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## EDUCATION

### **New York University - Tisch School of the Arts      1991**

BFA – Dance, Theatrical Dance and Film Focus

Film & TV Major (1 Year) : Daniel Kazimierski, Arnold Baskin

Acting : Classical Studio w Louis Scheeder.

Modern Technique : David Dorfman, Linda Dowdell (Cunningham technique), Elisa Monte (Graham technique)

Ballet Technique : Cherylynn Lavagnino (Pennsylvania Ballet), Larry Rhodes (Juilliard)

Cecchetti Technique/Clogging : Rachel List (Bates Dance Festival)

### **Additional Certification:**

#### **Master Teacher Pilates Instructor Certification      1999**

Certified in July of 1994

Basic Mat / Reformer / Cadillac Certification

Instructor: Jillian Hessel

Certified in July of 1999

**1999**

Concentration 201 Advanced Teacher Training

Instructor: Joan Breibart

#### **Master Kundalini Yoga Instructor Certification      2000**

Certified in September 2000 through the Kundalini Research Institute

International Level 1 & 2 Instructor Certification in Kundalini Yoga as taught by Yogi Bhajan

Instructors: Yogi Bhajan, Gurucharan S Khalsa, Ph. D / Sat Jivan Kaur & Sat Jivan Singh Khalsa

#### **Graduate - The IM School of Healing Arts      2006**

The IM School Mission is to create a community of healing art practitioners who live in this world as the embodiment of higher principles, on their way to wholeness. One becomes an assistant (yr 3) to become an Ordained Minister.

*Classes Taught as an assistant*

- Beginning Table Technique (Barbara Brennan Style emphasis)
- Holding Space for large groups of health-care professionals
- Guided Meditation and Centering Work for large groups “ “ “
- Full body Relaxation
- Tuning in, holding space, creating tone for the room

**Certificate of Ordination - IM School of Healing Arts 2007**

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Ordained June 9, 2007

Ministry is ....

**Certificate in Council Facilitation - Ways of Council 2018**

Council Training level 1

Completed November 2018

**POSITIONS HELD**

**Idyllwild Arts Academy - Idyllwild, CA**

Dance Technique and Composition Professor (Guest Lecturer) 2011 – Present

*Classes Taught*

- Beginning Modern Technique (Mark Morris Style emphasis)
- Dance Composition with live Music
- Dance Composition : Terminology and Execution (Larry A. Attaway : Lewitzky Style)
- Original Repertory

**Mark Morris Dance Group School - Brooklyn, NY**

Dance, Movement, Pilates Mat Instructor 2001 – 2014

*Classes Taught:*

- Pilates Training for Professional Dancers
- Modern Jazz Technique
- What is 'Personal' Movement Style
- Original Repertory

**New York University – New York City, NY**

Dance Technique and Movement Professor (Guest Lecturer) 1999- 2014

Department of Theatre Arts, Louis Scheeder - Dean

*Classes Taught:*

- Beginning Dance Technique, Movement for Actors, Yoga
- Applied Dance and Yoga
- Period Styles: Shakespeare, Renaissance dancing, Contemporary dancing
- Walking and Talking : Movement for Classical Actors, Yoga for Actors
- Choreographed staged movement "Romeo & Juliet" "Hamlet" "Macbeth"

**Atlantic Acting School TSOA NYU - New York City, NY**

Dance Technique and Movement Professor (Guest Lecturer) 2000

*Classes Taught:*

- Floor Barre for Actors @ Atlantic Acting School NYU
- Walking and Talking : Movement for Actors, Yoga for Actors
- Choreographed movement in an Original Play @ Atlantic Acting School

**Kundalini Yoga East - New York City, NY**

Yoga Instructor, Pilates Instructor 1999-2006

*Classes Taught:*

- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Kundalini & Hatha Yoga
- Functional movement of yoga postures (Pilates) for KRI Level 1 Certifying class

