## KELSEY KLEINMAN Company Teacher & Choreographer Teacher Admin



Kelsey first stepped into a pair of dance shoes when she was four years old at Dance Unlimited in Simi Valley, CA. There she was trained in ballet, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, and hip hop and also danced competitively on their national awardwinning team for several years. She then continued her training in the performing arts department at Santa Susana High School where she first began to create student works and realized her love for choreographing. She was heavily involved with both the dance team and hip-hop team and was president by her senior year.

After graduating high school Kelsey decided to further her education at UCLA. She earned her B.A in the spring of 2013 with a major in Dance with a Ballet Focus and a minor in Art Education. She was fortunate to receive many great opportunities during her studies at UCLA,

including being selected to teach dance for the Arts Education Teaching Sequence at the UCLA Community School; as well as dancing in an original works by AXIS Dance Company Choreographer and faculty member, Victoria Marks.

Kelsey is so glad she is able to dance everyday whether she is teaching, choreographing or performing. Her performing credits include West Side Story, Curtains, Wedding Singer The Musical and the 2014 Annual Rose Parade. She has worked with artists such as "Project Runway" star, Isabelle Donola, G Madison, and KC and the Sunshine Band. Currently, she choreographs for the performing arts department at Santa Susana High School and for multiple local theater companies.

In addition to teaching dance classes at Aspire, she also works with the Youth Company and her choreography has won many regionals and national titles! Kelsey is so happy to be a part of the Aspire Dance Studio family where she can share her passion for dance with others. She hopes to use dance as a tool to cultivate creativity and conscientiousness in each of her students so that they are successful in all of their endeavors!