

Cheri Orr ~ Dance Teacher & Performer

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Profile

Cheri Orr is an inspiring and dedicated teacher with the ability to motivate and earn the respect of her students. She is able to create a vibrant and effective learning environment through her detailed planning and focused preparation for each class. She enjoys making new discoveries with her students and sharing her passion for dance through excellence, health, and purpose.

Education & Certifications

- **Belhaven University, Jackson, MS — Bachelor of Arts in Dance, Magna Cum Laude, May 2000**
- **Stott Pilates Certified Instructor, February 2004**
- **Dance for Parkinson's Teacher Certificate 2018**
- **Classical Ballet training under Victoria Fedine, Gayle Corkery, Julie Ballew, Lauri Biggs, Kathy Thibodeaux, Rick Faucher**
- **Jazz, Modern and Contemporary training Under Dian Clough West, Stephen Wynne, Randall Flinn, Marc Arentsen**

Teaching Experience

- **University of Colorado at Colorado Springs — 2016-present**
Dance Instructor: Ballet 1 & Fundamentals of Ballet, Modern, Jazz and Somatics
- **Ormao Center for Contemporary Dance — 2018-present**
Dance for Parkinson's Outreach Program Teacher
- **Turning Pointe School of Dance — 2014-2019**
Dance Instructor for Ballet, Modern, Pilates Conditioning, and Special Needs Classes
- **Memorial Hospital Healthlink — 2009-2016**
Health & Wellness Instructor for Pilates and Prenatal Pilates Classes
- **Ballet Society of Colorado Springs — 2009-2014**
Dance Instructor & Pilates Conditioning Trainer
- **YMCA of the Pikes Peak region — 2002-2014**
Dance & Pilates Instructor
- **Corporate extensions — 2002-2009**
Dance & Pilates Instructor in various corporate wellness centers
- **Motion Studies — 2002-2005**
Pilates Instructor & Personal Trainer
- **Ormao Center for Contemporary Dance — 2001-2003**
Dance Instructor & Junior Repertory Director

Performing Experience

After establishing deep roots in ballet, Cheri found creative freedom and heart felt expression in modern dance. Her naturally lyrical style graces every floor she floats across and adds depth and meaning woven into the choreography. Cheri's precise attention to detail and genuine love for her audience make her a supreme asset in a professional dance setting.

- Professional Company Performer, Ormao Dance Company – 2001-2004; 2017-present
- Guest Performer and Lecturer for St. Anselm Society Arts Conference - 2018-2019
- Guest Performer with Ballet Emmanuel - 2009-2016
- Dance Hope Project - 2009-2016
- Belhaven Dance Ensemble - 1997-1999
- Ballet Magnificat! II - 1996-1998

Distinct Passions & Community Engagement:

Utilizing dance as an agent for social advocacy and reform

- Implementing dance program for a private Romanian orphanage
- Creating dance workshops for at risk children in after school programs
- Bringing performance and dance workshops to Denver's Women's Correctional Facility

Inspiring the joy of movement and healing benefits of dance

- Leading weekly class and performance opportunities for children and youth with physical and mental disabilities
- Collaborating in weekly class and performance opportunities for elderly population with Parkinson's Disease
- Providing community classes and performance to explore restorative nature of creative dance expression

