

# Char Petersen

## Creative Director

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### Skills

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Dance & Athletic educator with 25 years of experience working with children, parents and families of diverse cultures and backgrounds. Excellent communication skills and exceptional ability to teach students, train staff and inspire growth & excellence in students as well as my team. Strong analytical skills and the ability to effectively problem solve while offering steady clear guidance, support and positive results. Self starter skilled at ability to multitasking. Ability to work independently and meet deadlines.

Experience in developing and organizing special events. concerts production and multi artist performances.

Professional, flexible outgoing personality. Possess strong leadership skills and integrity. Reliable and efficient.

### Experience

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#### Dream Studios/ Director/Owner

June 2011-Present

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As Owner/Director of operations I am responsible for the creative direction of the school as well as managing all administrative responsibilities such as hiring, training, payroll, scheduling and managing staff. Responsible for designing & implementing the dance education curriculum. Organizing special events, fundraising and concerts performances, workshops, intensives and choreography.

I have produced and directed over 30 local concerts including costuming, music edit and lighting design, choreography and back stage management for over 100 performers per event.

Assisted the Illinois Arts Council in contacting arts organization in Illinois, providing assistance with the B2B grant process

- Exceptional Customer Service Skills
- Strong Problem Solving Skills
- Ability To Work Independently and In Support of a Team
- Enjoy Working in a Diverse Environment
- Ability to multitask

**Dream Contemporary Dance Co/ Artistic Director /Owner**  
July 2011-Present

As the Owner/Artistic Director I am responsible for choreography, selecting & designing costuming, curriculum, rehearsal schedule and performances.

**Shirlzar Dance Company Co Owner**  
October 2022-Present  
Manage Bollywood Program Employees

**Metea Valley High School/ Head Coach Girls Track & Field**  
Dec 2020 - 2022

**American Gymnastics /Gym Coach**  
Sept 2008-2011  
Recreational Gym Coach, Preschool Physical Education Teacher

**Dance West Ballet/ Instructor/ Assistant Director**  
March 2005 - June 2011  
Lead Teacher

## Education

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**Columbia College Chicago**  
August 1993-May 1995 Chicago

**Jackson State University**  
August 1992-May 1993 Jackson MS

## Dance Education

**Joel Hall Dance School**  
1989-1994

**Homer Bryant Multicultural Arts**  
1989-1992

**Columbia College - Dance Program**  
1994 -1998

**Broadway Dance Center NYC - Scholarship Student**  
1991-1992

**Edge LA**  
2009-2011

**Lou Conte Dance Studio Chicago**  
2011-2014

## **Awards/ Achievements**

Received the Nia (meaning purpose) Award Presented by Clayton Muhammad of the City of Aurora , Awarded by. the African American Heritage Advisory Board for excellence in community leadership through Dance & Entrepreneurship.

Under my direction Dream Contemporary Dance Company has achieved a great amount of growth and success earning countless awards and recognition. Myself, my faculty and the students of Dream have earned countless overall awards, technique awards, numerous choreography awards and scholarships. Here are a list of most recent choreography awards 2018

Studio of the Year Award - Energy

Choreography Award - On Pointe Dance

Choreography Award - Revolution Dance

Choreography Award - NRG Dance

Choreography Award - Spotlight Dance