

Elayna Sitzman

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Choreographic Experience

CREO Arts & Dance Conservatory

Teaching Age Range Experience: 3 yrs - Gr 12

- Choreographed in genres of Jazz, Ballet, Musical Theater, Contemporary, Faith-Based, and Beginning Pointe.
 - Solos, Small Groups, Large Groups (including works with 20+ members), Family Dances, and Site-Specific Works.

Faith Community Theater

Brigadoon

Choreographer, 2023

Faith Theater

Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella

Assistant Choreographer, 2022

Faith Theater

Ballet Movement Lab, Hope College

Powder Room Ballet

Director, 2022

Jack H. Miller Concert Hall

Sunday in the Snow

Director, 2021

Jack H. Miller Concert Hall

Selkies

Co-Director, 2020

Dow Center for Performance

Teaching Experience

CREO Arts & Dance Conservatory

Minnetonka, MN

Dance Instructor & Events Manager

Jan. 2023 - Aug. 2024

- **Dance Instructor:** Taught 9 regularly-scheduled classes across grades K-12 and rehearsed various specialty pieces. Strengths in teaching include leadership, empathy, patience, joy, excellence, enthusiasm, imagination, and dedication.
- **Events Manager:** Primary organizer, planner, scheduler, coordinator, and executor of all studio events.
- Complete teaching and employment experience with CREO dates back to 2017.

Ballet Movement Lab, Hope College

Holland, MI

Artistic Director

Aug. 2020 - Dec 2022

- Directed a company of dancers in an annual, original, evening-length production accompanied by live musicians.
- Executive decision maker and collaborator with faculty, staff, and students in areas including schedules, music selections, sound/lights, costumes, scenery, choreography, and performers.

Training & Education

Hope College

Holland, MI

Bachelor of Arts in Dance and Spanish

Grad Dec. 2022

- Accreditations Include: Summa Cum Laude Honors, Phi Beta Kappa Honors Society member, Dean's List Honors, Distinguished Artist Award Dance scholarship recipient, The Maxine DeBruyn Esprit de Corps Award recipient, Sigma Delta Pi Spanish Honors Society member, Sigma Omicron Honors Dance Society member.
- Trained in dance under various professors including Sharon Wong, Matthew Farmer, Tracy Dunbar, and Lindsey Hanson.

CREO Arts & Dance Conservatory

Minnetonka, MN

Primary Dance Education

Grad May 2019

- Trained under director Christa Anderson-Hill for 13 years in genres including ballet, jazz, modern, contemporary, tap, and pointe.
- Participated in *The CREO DanceVerve: Twin Cities* youth performance company for 7 years. Performed regularly with live music and in various settings including churches, stages, and outdoor events.

Minnetonka High School

Minnetonka, MN

International Baccalaureate Bilingual Spanish Diploma

Grad May 2019

- Accreditations include: Minnesota State Platinum Bilingual Spanish Seal, Summa Cum Laude Honors, A-Honor Roll each semester, multi-year athletic and academic lettering.