

# CRYSTAL DELAUGHTER

CJ is originally from McKinney Texas and has been dancing since the age of 3. She has been studying the art of dance for 40 years, and voice and theatre for 35 years, as well as modeling for multiple circuits and holding the Ms. Gingerbread Teen Texas title in 1997-1998. CJ has been educating others in the arts for the last 30 years.

CJ has studied under such talents as Charles McGowan, Patsy Swayze, Fred Kelly, Joffrey Ballet, Metropolitan Ballet, Mia Michaels, Travis Wall, and Buster Cooper, as well as being a member of the Junior Dallas Mavericks Dancers, and named Top Tapper in the 1997 National Tap Dance Day Performance in Dallas Texas. She has done performances for The Biblical Arts Center, Paula Abdul, Janet Jackson, Jennifer Lopez, Metropolitan Ballet, Joffrey Ballet Company, Macy's Day Parade, Grand Ole Opry in Farmersville, The Orpheum Theatre in New York, and many more. CJ's on and off-Broadway performances include, Godspell, Anything Goes, Singing in the Rain, West Side Story, Slide, Annie, The Sound of Music, and The Life of Christ. Her ballet performances include, Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Swan Lake, and the Nutcracker.

CJ is also an award-winning choreographer and has choreographed for the off-Broadway productions of Clementella, Slide, and The Sound of Music in the New York Orpheum Theatre and Dallas Majestic Theatre, alongside the London Symphony Orchestra, as well as competitively around the country. She has also worked with and choreographed for Dallas Children's Theatre, and Dallas Summer Musicals Production.

CJ was on staff as a judge, Stage Manager, and master teacher/choreographer for Talent on Parade for 13 years. She previously owned her own studio in Cave City Arkansas and made many contributions to developing and expanding the arts in her community. CJ's National Award-winning studio was listed as one of the top 5 best studios in Arkansas.

Currently CJ holds an AA and AAS in Sign Language Interpreting and a BA in Literature and Education, and holds certifications in ASL, and she currently resides as the ASL Teacher and ASL Club Sponsor for McKinney Boyd High School.