

# Michael Manson

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## Professional Objective

Passionate and creative artist that wants to spread and develop international and local respect for dance and inspire interest by providing lessons of dance foundations, introducing competitions, and conducting performances for the community.

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## Education

Robichaud High School, Dearborn Heights, MI  
**High School Diploma**

Graduated: May 2006

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## Relevant Work Experience

### Teaching Artist

July 2019-Present

*Living Arts – Detroit, MI*

- Exposing and providing arts education to Detroit's youth and families through dance lessons
- Collaborating with Boys & Girls club to provide dance programs opportunities

### Dance Instructor

November 2018-Present

*My Dance Studio – Keego Harbor, MI*

- Creating and utilizing lesson plans that teach children how to dance such as hip hop, locking, popping, etc.
  - Choreographing and directing dance performances for all ages
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## Professional Performances

**Showcase w/Wala Cam- Chicago, IL (2009)**

**Next Bash Youth Tour- Detroit, MI (2010)**

**Charles H. Wright Museum- Detroit, MI (2011)**

**Motor City Movement w/Daal- Pontiac, MI (2011)**

**Detroit Ribs and Soul Festival- Detroit, MI (2011)**

**WNBA Phoenix Mercury– Phoenix, AZ (2016)**

**Detroit Pistons “D-Town”- Detroit, MI (2012-2014)**

- Performed with celebrities such as MC Hammer, Gladys Knight, Taio Cruz, Salt & Perpper, Vanilla Ice, Morris Day, Florida, T-Pain, Rob Base, Wycleaf Jean, Rose Royce, and The Temptations
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## Awards/Achievements

**Spirit of Detroit, Award Recipient**

**2022 Joyce Awards Foundation, Grant Winner**

**2020 Kresge Live Arts Fellow, Grant Winner**

**NACCAP National Arts Competition, Award Recipient**

**International House Conference, Instructor & Judge**

**New York City Broadway Dance Center, Instructor**

**Detroit Pistons “D-Town” Dance Team, Choreographer**

**So You Think You Can Dance, Las Vegas Contestant & Television Appearance**

**WNBA Phoenix Mercury, Dance Member**

**Worldwide international workshops, France & Bolivia**

**Chicago “Under the Roof House/Juke Battle,” 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner**

**Paul Mitchell World of Dance, 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner**

**Juste Debout, Semi-Final Contestant**

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## Professional Affiliations

**Rennie Harris Puremovement Tour, Member**