



Nicole Bateman

Dance Instructor

Nicole Bateman has been dancing since the age of three, including the styles of tap, jazz, ballet, and hip-hop. Tap remains her absolute passion. She has been competing nationally since the age of nine, winning several awards for entertainment, “Fabulous Feet”, “Outstanding Rhythm”, and many high score and judge’s awards. Nicole has also won numerous scholarships at the JUMP! convention. She was a finalist in the “Tap Pups” competition hosted by the Tap Dogs, and has been an “all-star” for Hall of Fame Dance Challenge.

She has been trained by several instructors in many genres of tap including “The Shuffle Man” himself, Mike Minery, and has also taken several master workshops under the instruction of Greg Russell, Diane Walker, Avi Miller, Ben Ofer, Doug Caldwell, Gene Medler, Germaine Salsberg, Gil Stroming, Heidi and Joe Melchiona, Jay Fagan, Nick Lazzarini, The Tap Dogs, and Dan Karaty, just to name a few.

She has been a dance instructor since 2008 and tap choreographer for Independence studio's competitive team since 2012. Her choreography has been recognized nationally and her students have won many awards. She focuses on teaching proper technique, versatility, and most of all passion! Nicole is majoring in Advertising with an outside concentration in Business Administration at the University of Florida, where she is also head choreographer for Stomp the Swamp, a rhythm and tap group that is focused on bringing light to the community through their passion for tap dancing. Recently, her choreography competed in the University of Florida's Soulfest and Talent Night, earning Stomp the Swamp a spot to open for acts such as Ludacris and Foster the People in UF's Gator Growl 2014.