**Laughing Lotus Yoga - New York City, NY**

Yoga Instructor 1999-2006

*Classes Taught:*

- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Kundalini & Hatha Yoga

**Ground Floor Pilates - New York City, NY**

Pilates Instructor (Trained by Fran Lehen in the Corolla Trier Style) 1994-1998

*Classes Taught:*

- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Private Pilates

**Peninsula Spa - New York City, NY**

Yoga, Pilates Instructor, Personal Trainer 1990-1998

*Classes Taught:*

- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Hatha Yoga

- Pilates Mat Class
- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Private Pilates
- Floor Barre Ballet Inspired Exercise Class

**Away Spa @ The W Hotel - New York City, NY**

Pilates Instructor, Personal Trainer 1998-2000

*Classes Taught:*

- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Hatha Yoga
- Pilates Mat Class
- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Private Pilates
- Floor Barre Ballet Inspired Exercise Class

**Bliss Spa (formerly The Away Spa @ W Hotel) - New York City, NY**

Pilates Instructor, Personal Trainer 2000-2014

*Classes Taught:*

- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Hatha Yoga
- Pilates Mat Class
- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Private Pilates
- Floor Barre Ballet Inspired Exercise Class
- Beginner Adult Ballet Barre

**In Balance Pilates Studio - Sag Harbor, NY**

Pilates Instructor 1998-2002

*Classes Taught*

- Pilates Mat Class
- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Private Pilates (Classical Style)

**Nimble Fitness - New York City NY**

Pilates Instructor, Personal Trainer 2010-2015

*Classes Taught*

- Pilates Mat Class
- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Private Pilates (Classical Style)
- Beginning, Intermediate and Advanced Kundalini & Hatha Yoga
- Beginner Adult Ballet Barre

## PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

### DANCE PERFORMANCE

Mark Morris Dance Group - The Hard Nut, L'Allegro, Il Penseroso ed Il Moderato (US, UK, Europe)

Mark Morris Dance Group - Company Adjunct Dancer 1991-1998 (US, UK, Europe)

Fischerspooner - Fischerspooner 1998-2001 (US, Europe)

Pam Tanowitz Dance Company - Company Dancer 1992-1998 @ DTW, University Settlement and Merce Cunningham

Cynthia Hopkins - Accidental Nostalgia @ St Ann's Warehouse, (US, UK Tour)

Cynthia Hopkins - Must Don't Whip 'Um @ St Ann's Warehouse, (US, UK Tour)

Amy Pivar Dances - Wailing Walls @ Atlanta Arts Festival, GA and HERE, NYC

Patricia Hoffbauer & George Emilio Sanchez - Carmenland @ The Whitney Museum

Douglas Dunn & Joshua Fried - Spell From the Mouth of N @ DTW, The Kitchen, Lincoln Center Out-of-Doors

Millennial Arts Productions - The Messiah @ John Jay Theatre / Eric Fraad, Director

### CHOREOGRAPHY

#### EVENING LENGTH SHOWS

CRUSH THE PEARL (music Radiohead) @ Dance New Amsterdam / JCT, Director/Choreographer

TERRE @ Cielo NYC / JCT, Director/Choreographer

MANKYNDE, The Musical @ Fringe Festival NYC / Louis Scheeder, Director

POON - 2002-2011 (NYC, US):

Poon 2011:

Patricia Field, Valentine's Day Ball, Capitale

Danny Tenaglia's 50th Birthday Bash, The Kodak Theatre

Private Birthday Party, Donna Karan Loft

Poon 2009:

Credit Suisse Boston, Holiday Party, Gramercy Park Hotel

Alvin Ailey Studio Performance

Poon 2008:

Sunset Psychedelic Party, Brooklyn Parks Association, DUMBO

Poon 2006:

Bar Sputnik, Blibetroy

Poon 2005:

Sine, Galapagos, The Livingroom

Poon 2003:

Club LUXX, PS 122

LET'S GO THUNDERING 1999 @ Context at Movement Research / JCT,  
Director/Choreographer

KEEPER (music Beekeeper) 1999 @ Fringe Festival NYC, University Settlement & HERE  
ELISA JIMENEZ (of Project Runway) FASHION SHOWS @ Kirna Zabete Boutique 2000,  
Sotheby's 2006, Greens Space Art Gallery 2007

## **LIVE MUSICAL PERFORMANCES**

LITTLE DRUMMER BOWIE 2016 @ The Garry Marshall Theatre, Burbank CA / The  
Troubies , Produ / Joseph Leo Bwarie, Director

