



Aaliyah Nastasi

Aaliyah' Nastasi's dance career began 34 years ago in Philadelphia, PA where she studied Ballet, Modern, Contemporary, Jazz, Hip-Hop & African dance. Aaliyah has always had an eye and passion for dance. She began teaching and choreographing dance at the very young age of 10. She founded the Hip-Hop dance troop, "Too Hot to Handle" which danced competitively throughout Philadelphia, New Jersey and New York City. Too Hot to Handle established a reputation for being the best Hip-Hop troop on the East Coast and was selected to perform at the Legendary Apollo Theatre in New York City. At Franklin Learning Center (FLC) High School, under the direction of Faye Snow, Aaliyah majored in dance. She received extensive technical training in Modern/Lyrical, Contemporary, Jazz, & Ballet. While in High School, Aaliyah balanced dance competitions, choreographing, instructing, master classes, cheerleading, track & field, school performances and drill team with grace.

During her time at Penn State University, Aaliyah performed with the African Dance Ensemble "Nomo". She also competed with the number one hip-hop dance troop at Penn State, "The Untouchables". After graduating from Penn State with a Bachelor's in Management Science & Informational Systems, Aaliyah joined the faculty at Philly Movements Dance Company (PMDC) where she taught "Inspirational/Lyrical and Hip-Hop Dance" for four years. PMDC competed and performed at various competitions throughout the East Coast. The performance troop also received the opportunity to perform in Disney World, 76ers basketball games and at Patti Labelle's mansion.

Upon Aaliyah's relocation to State College, she was the CEO/Director/Choreographer for "Aaliyah's Cutting-Edge (ACE) Dance Team" for five years. ACE competed in various competitions; Star Quest, Turn it up, Showstoppers and Motions Dance. Aaliyah afforded her students the opportunity to take master classes from the "So You Think You Can Dance" all stars Lauren Froderman, Comfort Fedoke, Robert Roldan and Adechike Torbert. ACE also performed at various State High Girls Basketball games and other local events. Aaliyah is dedicated to affording students with the opportunity to further their dance careers.

Through passion, commitment, excitement, drive, and proper technical training there are no limits to success. Aaliyah brings all of these qualities to her unique style of dance. Her goal is to form a legacy here in Happy Valley, molding the next generation of youth into confident, respected, passionate, driven, fearless dancers.