

SARA PICKETT

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EDUCATION

University of Utah, Salt Lake City, UT M.F.A., Modern Dance Thesis Research: "The Hip Hop Artistic Model"	May 2009
Weber State University, Ogden, UT B.A., Dance	Dec. 2002
State University of New York, New Paltz at Urbino, Italy Study Abroad Intensive	Summer 2000

TEACHING

University of Utah, UT Assistant Professor Lecturer, School of Dance Technique, Composition, Improvisation, Advanced Principles of Teaching, History of Hip Hop, Jazz Technique, Dance in Culture Instructor, Department of Exercise and Sport Science Fitness Through Movement	2012- present 2011
American College Dance Festival Master classes in Contemporary, Jazz, and Hip hop techniques, history of Hip Hop lecture	2016-present
Weber State University, UT Adjunct Faculty, Department of Performing Arts Modern Technique, Dance History, Jazz Technique, Choreography Series, Improvisation, Hip Hop, Intro to Dance, Teaching Creative Movement to Children	2000- 2017
Westminster College, UT Instructor, Department of Dance Modern Technique, Jazz Technique Instructor, Department of Wellness and Recreation Hip Hop	2016-2017 2006-2007
RDT Dance Center on Broadway, UT Instructor, Repertory Dance Theatre Modern Technique, Jazz Technique, Prime Movement	2004-2016
University of Utah, UT Graduate Student Teacher, Department of Modern Dance Modern Technique for Ballet Majors, Hip Hop, Dance and the Creative Process, Freshmen Intro	2005-2007
Durango, CO Durango Arts Center Hip Hop, Musical Theater, Tap	2005-2007
North Salt Lake, UT Evolution Dance Hip Hop, Jazz Technique	2000-2005
Ogden, UT Hughs Center for the Performing Arts Hip Hop, Jazz Technique, Tap	2000-2003

DIRECTION AND CREATIVE WORK

Salt Lake City, UT

Created <i>The Family</i> , University of Utah School of Dance Spring concert	2022
Direct and produce <i>BRINE</i> dance concerts	2014-2019
Created <i>With</i> , University of Utah School of Dance Gala concert	2021
Created <i>Trumpet Concerto</i> , Repertory Dance Theatre	2019
Created <i>Astriction</i> , University of Utah Performing Dance Company	2018
Created <i>What breaks us</i> , <i>BRINE: Disembodied We</i>	2017
Restaged <i>In the collective quiet</i> and created <i>Son Tutta</i> , <i>BRINE: Intersections</i>	2016
Created <i>Solitude the System, An-other, and Play Forward</i> , <i>BRINE: an evening of choreography</i>	2015
Directed and filmed <i>The Elements of House</i> music video for Bad Influence Records	2016
Idaho State University Created <i>The Break</i> ISU Dance Company	2017
Salt Flats, UT Created <i>Serene Saline</i> National Water Dance	2017
Westminster College, UT Created <i>Pool</i> Westminster College Winter Concert	2016
Brigham Young University Idaho, ID Created <i>Street Choices</i> BYUI Dance Company	2016
Utah Valley University, UT Choreographed <i>In the collective quiet</i> Synergy Dance Company	2015
Provo, UT Choreographed <i>Broken Sky</i> which was awarded for superior choreography, performance and creativity at the <i>Dance Company Festival and Adjudication</i>	2013
Weber State University, UT Choreographed <i>One by one, we all end the same</i> fall and spring concerts and submitted the work for adjudication in the <i>American College Dance Festival Northwest Region</i>	2008
Weber State University, UT Collaborated with WSU dance, music and percussion faculty in the <i>World Dance and Music Project Touring Company</i>	2008

University of Utah, UT Created <i>Another Amazing Adventure of the Mercenaries Against Calculated Corruption</i> as thesis research on the The Hip Hop Artistic Model	2006
University of Utah, UT Choreographed <i>Limb, Line, Leap</i> presented the Department of Modern Dance Student Concert	2006
Ogden, UT Co-founded T.O.U.C.H. (<i>Teens of Ogden United for Community Harmony</i>). Co-directed, produced and choreographed productions	1996-2001, 2003-2006
Salt Lake City, UT Created <i>imagine</i> , a dancefilm shown in various venues in Salt Lake City	2005
Ogden, UT Director of <i>Check This</i> dance group, a teen hip hop company	2000-2004
Farmington, UT Choreographer for <i>Raise the Roof, Rock U2 the Top</i> and <i>Frightmares</i> shows at Lagoon Theme Park	2003-2004
Ogden, UT Artistic Director/Co-Producer of two benefit dance concerts <i>SOLE</i> <i>Inside, Outside, Upside Down</i>	2003 2002
Weber State University, UT Choreographed for WSU <i>Orchesis Dance Concerts</i>	1999-2002
Weber State University, UT Associate Director and Choreographer for <i>WSU Moving Co.</i>	1998
Utah and Colorado Various choreographic experiences for schools including the Colorado Academy of the Arts, local theaters, high schools, dance teams, singers, and entertainment studios.	1990-present

