

German Dager

Artistic Director & Choreographer



GERMAN DAGER's studies in classical ballet, jazz and modern dance were completed at L'École Supérieur de Danse du Quebec official school for Les Grands Ballet Canadiense in Montreal, Quebec, at York University in Toronto, and University of North Carolina School of the Arts. He had extensive training and coaching under the direction of Magda Auñon at The Magda Auñon School of Classical Ballet, home of the Fort Lauderdale Ballet Classic, in Fort Lauderdale, FL. He also trained on full scholarship at Miami Conservatory with Thomas Armour, at the Pennsylvania School of Ballet (now The Rock School for Dance Education) and the Boston School of Ballet. In 1985, at the Southeastern Regional Ballet Festival, he won the Dance Magazine Scholarship and was invited to New York to train with some of the most prestigious teachers in the United States.

German danced professionally with Ballet de Montreal under the artistic direction of Eddy Toussaint, Boston Ballet, Ballet Florida and was a guest dancer with Compañía Colombiana de Ballet. Mr. Dager has been teaching and coaching dancers since 1986. He is the owner, founder and Artistic Director of the Fort Lauderdale Youth Ballet and Fort Lauderdale Ballet Company.

His students and Pas de Deux's have won first places in all mayor ballet competitions including the Youth America Grand Prix, were his student Wilhelm Josue Gomez, won the Youth America Grand Prix two years in a row and was invited to dance in several Galas. Mr. German's coaching has placed his students always in top placements in both classical and contemporary soloist divisions at the prestigious international Youth America Grand Prix Competition, Universal Ballet Competition, The American Dance Competition, Miami International Ballet Competition and Shake the Ground Competition.

His graduating students have been accepted into the best Universities dance programs in the nation, into mayor ballet companies in America and received scholarships to prestigious summer intensives programs including the Paris Opera Ballet School, Canada's National Ballet School, The School of American Ballet, American Ballet Theater, The Bolshoi Ballet Academy, the San Francisco Ballet, Elmhurst Ballet School in England, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Boston Ballet, Pacific Northwest Ballet, Houston Ballet, The Rock School for Dance Education, Miami City Ballet, Joffrey Ballet, Orlando Ballet, The Next Generation Ballet, Gelsey Kirkland Academy, and The Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre.

Mr. Dager is also an ABT ® Teacher, who has successfully completed the ABT ® Training Intensive in Pre-Primary through Level 5 of the ABT ® Training Curriculum. At the prestigious Universal Ballet Competition in 2018, German received The Outstanding Coach Award. His studio Fort Lauderdale Youth Ballet, won the Outstanding School Award at Youth America Grand Prix.