

# dionna pridGeon

... is an Independent artist, originally from Chicago, IL. She is the Founder & Creative Director of moveDIPR and holds 16 years of experience in Dance Education/Choreography. She has shared her teaching at 12 prestigious facilities, while residing in Chicago, Pittsburgh, Los Angeles, & New York. She started her teaching journey on faculty at The Lou Conte Dance Studio| Hubbard Street Dance Center and has also taught in Montreal, Norway and Germany; Her contemporary class was featured in Dance Magazine, August 2017.

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 styled hair for the Britney Spears Circus Tour: Chicago.

Dionna has shared her choreographed works at multiple venues such as: Jay Pritzker Pavilion| Millennium Park (Chicago), Orchestra Hall (Chicago), Ailey Citigroup Theatre NY, Symphony Space NY, and the US Open, just to name a few ... as well as dance programs: UIC, Chi-Arts High School, Joffrey Ballet School & Joffrey Academy of Dance, plus a multitude of studios across the US. To add, Dionna self-produced, directed, & choreographed an Independent show, entitled: LONE, which premiered in both Chicago & New York, along with her 1st dance film: *Control|Alt|Delete* - premiered in Manhattan, NY, Summer 2019. Lastly, she received the Queensboro Dance Festival grant, for her homage to Sam Cooke and Aretha Franklin (performed by moveDIPR Alum).