

### Julie Garafalo - Acro

Julie holds a degree in Dance from Wayne State
University in Detroit Michigan and has been on
the faculty for Broadway Dance Center. Julie has
also worked for the Pulse Dance Convention as a
judge. She performed the role of Ernie in Sesame
Street Live. She has also worked with Twyla
Tharp, Garth Falange and Mia Michaels. Julie has
performed on the WB Morning Show, BET's 106th
and Park (featuring Usher), and for Glamour
Magazine in New York's Fashion Week.

# **GUEST TEACHER**BIOS 2024

### **ACRO WORKSHOP**

Wednesday - Friday: June 12th, 13th & 14th

# MUSICAL THEATRE WORKSHOP

Wednesday - Friday: July 10th, 11th & 12th

## JAZZ & CONTEMPORARY WORKSHOP

Tuesday - Thursday: August 6th, 7th & 8th

\*Please see Workshop details on class info page.



### Tade Biesinger - Musical Theatre

Tade Biesinger is originally from Bountiful, Utah and began dancing at age seven at Dance Impressions, as well as Ballet West Academy. He starred as the title role of "Billy" in Billy Elliott The Musical on Broadway and London's West End. His other credits include productions at the Muny in St. Louis and Pioneer Theater Company in Salt Lake City. Tade currently resides in NYC pursing a dance degree at Marymount Manhattan College.



#### **Amber Morain - Jazz and Contemporary**

Amber Morain is originally from Brigham City, UT. She grew up training at her home town studio, Infinity Dance for 19 years where she trained in Jazz, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Ballet, Pointe, Ballroom, Contemporary and Tap, excelling in all styles, and receiving numerous awards. She has taught for the past 15 years and still loves every minute of it. While living in Los Angeles, she has had the amazing opportunity to perform with Stacey Tookey in Still Motion, Taylor Swift at the 2012 VMA, Alex Little's Company; Escape Artist, Cinderella's Christmas directed by Bonnie Lythgoe, 2012 Dance Awards, and The Julie Andrews Tribute.



#### Hailee Payne - Jazz & Contemporary

Hailee Payne is a professional dancer, choreographer, and educator born and raised in Utah. She started dancing at age 4 and hasn't stop since! She received most of her training at Infinity Dance in numerous dance styles and feels lucky to have had it blossom into not only a passion but a career! She has performed alongside: The Backstreet Boys, Taylor Swift. Jojo Siwa, Mariah Carey, Florida Georgia Line, and Sofia Carson. She recently performed in the Disney Magical Holiday Celebration with Julianne Hough and Ariana Debose! She has been featured on TV shows such as: SYTYCD, where she placed in the top 4, Lucifer, American Music Awards, Soultrain Awards, The Ellen DeGeneres Show, The Late Late Show w/ James Corden, Good Morning America and more! Hailee has been teaching dance classes since she was 16 years old and has found that her passion for performance is matched by teaching. She has taught at numerous studios across the country and is a proud faculty member of the dance convention, NRG Dance Project, where she teaches her students to truly embrace who they are and "Be the Unicorn"!



### Ellie Nilsson - Jazz and Contemporary

Ellie was trained at Infinity Dance in Utah. She is trained in all styles of dance. Ellie is the Assistant Director of the Moments of Grace Contemporary Company. Her award winning choreography earned her the nomination from Spotlight Dance Cup for the Best Open Performance for her piece Welcome to the Bates Motel in 2019 for the Industry Dance Awards. Ellie was was able to travel to Los Angeles and attend The Industry Dance Awards where the best choreographers in the industry are recognized. Ellie's true love is teaching kids. Ellie's Choreography received a golden ticket to go straight to the World of Dance finals in 2022. Ellie won the 2023 Industry Dance Award for Best Convention Dance Performance.