



Kalyn Drexl

Dance Instructor

Kalyn Drexl has been dancing tap, jazz, and ballet for 14 years. She began her training at the age of 5 at one of South Florida's longest running studios. She joined their competitive team at the age of 9 and competed with them at dozens of regional and national dance competitions, winning many overall, high score, and special judges' awards until she graduated at the age of 17. She has branched out to take up training in acrobatics, lyrical, contemporary, pointe, and hip-hop within the past 7 years. At the age of 16, she choreographed a contemporary piece, for performers ages 12-19, that competed at Hype-Intrigue's "Creativity in Motion" student choreography national competition. She has also taught tap, ballet, jazz, and hip-hop for two and a half years, for kids ages 4-17.

She currently dances with Danza Dance Company and the rhythm tap group, Stomp the Swamp, at the University of Florida and serves as the historian within each organization. She has also choreographed a contemporary dance for Danza's end-of-semester showcase the past two semesters, as well as co-choreographed a rhythm tap dance for Stomp the Swamp's 2014 Benefit for Dancers Responding to AIDS. She is going into her second year as a student at the University of Florida, studying telecommunications (with a concentration in production) and a minor in dance. She is also currently working as a dancer at special themed events for Keith Watson Events. After she graduates with her bachelor's degree she hopes to move to Los Angeles and make her way into the television and film industry as a writer, editor, director, or merely any general crew member. She is honored to be a part of the wonderful staff of instructors at Independence Studio and loves being able to share her passion with the amazing students there.