

# EMILY CULBREATH

## DETAILS

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## SKILLS

Creative Direction

Curriculum Development

Team Management

Classroom Management

Entrepreneurship

Team Building

## PROFILE

Dedicated and accomplished dance artist with ten years of experience in American Street Dance and Hip-Hop Theater. Proven success as a creative director, performer, and educator, with research focusing strongly on the intersections of critical race theory, gender studies, Black American vernacular dance, and performance. Known for co-founding Snack Break Movement Arts and as rehearsal director and principal dancer for Rennie Harris Puremovement. Skilled in choreography, mentoring, and curriculum development, with a passion for cultivating reflexive and integrative learning spaces. A visionary entrepreneur, event producer, and award-winning street dance theater choreographer.

## HIGHER EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

Master of Fine Arts Candidate: Choreography Track, 4.0 GPA  
Iowa City, IA, August 2023 – Present

### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER

Bachelor of Fine Arts: Dance, Magnum Cum Laude  
Boulder, CO, 2012-2015

### ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Fine Arts: Dance, 3.85 GPA  
Tempe, AZ, 2011-2012

## CONTINUED EDUCATION

### RENNIE HARRIS UNIVERSITY

Hip-Hop and Street Dance Certification  
2021

### NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SPORTS MEDICINE

Personal Training, Nutrition, and Corrective Exercise Specialist Certifications  
2020-2023

## PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

### RENNIE HARRIS PUREMOVEMENT

American Hip-Hop Theater Company and Hip-Hop Education Outreach  
Core Member, 2018-Present  
Rehearsal Director, 2022-Present

### FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE

Adjunct Faculty, Guest Choreographer in Residence  
Lancaster, PA, 2021-2023

### SNACK BREAK MOVEMENT ARTS

Street Dance Theater Company  
Choreographer, Performing Member, and Co-Artistic Director  
2021-Present

### URBAN MOVEMENT ARTS

Street Dance Educator, Adult and Children's Programming

Philadelphia, PA, 2020-2023

**MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP**

Lead Instructor for Community Outreach Programming  
Brooklyn, NY, 2019-2020

**NEW YORK EDGE**

Hip-Hop Instructor  
Brooklyn, NY, 2018-2019

**NEW VISIONS CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE HUMANITIES IV**

Full-Time High School Dance Teacher  
Queens, NY, 2017-2018

HONORS AND AWARDS

**PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER 2024 RESEARCH SUPPORT AWARD**

University of Iowa Department of Dance Committee  
Summer, 2024

**TERENCE N. MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP**

University of Iowa Department of Dance  
Iowa City, IA, 2024-2025

**SUMMER DANCE FOREVER**

Theater Forever Category, Best Duo Award  
Amsterdam, NL, 2022-2023

**ILLUMINATE THE ARTS GRANT**

Two-Time Recipient  
Philadelphia, PA, 2021 and 2022

SELECTED CHOREOGRAPHY  
*CREATIVE RESEARCH/ ACADEMIA*

***PLAN "A": Stories of Embodied Frontiers***

Creative Director  
Space Place Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2024

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Choreographer and Performer  
Space Place Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2023

***JACKed: An Experiment in Liberation Practices***

Choreographer  
Space Place Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2023

***Tell Me I Belong***

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Space Place Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2023

***A Moment (screendance)***

Film Director and Co-Editor  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Space Place Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2023

**PROFESSIONAL CHOREOGRAPHY**

**HAUL**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Prompt For the Planet  
The Englert Theater, Iowa City, IA, 2024

**SHIMMER, POP!**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Open Air Media Festival  
Iowa City, IA, 2024

**Rock, Paper...**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
San Francisco International Hip-Hop Dance Festival  
San Francisco, CA, 2023

**Captain's Log**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Urban Movement Arts, Philadelphia, PA

**Rock, Paper...**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Summer Dance Forever Theater Forever Program  
DeLaMar Theater, Amsterdam, NL, 2023

**Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 4 (on the floor!)**

Choreographic Residency  
Georgian Court University, Lakewood, NJ, 2022

**Rock, Paper...**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
FreeForm Dance Festival  
The Dairy Center for the Arts, Boulder, CO, 2022

**Rock, Paper...**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
Cannonball Festival  
Icebox Project Space, Philadelphia, PA, 2022

**Truth or Dare**

Co-Choreographer and Performer  
Snack Break Movement Arts  
FringeArts, Philadelphia, PA, 2022

**The Framework**

Franklin and Marshall College Fall Dance Concert  
Lancaster, PA, 2021

**I didn't say those things for nothing**

Choreographer and Performer  
Come Together Festival, Philadelphia, PA, 2019

SELECTED PERFORMANCE: 2019-2024  
2024

**Rennie Harris Puremovement: 30 Year Anniversary**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA

2023

**Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Hip Hop Across the Pillow  
Ted Shawn Theatre, Becket, MA

**Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
American Dance Festival, Durham, NC

**Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Bermuda Festival of the Performing Arts  
Ruth Seaton James Center for the Performing Arts, Devonshire, Bermuda

**Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Shenandoah Conservatory, Winchester, VA

**Rome & Jewels**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Joyce Theatre, New York City, NY

**Rome & Jewels**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Majestic Theater, Boston, MA

2022

**Rome & Jewels**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA

**Nuttin' but a Word**

Performer and Rehearsal Director  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Lied Center of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

**Lifted**

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement

August Wilson African American Cultural Center, Pittsburgh, PA

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Charlotte York Irey Theater, Boulder, CO

***Rome & Jewels***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Bates Dance Festival, Lewiston, ME

***Lifted***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

The Joyce Theatre, New York City, NY

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Charlotte York Irey Theater, Boulder, CO

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Dance Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

***Lifted***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

American Dance Festival, Durham, NC

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Stockton University, Atlantic City, NJ

***Lifted***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Charlotte York Irey Theater, Boulder, CO

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Dance Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

***Lifted***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia, PA

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Festival Internacional Santiago a Mil, Santiago, Chile

2021

***The Musician & The Mover***

Performer

Raphael Xavier

The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

The Egg Theater, Albany, NY

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Stockton University, Atlantic City, NJ

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Oz Arts Nashville, Nashville TN

***Losing My Religion (creation process)***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

The Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston, MA

***Losing My Religion (creation process)***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

The Kennedy Center, Washington D.C.

2020

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

American Dance Platform Showcase

The Joyce Theater, New York City, NY

2019

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer

Rennie Harris Puremovement

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Come Together Festival by Koresh Dance

Suzanne Roberts Theater, Philadelphia, PA

***Untitled***

Performer  
Joshua Culbreath  
Project Moshen's Excerpts  
Performance Garage, Philadelphia, PA

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Grier School, Altoona, PA

***Funkedefied***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Bass Concert Hall, Austin, TX

***Caravan: A Revolution on the Road***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, St. Paul, MN

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach, FL

***Caravan: A Revolution on the Road***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Miami, FL

***Untitled***

Performer  
Joshua Culbreath  
York College, York, PA

***Lifted***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

***Nuttin' but a Word***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
The Kravis Center for the Performing Arts, West Palm Beach, FL

***Caravan: A Revolution on the Road***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts, Miami, FL

***Twist Ya Fingaz***

Performer  
Soo Missy Boogaloo  
Ladies of Hip Hop Festival  
The Ailey School, New York City, NY

***ALL- A Physical Form of Protest***

Performer  
Mia Habib  
La Mama, New York City, NY

***Lifted***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Carver Community Cultural Center, San Antonio, TX

***Caravan: A Revolution on the Road***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Bass Concert Hall, Austin, TX

***Caravan: A Revolution on the Road***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Majestic Theatre, Dallas, TX

***Lifted***

Performer  
Rennie Harris Puremovement  
Grand Opera House, Wilmington, DE

**SELECTED TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

***ACADEMIC***

**THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA**

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Beginning and Intermediate Hip-Hop  
Iowa City, IA, 2024-2025

**FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE**

Adjunct Faculty, Hip Hop Movement and Culture, Curriculum Development  
Lancaster, PA, 2023

***PROFESSIONAL***

**URBAN MOVEMENT ARTS**

Street Dance Educator, Adult and Children's Programming, House Dance, Funk Styles, Hip-Hop  
Philadelphia, PA, 2020-2024

**MARK MORRIS DANCE GROUP**

Lead Instructor for Community Outreach Programming, Hip Hop and American Folkloric Dance Forms  
New York City, NY, 2018-2019

**NEW YORK EDGE**

Hip-Hop Teacher for After-School Programming  
Brooklyn, NY, 2018-2019

**BEAT GLOBAL STUDIO**

House Dance Instructor  
New York City, NY, 2018

**NEW VISIONS FOR THE HUMANITIES IV**

High School Dance Teacher, Curriculum Development, Integrative and Project-Based Learning Strategies,  
Classroom Management, Ensemble Lead  
Queens, NY, 2017-2018



## *WORKSHOPS AND MASTER CLASSES*

### **URBAN MOVEMENT ARTS**

Snack Break Movement Arts: BODY CONVO Workshop  
Artistry Development Workshop  
Philadelphia, PA, 2024

### **URBAN MOVEMENT ARTS**

Dimestops, Tools for Freestyle Workshop  
Philadelphia, PA, 2024

### **RENNIE HARRIS UNIVERSITY**

Snack Break Movement Arts  
House Dance and Floorwork Workshops  
University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO, 2024

### **BERMUDA FESTIVAL OF THE PERFORMING ARTS**

Rennie Harris Puremovement Master Class, House Dance  
Ruth Seaton James Center for the Performing Arts, Devonshire, Bermuda, 2023