ACCIDENTAL NOSTALGIA 2004 @ St. Ann's Warehouse, Walker Center, On the  
Boards, Philly Fringe, Andy Warhol Museum, Edinburgh Fringe / D.J. Mendel, Director

MUST DON'T WHIP 'UM 2007 @ St. Ann's Warehouse, The Walker Center, On the  
Boards, The Wexner Center REDCAT, Philly Live Arts, Carolina Performing Arts Festival  
/ D.J. Mendel, Director

FISCHERSPOONER - 1998-2001 (US, Europe):

### Fischerspooner 2002-2006:

During this period, Fischerspooner hired 9 choreographers who all worked from the  
original style that was developed and established in the formative years of  
1998-2001.

### Fischerspooner 2001:

The Standard Downtown, Los Angeles, CA, March 1-3rd Gigolo World Domination  
Tour @ Lolita, Barcelona, Spain,

Kunst-Werke, Berlin, Germany, July 21st

Gigolo @ WMF, Berlin , Germany, July 22nd

Electroclash, New York, NY, October 10th

Park Cafe, Munich, Germany, November 23rd

Time Warp, Hanover, Germany, November 24th

Numero Uno Festival, Lisbon, Portugal, November 30th

Transmusicales Festival, Rennes, France, December 1st

The Loft, Barcelona, December 5th

### Fischerspooner 2000:

Index Magazine 4th Anniversary Party at Angel Orensanz Foundation, New York,  
NY, February 16th

Gavin Brown's enterprise, New York, NY, March 28th – April 1st

FISCHERSPOONER presents Andrew WK:

New Looks, New Feeling @SMAK Over The Edges Festival ,Ghent, Belgium, April

WMF, Berlin, Germany, July 9th

Kunst-werke Berlin, Germany, July 10thLimelight, New York, NY October 28th

Club Badd at the Pyramid, New York, NY, October 29th

### Fischerspooner 1999:

Parkside Lounge, New York, NY, January 30th

Starbucks Astor Place, New York, NY, February 12th

Jack Tilton Gallery, New York, NY, February 13th

Dig Deep at the Parkside Lounge, New York, NY, March 25th  
Downstairs Series Benefit at Ontological Theater, St Mark's Church, New York, NY,  
April 17th  
Style Slam on Orchard Street, New York, NY, May 16th  
Fischerspooner 1998:  
Greatest Bar on Earth, World Trade Center, New York, NY, May 19th  
Warm Up2 at PS1, New York, NY, July 24th  
Gavin Brown's Enterprise, New York, NY, July 30th  
Simon Says Third Anniversary Party at Limelight, New York, NY, September 10th  
Tony and Tina, New York, NY, September 15th

## **SOLO SHOWS**

Cheek to Cheek @ The Connelly Theatre, NYC  
The Lovelier @ Chashama Theatre, NYC  
It's a Boy @ Collective Unconscious, NYC  
Let's Go Thundering Avant Garde-A-Rama @ PS 122, NYC  
Let's Go Thundering @ HERE,  
Ruby @ University Settlement, NYC and 2100 SQ FT, LA  
Ruby, Lets Go Thundering, It's a Boy, Little Sugar, The Lovelier @ Dixon Place, NYC  
Letting Go of his Teeth @ The Mazer Theatre, NY and 2nd Avenue Dance Co NYU

## **THEATRE**

Symphony for the Dance Floor 2011 @ BAM, NYC, ASU Gammage Theatre, The Light  
Box at Goldman Warehouse, Miami / DJ Mendel Director, Jordana Che Toback  
Assistant Director  
Cattywampus @ REDCAT, Los Angeles / Robert Cucuzza, Director  
Jillian Lauren  
The Bacchae @ American Repertory Theatre, Boston, & NYU / Kevin Khulke, Director  
The Johnny Cash Show @ The Ontological Theatre / Bob Cucuzza, Director  
Romeo and Juliet @ Verona Stage Co. / Michael Maloney RSC, Director  
Sunset Salome @ Mesopotamian Opera Company - The Vineyard Theatre / Peter  
Healey, Director  
Hamlet Romeo & Juliet Macbeth @ The Classical Studio NYU / Louis Scheeder,  
Director, Director of Classical Studio And Dean of Faculty

