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**EDUCATION:**

M.A., New York University, Dance and Dance Education, June 1978.

B.A., University of Rochester, Dance & Art History (Dean's List, Cum Laude), May 1976,

Music and General Diploma, Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music and the Arts, NYC, May 1972.

**TEACHING & RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE:**

- **VASSAR COLLEGE – DEPARTMENT OF DANCE** – Adjunct Instructor of jazz dance. Includes choreographing for Vassar Repertory Dance Co. staging works of Danny Buraczeski, and supervising performance and independent study work. 1995 – present.
- **RHINEBECK HIGH SCHOOL, College & Careers Class** – Guest Lecturer, Career in Dance and Dance Program at Vassar College. 2012 – present.
- **THE D'AMBY PROJECT** Dance Co. and School – Guest Artist/Choreographer 2011 – present.
- **SOLAS AN LAE** American Irish Dance School & Co. – Guest Artist/Choreographer **2010 – 2011.**
- **NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS** – Dance Auditor, duties included attending performances and writing reviews of dance companies applying for State funding. 2009, 2010.
- **NORTHERN DUTCHESS DANCE CAMP** – Co-Director and Teacher. Taught and organized intensive dance classes for teenagers and college students as part of a multi styled dance immersion summer day camp. Summer, 2009, 2010. **SUMMER JAZZ WORKSHOP & PRIVATE CLASSES** – 2015 – present.
- **IXL HEALTH & FITNESS CENTER**, Rhinebeck, N.Y. - Instructor, Abby's Dance Aerobics. 1998 – present.
- **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF DANCE AND DANCE EDUCATION** – Adjunct Instructor of jazz dance. 1981 – 1994.
- **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS** - Instructor of jazz dance, modern dance and aerobic dance. 1981 – 1994.
- **THE JOYCE THEATRE FOUNDATION DANCE EDUCATION PROGRAM TEACHER ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP** – Led workshops and lecture demonstrations in jazz dance including history of jazz dance and Danny Buraczeski's choreography. 1989 and 1995.
- **JACOB'S PILLOW DANCE FESTIVAL** – Instructor of the Jazz Workshop, staged Danny Buraczeski's "Avalon" on Jazz Project students. 1987.
- **AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL** – Taught classes and gave lecture demonstrations as a member of JAZZDANCE, The Danny Buraczeski Dance Co. during residency. 1982.

**PERFORMANCE APPEARANCES:**

- **RHINEBECK SINTERKLAAS** Winter Extravaganza - choreographer and dancer, 2008 -2017.
- **RHINECLIFF MORTON LIBRARY** Big Band Fundraiser – choreographer and dancer 2016.
- **RHINEBECK CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS & WOODSTOCK BYRDECLIFF THEATRE** - Choreographer's Showcases, choreographer and dancer, 1993 – 2016.
- **BENEFIT PERFORMANCES:** Northern Dutchess Hospital and Arts In Education for Rhinebeck Central Schools, annually, 1999 – 2012.
- **JAZZDANCE, THE DANNY BURACZESKI DANCE COMPANY**, Choreography by Danny Buraczeski - dancer. Performed throughout the United States, including appearances at the Spoleto Festival (1988), The Joyce Theatre, N.Y. (1986, 1987, 1988), The American Dance Festival (1982, 1987), Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival (1986). Given permission to set Buraczeski's works on other dance cos. (in perpetuity), 1981 – 1989.
- **"GOOD MORNING AMERICA"** (NBC) – Appeared in segment on "properly trained dance instructors", 1985.
- **NEW YORK THEATRE ENSEMBLE**, directed by Lester Malizia – dancer in Off-Broadway production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." 1981.
- **THE BATTERY DANCE COMPANY**, choreography by Jonathan Hollander – dancer, 1979 – 1981.
- **MARILYN MAZUR AND DANCERS**, choreography by Marilyn Mazur – dancer, 1976 – 1980.
- **SOPHIE MASLOW DANCE COMPANY**, choreography by Sophie Maslow – understudy, 1978.
- **WASHINGTON SQUARE REPERTORY DANCE COMPANY** directed by Laura Brittain – dancer, 1977 – 1978.

**CHOREOGRAPHY FOR:**

**VASSAR REPERTORY DANCE THEATRE. CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS AT RHINEBECK, DANCEFEST** presented by Vanaver Caravan, **D'AMBY PROJECT CO., SOLAS AN LAE DANCE CO. RHINEBECK SINTERKLAAS EVENT-** List of works from oldest to newest on the following page.

**CHOREOGRAPHY:**

For Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre. Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, DanceFest presented by Vanaver Caravan, D'amby Project Co., Solas An Lae Dance Co., Rhinebeck Sinterklaas Extravaganza Event.

- "Avalon Mist", 2000. (Center for Performing Arts At Rhinebeck)
  - "Motown A La Mode", 2001. (Center for Performing Arts At Rhinebeck, Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Carnivale", 2002. (Center for Performing Arts At Rhinebeck, Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Excerpts from Blue Rondo", 2003. (Ctr. for Perf Arts At Rhinebeck, Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Rush Hour", 2004. (Center for Performing Arts At Rhinebeck, Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Voodoo Rendezvous", 2006. (Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Fives/Flurry", 2008. (Center for Performing Arts at Rhinebeck, Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Sinterklaas Parade Dance, 2008 – present, new choreography every year (Sinterklaas extravaganza event.)
  - "Burning Down The House" Faculty choreographed finale, 2010. Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Celtic Soul of Van Morrison", various pieces, 2011. (Solas An Lae)
  - "Jai Ho" - Faculty finale, 2011. (Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Classical Glance", 2012. (D'amby Project, CtrPerfArtsRhinebeck, Vassar Repertory Dance, DanceFest.)
  - "Let's Go Crazy - Faculty choreographed finale, 2012. (Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Walk On The Top", 2013. (D'amby Project, CtrPerfArtsRhinebeck, Vassar Rep. Dance, DanceFest.)
- Accepted into Capezio A.C.E. Award Competition, 2014.
- "Jailhouse Rock" - Faculty choreographed finale, 2013. (Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "I Don't Feel Like Dancin'", 2014. (D'amby Project, CtrPerfArtsRhinebeck, Vassar Repertory Dance.)
  - "Rollin' On A River" – Faculty choreographed finale, 2014. (Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Smooth Over", 2015. (D'amby Project, CtrPerfArtsRhinebeck, Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Footloose" – Faculty choreographed finale, 2015. (Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Dance of The Nymphs", 2015 (Sinterklaas extravaganza event)
  - "Blue Rondo", 2016. (D'amby Project, CtrPerfArtsRhinebeck, Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Dancing In The Streets" – Faculty choreographed finale, 2016. (Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "Charleston and Piano Roll", 2016 (Morton Library Rhinecliff Fundraiser)
  - "Vesuvius", 2017. (Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)
  - "I'm So Excited – Faculty choreographed finale, 2017. (Vassar Repertory Dance Theatre.)