

Meet Art In Motion's Team



Monique Bowman is the owner of Art in Motion Reno LLC, her education includes, a BFA from George Mason University, MFA from George Washington University and a Dance Educators of America degree. She has taught dance and choreographed jazz, tap, hip hop, ballet, modern and creative ballet for over twenty years. She was a teacher and artistic director of Mountain Jazz at West Virginia University for two years. She was also an Assistant Professor and choreographer at George Mason University, George Washington University, Montgomery College and Northern Virginia Community College. She has also choreographed for various high schools in Alaska, East Anchorage High School and West High School. Monique performed professionally with Alaska Dance Theatre, Mark Taylor and Dance Alloy, Liz Lerman and the Dance Exchange, Mino Nicholas Dance Gallery, the Claudia Murphey Dance Company and The Dance Construction Company. She has worked with such noted artist as New York City's XSIGHT and Jeannie Hill from Manhattan Tap.

Kaitlin Barber has been dancing for over 18 years. She has performed competitively at the regional and national level for 14 years at such competitions as Co. Dance, Spotlight Dance Cup, Showstopper's, Kids Artistic Review, Pulse, and more. She was on the University of Nevada Dance team and is now currently a University of Nevada Cheerleader for the second time. She is getting a degree in Business Administration at the University of Nevada, Reno and has been teaching ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop for over 5 years. Kaitlin has worked with the Sacramento Ballet and has been trained by some of the leading choreographers today. This is her second year with Art in Motion.

Irene Crouse is a Reno native who began dancing at age 6. She has danced in commercials and performed on MTV. She also competed as a gymnast until age 18. Since 2005, Irene has choreographed and assisted in classes with Art In Motion. She currently teaches our Creative Ballet and Mommy and Me morning classes.

Gracie Hoke began dancing at age 6 and specializes in Hip Hop, Cheer Dance and Jazz Dance. She performed two years with Sparks High School Dance Team. Gracie is studying to get a degree in Elementary Education at Truckee Meadows Community College. She has been teaching, dancing and choreographing for Art In Motion since 2008.

Kimberly Hosford has danced for 5 years in the style of hip hop. She has danced with the Dance Academy USA in San Jose, CA and Fascinating Rhythm School of the Performing Arts in Reno, with Donald Anderson and currently studies with Naythanie'L Tavcar at Dance City Dance Academy. She graduated today from Spanish Springs High School! Kimberly plans to go to University of Illinois at Chicago in the fall where she hopes to study History. She has been teaching, dancing and choreographing for Art In Motion since 2010.

Jolee Lewis has danced since age three and is trained in ballet, hip hop, tap and jazz. She has performed professionally for The Club Cal Neva casino and was trained under Nevada Dance Academy and Art In Motion. She currently teaches our ballet program and will teach lyrical dance starting this summer. Jolee has been teaching, dancing and choreographing for Art In Motion since 2004.

Marla Richardson has won numerous dance awards including scholarships from Los Angeles Dance Force, Encore dance and Co. Dance. She was captain of her high school dance team and choreographer and Asst. Coach for McQueen High School Dance Team. She has instructed for Varsity Spirit Corporation and Universal Dance Association teaching clinics all over the United States. She has danced with UNR's Collegiate Dance Team, Black Rock Dance Company, The Nutcracker, Beauty and the Beast, Bye Bye Birdie, Artown's Opus, the TMCC dance concert and currently works with Karen Burns Productions. She performed in Shanghai, China and taught in Wellington, New Zealand; and was selected to perform for the T-20 Champions League cricket matches in India. Marla has been teaching, dancing and choreographing for Art In Motion since 2007.

Class Assistants: Selestiana Arias, Ellie Collins, Rebecca Ferguson, Kayla Fortune, Mariah DeMarco, Madisson Jester, Sabrina Nelson, Drea Perrine and Sara Jones

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