## **FILM & MUSIC VIDEO**

Anyways – Cee-lo Green / HoneyBadger Company / Wonford St. James, Director / JCT,  
Choreographer

The Eloise Suite - Lightouts / JCT, Choreographer  
AIRTIGHT - POON Productions / JCT, Choreographer / Director  
Coven - Art Production Fund / Arden Wohl, Director (Art Basil, Miami and Hampton Film Festival NY)  
The Gavel - Chris Clark / Warp Records / Shari Roman, Director / JCT, Choreographer  
Emerge - Fischerspooner / Gigolo Records, Capitol Records / Warren Fischer, Director / JCT, Choreographer  
Sweetness - Fischerspooner / Gigolo Records, Capitol Records / Warren Fischer, Director / JCT, Choreographer  
The Word Behind Words - Jeremy Toback / RCA records / Fabienne Toback, Director / JCT, Choreographer  
Alchemy - Seneca Falls Productions / Suzanne Meyer, Director / JCT, Dancer/Choreographer  
Planet Earth: Dreams - Start Here Films / DJ Mendel, Director  
Miss America - Start Here Films / DJ Mendel, Director

## **REFERRED ARTICLES**

Itch #8 Toback, Jordana 'Pornocracy', published Early Fall 2008

## **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

PA for Stylists & Hair and Make-up on various commercials, ads, stock photography shoots with Photographer Antony Nagelmann

## **AWARDS AND NOMINATIONS**

1992 - NEA, Jerome, Rockefeller, Warhol Foundations for Choreography

1999 - Obie / Cynthia Hopkins doe

1999 - Bessie Choreographer / Creator Award for Accidental Nostalgia : Dir DJ Mendel

2000 - Bessie Choreographer / Creator Award for Must Don't Whip 'Um : Dir DJ Mendel

2000 - Fischerspooner : Emerging Artists Colbert Award for Design

## **MOVEMENT CONSULTATION**

Jane Comfort - Dance Theatre Performance - "Beauty" - Coaching for the sexy, booty dance section



Chop Love, Carry Fire - Music Video - "Want Nothing" - Casting dancers  
Graj+Gustavson - Clothing Line Ad Campaign- "Rafaella Form+Function" - Casting of Models, Choreography for all branded content  
Conde Nast – Yoga, Pilates, Fitness Editorials - "Self", "Allure", "Glamour" - Choreography for all editorial stills

## **DANCE MOVEMENT YOGA COACHING & CONSULTING**

**Theatre** : Romeo & Juliet, NYU :

**Film** : Mia Maestro : Coaching the actress on personal choreography for a film scene

**Advertising** : Conde Nast Publications coaching all fitness models on shoots

## **PROFESSIONAL PRODUCTION WORK**

### **DIRECTING:**

#### **MUSIC VIDEO FILM DIRECTOR**

LIGHTOUTS      The Eloise Suite  
LIGHTOUTS      Big Picture Lead  
Tom Rossi        Outside The Wall

### **ACTING:**

#### **Professional Theatre**

<b>Production</b>	<b>Director</b>	<b>Company / Location</b>
THE JOHNNY CASH SHOW	Robert Cucuzza	The Ontological Theatre NYC, NY
ACCIDENTAL NOSTALGIA	DJ Mendel	St Ann's Warehouse NYC
MUST DON'T WHIP 'UM	DJ Mendel	St Ann's Warehouse NYC
THE MESSIAH	Eric Fraad	John Jay Theatre NYC
SUNSET SALOME	Peter Wing Healey	The Vinyard Theatre NYC

## **Additional Training and Related Professional Development:**

Irene Dowd  
Gate Workshop

Quantum Leap Business & Human Potential Workshops  
Millionaire Mind Intensive  
Enlightened Warrior Training Camp  
Guerilla Business Intensive

Ways of Council

2 day seminar in the Ways of Council as established by the Ojai Institute

**SPECIAL SKILLS:**

- Licensed Minister (Church of Gaiabriel NJ)
- Understand & speak minimal Spanish and French