

ARTIST STATEMENT

Heavily influenced by dance styles of North America, Africa, and the Caribbean, dance has served as my pathway to learn about cultures, customs, and community. It has served as a connector to people, places, and possibilities. My passion for serving and connecting with people through movement and music fuels my dedication to the art form. With a background in classical dance and a focus in street and club styles, my diverse repertoire has been greatly influenced by my travels to over 30 countries. Being immersed as a student of dance and culture has obligated me to pay homage to the history, music, art, and people that shape my artistry. Dance is my truth.

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EXPERIENCE

Black Girls Dance

Resident Teacher, Choreographer

Fiyah Fit Chicago

Dancer, Choreographer, Teacher

Boom Crack! Dance Company

Dancer, Choreographer, Teacher

U of Cincinnati International Dance Team

Dancer, Captain, Choreographer

Desi Dance Convention

Teacher, Program Curriculum Coordinator

MAPA Australia

Teacher, Choreographer

RMIT University

Resident Teacher

STYLES

Afro Dance, Hip Hop, Dancehall, Soca, Afro Caribbean, Jazz Funk, Bollywood Fusion, Contemporary, Jazz, Waacking, Modern

SOCIAL MEDIA

IG: @bobbeyonce_
YouTube: Bobbi Ponder



SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

Sister Sessions Australia 1st place
RMIT Bust A Groove Solo winner
RMIT Bust A Groove 1v1 battle winner
Reveal Dance Chicago Scholarship
Urbanite Scholarship
Real Dance Workshop Scholarship
Maverick Dance Project Scholarship
Debbie Reynolds Scholarship

PERFORMANCE & CHOREOGRAPHY

The Big Leap(FOX), Wyclef Jean, Wizkid, Efya, Gyptian, Serani, Demarco, Wicker Park Fest, Peace Fest, Melbourne African Music and Cultural Festival, Queen Street African Music Festival, Sounds of Africa Australian Festival

DANCE TRAINING

Debbie Reynolds LA
Movement Lifestyle LA
Broadway Dance Center NYC
Chicago Multicultural Dance Center
Hubbard Street Summer Intensive
Whitney M, Young Dance Program
Gallery 37 Hip Hop Dance Program

EDUCATION

University of Cincinnati School of Design
Design, Architecture, Art & Planning (2014-2020)
RMIT University (2018)
University of Virginia Semester at Sea (2014)