

# Courtney Chilton

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**Objective:** To further creative exploration and joy of movement on the stage, in the studio and classroom, and in the Houston community by creating collaborative, inclusive, organized, and playful spaces for all.

## Education

BA in Musical Theatre and Dance | University of Tulsa | Class of 2011 | GPA 3.7  
200 Hour Yoga Teacher Certification thru Black Swan Yoga

## Skills

Teaching, Choreographing, Directing, Casting, Creating Curriculum, Lesson Planning, Microsoft Office, Spreadsheets, Scheduling, Performing

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Freelance Director and Choreographer** (Houston, Tx) (Mar 2016- Present)

- Directing musicals and plays such as Chicago, Head Over Heels, and the Little Mermaid
- Choreographed over 20 high school musicals and for theatres such as HITS, the Garden Theatre, Inspiration Stage, College of the Mainland, and Theatre Under the Stars

**Bootleg Betties** (Houston, TX), *Artistic Director and Choreographer* (Feb 2015 - Present)

- Performing for corporate events and galas
- Creating custom entertainment for events, casting, scheduling, rehearsing and working with event planners to create the client's vision of the performance
- Creating repertoire
- Administrative and marketing tasks to continue growing the company

**J & D Entertainment** (Houston, TX), *Performer and Choreographer* (Feb 2015 - Present)

- Performing for corporate events and galas
- Creating custom entertainment for events

**HITS Theatre** (Houston, TX), *Director, Choreographer, and Teaching Artist* (Aug 2018 - Present)

- Casting, directing, choreographing shows including Head Over Heels, Carrie, Aida, Chicago, Little Mermaid Jr, Aladdin Jr, Moana Jr, and Beat Bugs Jr
- Creating and teaching both technique based and creative exploration theatre and dance classes

**Houston Ballet Academy** (Houston, TX), *Musical Theatre Teacher* (June 2018 - Present)

- Taught musical theatre classes at the summer intensive for ages 12-18

**Freelance Dance Teacher** (Houston, TX), *Dance Teacher* (Aug 2014 - Present)

- Teaching conditioning, musical theatre, ballet, tap, contemporary, and jazz classes for ages 4-adult at studios such as Institute of Contemporary Dance, Houston Met Dance, the Tribble School, Amy Blake's Academy of Dance, Royal Academy of Fine Arts, and Stage Right

**Theatre Under the Stars** (Houston, Tx) *Performer, Choreographer, Teaching Artist* (July 2015- Mar 2022)

- Performing in 16 main stage productions as an actor, singer, and dancer
- Working as a dance captain to rehearse swings and understudies, organize and run put-in rehearsals with stage management, create alternate tracking for missing performers, and maintain the integrity of the show's choreography
- Creating choreography and staging for the Humphreys School performance troupe and scheduling and running rehearsals

- Assisting choreographer on the main stage by creating and rehearsing choreography for the students, running rehearsals in their absence, and rehearsing the student and adult cast
- Creating and teaching programming for outreach- such as YMCA residencies, Girl Scout workshops, school field trips, and Hurricane camp

**Kinder HSPVA** (Houston, Tx) *Musical Theatre Teacher* (Aug 2019- Mar 2023)

- Taught musical theatre dance and acting, jazz, tap, ballet, and modern

**Humphrey's School of Musical Theatre** (Houston, TX), *Acting and Dance Teacher* (Dec 2015 -May 2021 )

- Creating curriculum and implementing outreach programming with the YMCA, Girl Scouts, school programs, choirs, and at risk students
- Acting and dance teacher for all ages and levels for classes including theatre dance repertory, jazz, ballet, contemporary, tap, acting, Shakespeare, and dialects

**Main Street Theater's Kids on Stage** (Houston, TX), *Dance and Theatre Teacher* (May 2007 - May 2017)

- Taught dance and theater classes for ages 5-14
- Created showcases with students working on movement and theater basics
- School residencies where students devised and performed their own work

**Presbyterian School** (Houston, TX), *Middle School Theatre Teacher* (Aug 2014- May 2017)

- Taught 6th, 7th, and 8th grade theatre classes in acting, theatre history, and design
- Directed productions including Bye Bye Birdie, A Comedy of Errors, and The Little Mermaid

**Golda Och Academy Upper School** (West Orange, NJ), *Dance and Theater Teacher* (Apr 2013 - Jul 2013)

- Taught "Intro to Choreography" and "Beginning Acting" at the Upper School
- Choreographed and assistant directed the middle school production of Beauty and the Beast

**Jewish Community Center** (West Orange, NJ), *Dance Teacher, and Choreographer* (Jun 2012 - Aug 2012)

- Taught theater dance classes for ages 5-14

\*Performance, director/choreographer, and education resumes available by request and at [www.courtneychilton.com](http://www.courtneychilton.com)