

# Dawn Branch's Story



## Experience

Dawn Branch is a native New Yorker and graduate of the world-renowned LaGuardia High School of the Performing Arts.

Dawn holds a BA in Media & Communications from State University at Old Westbury and is DEA Certified Level II.

Ms. Branch was a soloist with the Bernice Johnson Dance Company and a scholarship student with the Alvin Ailey American Dance School.

Dawn's  
featured  
interviews:

Orlando  
Voyager

Black Enterprise  
Magazine

## Career

Dawn is currently a freelance choreographer and dance instructor in Central Florida.

Her many accomplishments in the dance industry include:

- Co-choreographer for a television episode of the show "On Stage America"
- Danced with Ben Vereen at Avery Fisher Hall and Diana Ross at her NYC Central Park Concert
- Founder of Dawn Branch Master Dance Series & Performances, which brought Master Teachers from NYC to Central Florida to expose local talent to advanced training.
- Talent Director for the NAACP-ACTSO program in Orlando, FL
- Founder and Regional Dance Educator for Central Florida's Daycare Dance
- Rehearsal Director for *The Chocolate Nutcracker*, in 2007

# Choreography

She has choreographed numerous Platinum status awards and first-placed titles for both International and National Ballet Competitions, and multiple times her performers placed as National Champions.

Moreover, she choreographed for the World Ballet Competition in Romania, where her work placed fourth and was selected to be performed at The Gala Awards Ceremony.

She also directed the NAACP Local ACTSO program for two consecutive years in Sanford, FL, where her dance competitor placed Gold and qualified for Nationals.

In April 2016, her choreography placed first in the Junior Contemporary category at the International Ballet Competition and Contemporary Dance Competition Domenico Modugno / Bari Ballet Competition in Italy, where it continued to be selected to perform at the final Gala performance.

Most recently, her choreography has won "first place overall" in duos/trios, ages 8-11 division, and "Judge's Pick" at the Elite Dance Tournament presented by the Joffrey Ballet School and Complexions in May 2015.

Dawn is the creator and director of...

Dawn Branch Works  
contemporary dance  
company.

*"Dawn Branch Works is what I like to call 'The Give Back' to help continue the legacy of the dancers' repertoire that originated with the Bernice Johnson Dance Company.*

*As a dancer, you age out of the system as many athletes do, but you still have a lot to say. I wanted an opportunity to continue a dance career and give back all that was given to me." - DB*

Dawn Branch Works primary production is, *Eden*.  
Explore more about this production via the link below.