

## **Sonja Davis**

*Co-Owner/Artistic Director/Dance Team Director*

Sonja is the Artistic Director and creator of Urbana Dance & Performing Arts Studio. She has been teaching dance locally for the past 25 years, where she directed and choreographed for many area dance companies, teams, and pageants. Sonja has been in the industry for years training and mentoring in different facets of dance. Her strengths are in Ballet-techniques, Jazz, Lyrical, and Stretch & Flex and Conditioning. In 2004, She developed Urban Fuse Competitive Dance team which is a non-profit performance and competitive dance team that provides pre-professional training and opportunities for aspiring dancers. Urban Fuse has become an award winning dance team that continues to grow at a rapid rate providing students with a high level of education, mentoring, and choreography. Her dancer's have gone on to receive some prestigious awards, scholarships, and opportunities.

As a former Miss Frederick, a local title winner for the Miss Maryland Organization she was able to develop and use her platform, Arts Education, in particular dance, by touring Frederick County Public Schools performing and speaking about the benefits of youth have by taking part in the arts. Sonja has been involved in the Miss America Scholarship Program since 1999 wearing many hats from back stage helper, coaching contestants, setting up appearances, marketing, and choreographing productions for the Miss Pageants and Maryland's Outstanding Teen Program. She held the position of Producer, Choreographer, and Co-Executive Director for the Miss Scholarship Program. Through these avenues Sonja has been able to share her love of dance with young ladies throughout Maryland working to develop themselves personally and professionally.