

Michael Ronald Blake

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Performance Artist and Educator

Summary: Passionate and accomplished artist with an MFA in Dance and a 2010 Bessie Award for Dance and Performance. A versatile performer with an extensive career in modern dance, theater, cabaret, and film. Proven expertise in dance and theater education, with a focus on contemporary teaching methods. Artistic director and creator of innovative dance programs.

Performance Experience:

(Modern Dance)

- **Wylliams Henry Contemporary Dance Company**
Kansas City, MO (2019 & 22)
Artistic Dir. Mary Pat Henry

- **Netta Yerushalmy Paramodernities**
New York, NY (2017-19)
Artistic Dir. Netta Yerushalmy
- **PARADIGM Dance**
New York, NY (2005-14)
Artistic Dir. Gus Solomons Jr.
- **Donald Byrd/The Group**
New York, NY (1991-98)
Artistic Dir. Donald Byrd
- **Jose Limon Dance Company**
New York, NY (1986-91)
Artistic Dir. Carla Maxwell
- **Joyce Trisler Danscompany**
New York, NY (1984)
Artistic Dir. Milton Myers
- **Murray Louis Dance Company**
New York, NY (1982-84)
Artistic Dir. Murray Louis
- **Various Guest Appearances in Modern Dance Companies**
New York, NY and Minneapolis, MN

(Theater)

- **The Harlem Nutcracker**
Seattle, WA (2022)
Artistic Dir. Donald Byrd
- **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**
National Tour (1999-00)
Dir. Robert Johanson
- **Lenny and the Heartbreakers**
The Public Theater, New York, NY (1983)
Dir. Kenneth Robins

(Cabaret)

- **This Joint is Jumpin'**
The Supper Club, New York, NY (2000-01)
Dir. Laura Stillwell
- **Cab Calloway's Cotton Club Review**
National Tour (1984)
Dir. Cab Calloway

(Film)

- **Uprooted-The Journey of Jazz Dance**
New York, NY (2020)
HBO Max
Dir. Khadifa Wong
- **Unsettled Dreams**
New York, NY (1995)
Dir./Choreographer Donald Byrd

(Teaching Experience)

- **University of Missouri-Kansas City**
Kansas City, MO (2019-present)
Assistant Professor of Modern Dance
- **Ithaca College**
Ithaca, New York (2018-19)
Assistant Professor of Dance
- **Mark Morris Dance Group**
Brooklyn, NY (2017-18)
Teaching Artist (Modern)
- **Steps on Broadway, Peridance Capezio Center, Hunter College, Ballet Hispanico**
Various locations and dates
Teaching Artist in Contemporary, Jazz, and Modern

(Choreography)

- **Heart of America Shakespeare Festival**
Kansas City, MO
 - **University of Missouri-Kansas City, MAACA Annual Gala, Bates Dance Festival, Ithaca College, Frank Sinatra School of the Arts, and others**
Various locations
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Management/Administration:

- **Joffrey Ballet School**
New York, NY (2011-17)
Artistic Dir. (Jazz and Contemporary Trainee Program, Jazz and Contemporary Summer Intensive, The Joffrey Experience, Musical Theater LA)
 - **HB Studio**
New York, NY (2006-11)
Artistic Council
 - **Genesis Theatre Guild**
New York, NY (2003)
Raw Readings Producer, Casting Associate
 - **Donald Byrd/The Group, Limon Dance Institute, Studio Dancin'**
Various roles and locations
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Education:

- **MFA in Dance**
SUNY Purchase College, Purchase, NY (2003)

- **BA in Dance**

SUNY Empire State College, New York, NY (2001)

Awards:

- **2010 Bessie Award**

For Achievements in Dance and Performance with PARADIGM Dance

Certifications:

- **2020 PILATES**

Classical Pilates Education

Publications:

- **"First You Cry"**

Dance Magazine (2007)

[Read the article](#)

Links:

- **TED Talk (Life is a Dance)**
[Watch the TED Talk](#)
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