

Professional Staff Directory and Credentials

2015 - 2016

| NAME | POSITION | DEPARTMENT | EDUCATION/CREDENTIALS |
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| Madaha Kinsey-Lamb | Executive Director | ADMINISTRATION | B.S. Elementary Education, New York Univ. M. S. Ed. In Educational Leadership, City College of CUNY |
| Viviana Bianchi | Assistant Executive Director for External Affairs | ADMINISTRATION | B.A. in Theater, University of Massachusetts; M.A. in Cinema Studies, NYU Tisch School of the Arts; Certificate in Media and Culture, NYU Tisch School of the Arts |
| Elizabeth Hastedt | Assistant Executive Director for Operations | ADMINISTRATION | B.A. Swarthmore College M.S Ed. Bank St. College |
| Natasha Richards | Fiscal Director | ADMINISTRATION | B.A. Business, Lehman College of CUNY; |
| Sallie Quinones | Enrollment Coordinator | ADMINISTRATION | B.A. & M.B.A. Texas Christian University |
| Kanika Booker | Bursar | ADMINISTRATION | A.A. Monroe College |
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| Melvada Hughes | Dance Department Director | DANCE | B.F.A. CUNY, M.F.A. Univ. of Michigan Dance Teacher, CS 214X Bronx, NY |
| Billie-Joe Bouey | Ballet, Modern Instructor | DANCE | BFA in Dance, Arizona State University; Company Director and Teacher at NuEvolution Dance Studio. Contemporary Ballet Instructor at Abby Bella Dance Studio |
| Chantal St. Gerard | Hip Hop Instructor | DANCE | Bronx Leadership Academy Dance Performer and Instructor |
| Enetha Kelly | Ballet Instructor | DANCE | BA in Economics, Fordham University; Professional arts training, Alvin Ailey School. Rehearsal Director, Alvin Ailey school. Ballet teacher at NYU |
| Geneva Jenkins | Ballet, Tap, Jazz Instructor | DANCE | BFA in Dance, Florida State University, Teaching Artist and Performer |
| Imani Shabazz | Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, Praise - Instructor | DANCE | Dance Teacher at New Dance, Performing Arts Director at Greater Faith Temple, Dance teacher at NYC afterschool program. |
| Jocelyn Gutierrez | African/Modern Instructor | DANCE | B. S. Mercy College. Program director at Boy's & Girls club, Dance Instructor at Mosholu Montefiore Community Center |
| Marcelle Williams | African/Modern Instructor | DANCE | B.S. Morgan State University, Dance Education. Member of Morgan State Modern Dance Ensemble for 6 years. |

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| Michelle Summers | Ballet, Modern Instructor | DANCE | B.F.A. North Carolina School of the Arts Limon Institute, NY. Professional Dancer and Instructor |
| Noelani Love | African, Modern Instructor | DANCE | B.A. Hunter College. Alvin Ailey Dance Center Certificate Program |
| Phillip Williamson | African Drum Accompanist and Instruction | DANCE | ASA Health, Univ. of Phoenix Axia African/ Afro Caribbean Drum Performer, Accompanist, and Teacher |
| Veronica Jiao | African Drum Accompanist | DANCE | Master Drummer/Accompanist with Chuck Davis Company, Repertory Dance Company of East Harlem, Forces of Nature |
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| Waldo Chavez | Music Department Director | MUSIC | B.A. Music Performance, Berklee College of Music Professional Musician and Recording Artist Music Instructor and Administrator |
| Andrew Lamb | Guitar/Bass Instructor | MUSIC | B.A. Escuela de Musica Popular de Avellaneda, Argentina Professional Musician, Teacher, Composer and Recording Artist |
| Ben Swan | Piano Instructor | MUSIC | B.A. Ithaca College; Professional Musician and Recording Artist |
| Charles Carrington | Drum Instructor | MUSIC | B.A. Univ. of Santa Catalina, Argentina Professional Musician and Teacher |
| Cheryl Lynne Skinner | Violin Instructor | MUSIC | B.A. Inst. Univ. de Estudios Musicales, Venezuela M.S. Music Performance, Conservatoire de Geneve, Switzerland; cand.M.S Jazz Performance, Queens College. |
| Clare Twohy | Keyboard/Piano Instructor | MUSIC | BA. National Hokkaido Educational College Japan; Certified Yamaha Music School Instructor |
| Juan Pablo Carletti | Drum Instructor | MUSIC | Carnegie Hall Institute; Berklee School of Music. Professional Musician and Recording Artist |
| Leonor Falcon | Woodwind Instructor | MUSIC | SUNY Old Westbury; Professional Musician and Recording Artist |
| Lon Ivey | Voice Instructor | MUSIC | B. A. Manhattan School of Music M.A. Manhattan School of Music in Vocal Performance; Professional Singer |

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| Marcelo Cardozo | Trumpet Instructor | MUSIC | B.M. Oberlin College, M.M. Boston University Principal Trumpet, Bronx Opera Co. and Bergen Symphony Orchestra |
| Michael Sinicropi | Keyboard and Voice Instructor | MUSIC | B.M. University of Louisville, M.A. Berklee College of Music; Professional Musician, Composer, and Recording Artist |
| Nina Riley | Voice Instructor | MUSIC | B.A. Hampshire College, Book 4 Training, Ithaca Suzuki Institute, Violin Instructor, Professional Musician, and Recording Artist |
| Yuko Fujiyama | Violin Instructor | MUSIC | BM San Fransico School of Music; attended New England Conservatory of Music |
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| Imani Douglas | Positive Youth Troupe Theater Program Director | POSITIVE YOUTH TROUPE | B.A. Brooklyn College, MFA Brooklyn College, Professor, NYU; Artistic Director, RACCA; Producing Director, SAA |
| Nora Cole | Theater Arts Instructor | POSITIVE YOUTH TROUPE | B.F.A. Theatre School of DePaul, Performing artist, playwright, and teacher |
| Lavonda Elam | Theater Arts Instructor | POSITIVE YOUTH TROUPE | B.A. Goodman School of Drama; Professional Theater Artist and Educator |
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| Thomas Bennett | Martial Arts Director/ Instructor | MARTIAL ARTS | Martial Arts Master, 8th degree black-belt "Goju Ryu" |
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| George Zavada | Beverly J. Robinson Community Folk Culture, Interim Director | FOLK CULTURE | Universidad Catolica de PR. Previously, Teaching Artist at Horizons |
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| Desrine Charlton | Pre-K Teacher/Education Director | UPK | A.A. Bronx Community College, B.A. SUNY Purchase, M.S. Educ. Grand Canyon U. |
| Audrey Salgado | Pre-K Assistant Teacher | UPK | B.A. Early Childhood Education - Boricua College |