

Sonja Davis

Co-Owner/Artistic Director/Dance Team Director

Sonja is the Artistic Director and owner of Urbana Dance and Performing Arts Studio. She has studied dance for over 29 years and has been an instructor/choreographer for the past 15 years. Sonja continues to attend and train in Regional and National Dance Workshops and Master Classes each year. Sonja has competed and won numerous awards for her dancing ability on a Regional and National level. She has danced and studied under many teachers but credits her most valuable mentor, Terry Peyton, a former Rockette and owner of Terry's School of Dance and Gymnastics, in Mt. Vernon, Virginia.

Sonja won her first title in the Miss Maryland Pageant System as Miss Frederick 2000. She then went on to compete at Miss Maryland winning the non-finalist talent award. As Miss Frederick she used her platform Arts Education, in particular dance, by touring Frederick County Public Schools performing and speaking about her passion for the arts and the benefits youth have by taking part in the arts, in particular dance. Sonja has been involved in the Miss America Scholarship program since 1999 through Fredericktowne Sertoma Club. She has worn many hats within the program from dressing room assistant, coaching contestants, choreographing productions for many local Miss Pageants and the Maryland Outstanding Teen Program, choreographing solos for contestants, and marketing local businesses for scholarship monies on the local level. Sonja has held the position of Producer, Choreographer, and Co-Executive Director for the Miss Frederick Scholarship Program for the past 5 years. Through these programs Sonja has been able to share her love of dance with young ladies throughout Maryland working to develop themselves personally and professionally.

Sonja has provided master classes for area dance programs such as Hood College and NADA in the area of Jazz and Lyrical. To continue to provide her studio and students with the best instruction, she continues to take master classes with world-renowned dancers such as Mia Michaels, Wade Robinson, and Brian Friedman.

Besides being the Studio Director at Urbana Dance, Sonja is currently the Director for the Urban Fuse Competitive Dance Team. Urban Fuse consists of dedicated dancers that compete 3 to 4 times a year on a Regional and a National level winning numerous platinum and gold awards, overall high scores and choreography awards. Students under the direction of Sonja have gone on to receive recognition and scholarships from choreographers such as Shane Sparks from So You think You Can Dance to be used at Broadway Dance Centre. Sonja takes great pride in having Urban Fuse participate in community and charitable events such as Toys for Tots, Girls Scouts of America, and NIH- Children's Inn.

Sonja's area of instruction include jazz, tap, ballet, character, conditioning. and lyrical.