



# MSS DANCE

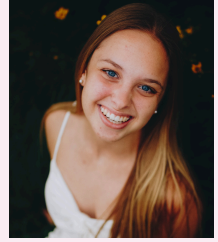
## MEET OUR TEACHERS

### 2024-25, Semester II

#### MARIA MILLER

Maria is from Indianapolis, Indiana & she began dancing at the age of two years old! Her fundamental dance study emphasized technique, creating a strong foundation before joining dance team. Maria continued her dance study at Belmont through classes & The Belmont Dance Company. Teaching dance is her passion & she significantly values the childhood dance experience.

*\*Classes- Creative Movement & Storytelling Ballet*



#### KRISSY DODGE

Krissy received her BA in Dance Performance from Point Park University before joining The Nashville Ballet in 2003. She enjoyed a decade long career where she performed numerous traditional principal roles as well as original works. After retiring from the stage, Krissy joined the Nashville Ballet faculty & has continued to teach for the past ten years. She loves teaching & ensures her classroom is a safe place to grow.

*\*Classes- Pre-Ballet, Ballet I*



#### ADELINE COOPER

Adeline is currently studying at Belmont University pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Adeline was very blessed to grow up abroad in four countries. She studied under the Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) program in Beijing, China & Madrid, Spain. While classical ballet is her love, she also enjoys Tap, Jazz, Musical Theater, Hip Hop & Flamenco. Adeline has been teaching dance at Vacation Bible School programs in Spain, Iowa & New Jersey for nine years. She also had the privilege of being dance captain in her high school theater program; which allowed her to choreograph numerous numbers within many productions throughout her career there. She is excited to share her love & knowledge of dance with her MSS dance students.

*\*Classes- Beginning Tap, Hip Hop, Jazz*



#### LAUREL CRAIN

Laurel is from Maryville, where she took her first ballet class at the age of 4 & instantly fell in love with the art of dance. She danced competitively starting at the age of 8, in styles such as ballet, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, acro & hip-hop, taking home many National titles & awards. She served as a dance team captain & competed alongside her teammates at many state & nationwide competitions. She began teaching at her home studio at the age of 14, assisting & choreographing. She is currently a part of two dance companies at Belmont to further her love & education of dance.

*\*Classes- Creative Movement & Storytelling, Ballet I*



#### ELIZABETH SMITH

Elizabeth was born and raised in Pensacola, Florida and has danced since she was three years old. She was classically trained in ballet at Ballet Pensacola and danced in the professional company for two years. Alongside her dance career, Elizabeth also taught ballet, jazz, and contemporary to students of various levels in the Ballet Pensacola Academy. She received her Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and is excited to begin teaching at Saint Paul Christian Academy!

*\*Classes- Princess Ballet*



#### HALEY DRIVER

Hayley is a mom and a Tennessee native with an extensive performance background including an 8-year relationship with Dollywood Entertainment and surrounding Smoky Mountain theaters. She graduated summa cum laude from UT, where she was a 4-year member of the concert choir and was cast in Annie, Grease, The Music Man and Newsies. To further her skills, she moved to Los Angeles where she practiced at the Debbie Reynolds Dance Studio, performed with an improv group and appeared in episodes of The Office, CSI and Entourage. Hayley also was an adjunct faculty member at Lincoln Memorial University teaching Musical Theatre Performance. Additionally, she spent over a decade in cheer and gymnastics.

*\*Classes- Cheerleading Dance, All-Around Dance*

