both concert and commercial dance: working with many dance icons & choreographers, such as Lou Conte, Robert Battle, Danny Burczeski, Margo Sappington, Doug Bentz, & Kim Bears Bailey, to name a few, as well as commercial choreographers, such as Brian Friedman, Kevin Maher, NappyTabs, Tony Testa, Shaun Evaristo, Ian Eastwood, Matt Cady, Justin Giles, Rhapsody, Luam, plus more! She has danced with companies such as The Pillow Project (PA), Pittsburgh Ensemble, Dance 2XS (Chicago), and is the former Resident Choreographer for Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre (Chicago). And here's a FUN FACT: Dionna worked as a hairstylist, on the Brittany Spears Circus Tour (Chicago)!

Her choreography has been set on dance programs, such as The University of Chicago, Chi Arts High School, Joffrey Ballet School & Academy of Dance: Ballet, Jazz & Contemporary Trainees, and The Ailey Extension – Summer Experience, plus numerous suburban & competition studios! Her works have been showcased at venues such as: Chicago's Orchestra Hall, Pritzker Pavilion - Millennium Park, The Athenaeum Theatre & Choreographer's Carnival (CHI/LA/NY). Works presented at New York venues such as: Queensboro Dance Festival, Actors Art Fund, Players Theatre, Symphony Space, Buddy Warren Gallery, Salvatore Capezio Theatre, & Ailey Citigroup Theatre.

Dionna is a graduate from Point Park University, where she received her Dance degree & is currently the Creator/Director of her business: moveDIPR.