

TRACI CARPENTER

Per doctor's orders, Traci Carpenter began her dance journey at the age of two in order to correct an extreme case of pigeon toe caused by her hip joints. She quickly found a love of dance that would ignite a lifelong passion. As a dancer, Traci was a featured member of the Texas State Strutters and a dancer/choreographer for the Austin area company "The Roustabouts". Traci received several accolades as a dancer but found her passion to be in teaching and choreography.

Traci was the only person in the state of Texas to be given the opportunity to work for Varsity owned United Spirit Association out of California. While working for United Spirit Association, Traci served as a Head Instructor, a member of the Program Development Team, a Competition Director, and a Nationals Head Judge. She also taught dance and leadership camps throughout the United States as well as overseas. Traci graduated first in her class from the University of Houston with a Bachelor of Arts in Dance and Theatre. Traci has choreographed theatre stage productions of "Carousel", "Dames at Sea", and "Pirates of Penzance" which earned her a Tommy Tune nomination for Best Choreography. Not only is Traci a Texas certified teacher in 9-12 Dance and K-12 PE, she also served as the Drill Team Director for the Clear Creek Cavaliers. During her time with the Cavaliers, she was able to transform the program and lead them to four National Championships. Due to many nationally acclaimed winning pieces incorporating her unique style, Traci's choreography is in high demand among both drill teams and competitive dance studio programs around the country. Her knowledge of dance and drill has aided many local and national high school and collegiate dance programs, including the world-famous Kilgore Rangerettes. As a master teacher, judge, and consultant, Traci periodically works for Crowd Pleasers Dance Camps, 8 National Talent, and Encore Dance Productions. Traci is a member of and instructor for TDEA (Texas Dance Educators Association) where she shares her passion with educators across the state. Upon completion of their time at her studio, Traci's students have been presented with numerous opportunities to continue their dance training as well as work as professional dancers in multiple industry platforms. Some of these opportunities include American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) in both LA and NYC, the Boston Conservatory, Broadway Dance Center NYC, Chapman University, Connecticut College, Houston's High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA), Houston Astros, Houston Rockets, Joffrey Ballet, Joffrey Jazz and Contemporary Trainee Program, OCU, Texans Cheerleaders, and UT Pom Squad. Traci believes in holding her students accountable for themselves and pushing each individual to realize their full potential. Her energy and truthful way of delivering material challenges every one of her students leading them toward growth and success. Traci's mission is not only to create amazing dancers, but also to shape her students into well-rounded and thoughtful adults.

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