### **GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY**

Choreographic Residency Master Classes, Popping and House Dance  
Lakewood, NJ, 2022

### **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

Guest Workshop Instructor, Co-Curricular Dance Class, Popping  
Princeton, NJ, 2022

### **LEWIS CENTER OF THE ARTS**

Guest Workshop Instructor , Trenton Youth Program, Hip-Hop Dance  
Princeton, NJ, 2022

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO AT BOULDER**

Rennie Harris Puremovement Guest Instructor, House Dance  
Boulder, CO, 2022

### **THE NEW SCHOOL**

Rennie Harris Puremovement Guest Instructor, House Freestyle  
New York City, NY, 2022

### **BRIAN SANDERS JUNK**

Snack Break Movement Arts  
Collaborative Residency Workshop Co-Instructor  
Philadelphia, PA, 2022

### **AMERICAN DANCE FESTIVAL**

Rennie Harris Puremovement Master Class, House Dance Instructor  
Durham, NC, 2022

### **PRINCETON UNIVERSITY**

Guest Workshop Instructor, Co-Curricular Dance Class, House Dance  
Princeton, NJ, 2022

### **FESTIVAL INTERNACIONAL SANTIAGO A MIL**

Rennie Harris Puremovement Community Outreach Workshop Instructor  
Santiago, Chile, 2022

**RENNIE HARRIS UNIVERSITY**

Workshop Instructor, House Dance  
The University of Colorado at Boulder, Boulder, CO, 2021

**THE BBOY FACTORY**

Guest Instructor Workshop- House Dance  
Denver, CO, 2021

**UNION COLLEGE**

Rennie Harris Puremovement Master Class Co-Instructor  
Albany, NY, 2021

**TMPRODUCTIONS**

Rennie Harris Puremovement Master Class Co-Instructor  
Nashville, TN, 2021

**FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE**

Workshop Instructor, House Dance  
Lancaster, PA, 2021

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY**

Rennie Harris Legacy Intensive, Workshop Instructor, Popping and House Dance  
Virtual Intensive, 2021

**THE JUILLIARD SCHOOL**

Assistant Master Class Instructor to Rennie Harris  
New York City, NY, 2020

**ROWAN UNIVERSITY**

Rennie Harris Puremovement, Master Class Co-Instructor  
Glassboro, NJ, 2020

**THE GRIER SCHOOL**

Rennie Harris Puremovement Street Dance Workshop Lead Instructor  
Tyrone, PA, 2019

**RESIDENCIES****GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY**

Guest Choreographer in Residence  
Lakewood, NJ, 2022

**URBAN MOVEMENT ARTS**

Snack Break Movement Arts Creation Residency  
Philadelphia, PA, 2021-2022

**FRANKLIN AND MARSHALL COLLEGE**

Guest Choreographer in Residence  
Lancaster, PA, 2021

**PHILADANCO! THE PHILADELPHIA DANCE COMPANY**

Assistant Instructor to the Artist in Residence, Rennie Harris  
Philadelphia, PA, 2019

**DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATER**

Assistant Instructor to the Artist in Residence, Rennie Harris  
Dallas, TX, 2018

## **THE AILEY SCHOOL**

Assistant Instructor to the Artist in Residence, Rennie Harris  
New York City, NY, 2018

## **PRESS**

### ***Little Village Magazine***

Interviewee

Chuy Renteria

<https://littlevillagemag.com/meet-lady-em-and-supajosh-two-renowned-hip-hop-dancers-teaching-their-olympic-level-moves-in-iowa/>

Iowa City, IA, 2024

### ***Dance Magazine***

Interviewee

Kristy Yeung

<https://www.dancemagazine.com/rennie-harris-2/#gsc.tab=0>

Philadelphia, PA, 2022

### ***Thinking Dance***

Snack Break Movement Arts, "Truth or Dare" Review

Megan Mazarick

<https://thinkingdance.net/articles/2022/06/15/34/Hip-Hop-Dance-Theater-Offers-More-Truths-Than-Dares/>

Philadelphia, PA, 2022

## **SERVICE**

### ***SOMETHIN' 2 SNACK ON (VOL. 1, 2, and 3) – An evening of local dance works, improvisation, music, and community***

Snack Break Movement Arts

Event Co-Creator, Curator, and Coordinator

Urban Movement Arts, Philadelphia, PA, 2023-2024

### ***Open Sessions***

Snack Break Movement Arts

Event Creator and Host of Community Dance Sessions

Public Space One Close House, Iowa City, IA, 2023-2024

### ***Open Sessions***

Snack Break Movement Arts

Event Creator and Host of Community Dance Sessions

Urban Movement Arts, Philadelphia, PA, 2022-2023

### ***Snack Break – An evening of street-dance inspired performance works for the virtual concert stage.***

Snack Break Movement Arts

Event Co-Creator, Curator, and Coordinator

Virtual Event, 2021