

# dionna pridGeon

... is an Independent artist, originally from Chicago; She has also resided in Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, & New York. She is the Founder & Creative Director of moveDIPR and holds 17 years of experience in Dance Education/Choreography. She started her teaching journey on faculty at The Lou Conte Dance Studio| Hubbard Street Dance Center & has served on faculty at 11 other prestigious facilities, including Visceral Dance Center, The Ailey Extension, Steps on Broadway, The Joffrey Ballet School/Academy, Debbie Reynolds Dance Studio, plus more. Dionna has also taught in Montreal, Norway, and Germany & her contemporary class has been featured in Dance Magazine.

In her early years, Dionna worked as a model & talent for Lily's Talent Agency/Clear Talent Group. Later on, Dionna completed a summer study with Rennie Harris Puremovement (Philadelphia), Deeply Rooted (Chicago) & American Dance Festival (NC), received scholarships and recognition from Monsters of Hip Hop, The Pulse on Tour, & Dance Spirit Magazine; Dionna also worked & trained at Ballroom Dance Chicago.

Dionna received her dance degree from Point Park University & has performed works in both concert and commercial dance, working with numerous choreographers, as well as companies such as The Pillow Project (PA), Pittsburgh Dance Ensemble, Dance 2XS (Chicago), and Cerqua Rivera Dance Theatre (Chicago). *Fun Fact!* Dionna was asked to style hair for the Britney Spears Circus Tour: Chicago.

Dionna has shared her choreography at multiple venues: Pritzker Pavilion| Millennium Park (Chicago), Ailey Citigroup Theatre NY, and the US Open, to name a few ... as well as dance programs & studios across the US. To add, Dionna self-produced & directed the show entitled: LONE, which premiered in both Chicago & New York, along with her 1st New York dance film: *Control|Alt|Delete*. Dionna is currently teaching and serving as Creative Operations at Visceral Dance Center.