

April (Axé) Charmaine



Holistic Dance & Performing Arts Leadership and Education. *Writer, Speaker, Director, Choreographer, Retreat Leader, Producer.*

GUEST ARTIST/RESIDENCIES

Bronx Museum of the Arts, Colorado Ballet, Creative Strategies for Change, Center for Community Arts, Dance Lab NYC, Cleo Parker Robinson Dance, Destiny Arts, Denver Museum of Contemporary Art, Denver Art Museum, Tabor Opera House, Mizel Museum, Museos de las Americas, Rocky Mountain Children's Choir, Stanley British Primary School, Kent Denver School, Catchpenny Kids Theatre, Colorado I Have A Dream Foundation, Girls Inc Girl Project,, and PlatteForum.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

H.E.A.R.D. (Nick Cave) One Race Woman (Winifred Harris) The Emperor Jones (donnie I. betts), Hydraulics Phat Like Mean, Blues for Mr. Charlie, Runaways, Colorado Black Arts Festival, SOL BOUND: Stomping Spirits, Breaking Spirits, Catch Me Beaming, Allied Witches Convention, Rappers Stopping Violence and Prejudice, Constant Elevation

MUSICAL CHOREOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

The Lion King, West Side Story, Hairspray, Guys and Dolls, Footloose, The Producers, Peter Pan, Pirates of Penzance, Bring it On, Finian's Rainbow, Wonderland, Putnam County Spelling Bee, and Funny Girl.

PUBLICATIONS

Anything Prose and Poetry Too, Boulder Weekly, Urban Spectrum, Denver Weekly News, Metrosphere, and blackflix.com

EXPERIENCE

- ❖ **Founder and Director**, Sol Vida Worldwide and One Sol
- ❖ **Director of Dance and Theatre**, Denver East High School
- ❖ **Owner and Artistic Director**, Sol Vida Dance Studio
- ❖ **Program Director**, Institute for African American Leadership
- ❖ **Staff Writer**, Denver Weekly News

EDUCATION

MSU Denver, Alternative Licensure Program

Drama Teacher Certification, 2015

MSU Denver, Bachelor of Arts December 2002, Major: Individualized Studies with an emphasis in Writing and Performance.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

Nomadic Renaissance Woman

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TEACHING STYLES

Soma Source, Modern Ecstatic, Ballet, Hip Hop, Jazz, Creative Movement, Meditation, Contemporary, Latin, Dances of the African Diaspora: West African, Egyptian, Afro-Brazilian, Afro Hip Hop, Afro-Fusion, Musical Theatre, and Choreography

DANCE TRAINING

- Cleo Parker Robinson Training Group
- Denver School of the Arts
- University of Ghana
- Surfing The Creative Camp, Boulder, Co
- Silvestre Technique, Salvador de Bahia, Brasil
- IABD, Dallas, Tx
- Dance Beyond, Guatemala

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

MSU Denver Alumni Board, 2013-2016; Outstanding Woman Award MSU Denver, 2013, Statement Maker Award, MSU Denver, 2012, Physical Fitness Leader, Governor's Council for Physical Fitness, 2011, Colorado Pick of The Fringe, Boulder International Fringe Festival, 2008

