

# OLIVIA FLINDERS

Olivia was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. She began her ballet training with the Royal Academy of Dance, receiving distinction in her examinations for levels Pre-Primary through Grade 5. She then went on to train exclusively in Balanchine technique under the care of Lisa Cuizon and Zippora Karz. Olivia became varsity captain of the Agoura High School dance team and danced competitively throughout Los Angeles and New York City in various styles including contemporary, tap, lyrical, hip hop and jazz. In 2006 Olivia danced professionally with Kidz Bop at Six Flags Magic Mountain in California.

After high school Olivia went on to become a company member and soloist with dancEnsemble under the direction of Graham Brown at Brigham Young University. She then traveled and performed around the United States with Contemporary Dance Theater under the direction of Nathan Balser. She went on to train in the International Latin and Standard Ballroom and American social dances under Brent Keck and Natalie Shulz. From 2016-2019 she danced competitively at the USDA DanceSport National level in International Latin—where she met her husband, also a competitive ballroom dancer. Olivia received her Gold Medal exams in International Latin and Silver Medal exams in International Standard. She graduated from BYU in 2019 with her Bachelors of Arts in Sociocultural Anthropology and a minor in Ballroom Dance.

In 2023 Olivia was awarded a scholarship with American Ballet Theatre to continue her professional certification with their National Training Curriculum under the direction of Raymond Lukens and Franco De Vita, earning her certification to teach levels Pre-Primary through Level 3. She also received her mat Pilates teacher certification with PIA in 2022. Before moving to Texas, she owned and operated her own dance and Pilates studio in northern Minnesota where she specialized in teaching ballroom dance, adult ballet, and ballet technique to figure skaters. She also taught jazz, ballet and Pilates technique at the Just for Kix franchise in Minnesota. Olivia is also a published poet who enjoys gardening, traveling, and entertaining. She and her husband are the proud parents of 4 beautiful children- identical twin girls and two sons.