ADMINISTRATION AND LEADERSHIP

University of Utah, UT Head of Modern Program, School of Dance	2021-present
Assistant Director for recruitment, School of Dance	2019-2020
Salt Lake City, UT Creator and co-producer of BRINE; a presenting organization for local artists currently working on its sixth season.	2015-present
College of Fine Arts, University of Utah, UT Public Relations Associate Created, designed and implemented the U & the Arts Program, designed and managed the Fine Arts website, created the College Brand Book, and	2007-2013

was responsible for newsletters, press releases and all correspondence from the College to the university community and public both statewide and nationally.

SERVICE/COMMUNITY

University service: Graduate Theses Committees, Concert Director, Faculty Search Committees, College Council, College Curriculum Committee, Undergraduate Committee, Academic Hearing Committee

Faculty advisor for <i>student cultural exchange</i> program in Panama	2019- ongoing
Mentor for student choreographic works, University of Utah	2017-2021
Faculty Advisor for Bachelor of University Studies student	2018 - present
Faculty Advisor ASUU Dance club	2017- present
Co-creator of BRINE an organization that serves up and coming local dance makers	2015- present
Chair and director of the <i>Utah High School Dance Festival</i>	2017- 2019
Women in Power Panel speaker	Feb. 2019
Panel speaker on " <i>Hip-Hop Art, Lyrics, Culture</i> "	Apr. 2018

PERFORMANCE

<i>The Edge</i> by Sara Pickett for " <i>Dances for Discreet Spaces</i> "	Ogden, UT 2016
<i>An-other</i> by Sara Pickett and Madison Jones	Salt Lake City, UT 2015
<i>Bent Not Broken</i> by Ashley Olsen	Salt Lake City, UT 2008
<i>Another Amazing Adventure of the Mercenaries Against Calculated Corruption</i> by Sara Pickett	Salt Lake City, UT 2006
<i>The Grey Skies are Coming, "Jupiter"</i> by Sarah Donohue	Salt Lake City, UT 2006
<i>Demolition Derby</i> directed by Erik Stern	Salt Lake City, UT 2006
<i>Waddle on the Rookery</i> , featured dancer, by Sarah Donohue	Salt Lake City, UT 2006
<i>Swoon, Croon and Swing</i> by Andrew Vaca Rehearsal director	Salt Lake City, UT 2005
Featured in <i>Infobia</i> a dancefilm by Sarah Donohue	Salt Lake City, UT 2005
Featured in <i>Cyclism</i> a dancefilm by Sarah Donohue	Salt Lake City, UT 2004
<i>Schleps, Demons and Mad Skillz</i> by Andy Noble for Repertory Dance Theater	Salt Lake City, UT 2003

<i>Muscle Memories</i> by Eric Stern	Salt Lake City, UT 2003
Member of <i>Transfusion Hype</i> , a Hip Hop/Jazz company directed by Ashlee Vilos	Centerville, UT 2002-2003
<i>SOLE</i> , directed by Sara Pickett	Ogden, UT 2003
Performed in <i>Orchesis Dance Concerts</i>	Ogden, UT 1996,1998-2002
<i>Inside, Outside, Upside Down</i> , directed by Sara Pickett	Ogden, UT 2002
<i>Spectacula de Danse</i> by Lynn Barr	Urbino, Italy 2000
Member of <i>Millennium 2000</i> , a theatrical hip hop company directed by Kenny Jimenez	Denver, CO 1996-1997
<i>Making Images</i> at Colorado State University	Ft. Collins, CO 1997

MEMBERSHIPS AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Utah Dance Education Organization Board Member, Chair of the Utah High School Dance Festival

National Water Dance Board Member

National Dance Education Organization Member

American College Dance Association Member

HONORS/ AWARDS

<i>Best of Fest</i> Choreography Award	-Utah State Choreography festival	2012
University of Utah	-University Teaching Assistantship	2005
Weber State University	-Outstanding Graduating Senior	2003
	-Full Tuition Dance scholarships	1997-2002
	- <i>Lindquist Creative Arts Scholarship</i>	2001-2002
	- <i>Patty O'Neal Memorial Dance Scholarship</i>	2000-2002
	-Academic Honors Awards	1999-2003
	-Outstanding Student Choreography Awards	2000, 2002, 2003