



*dance teacher*



*Why Miss Melissa Loves Teaching:*

"Nothing is more special than seeing a student discover something new about how they can move their body, finally grasp something they have been working toward, and realize that they are more capable than they ever thought possible. "

Miss Melissa teaches Ballet at APA!

She started dancing at age 2, and has been dancing since! Miss Melissa attended The Gillan School of Highland Dance, Danceworks, Milwaukee Ballet School, UW-Milwaukee, and many others. She attended the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee and graduated in 2019 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Jewelry and Metalsmithing through the Visual Arts Department and Contemporary Choreography and Performance through the Dance Department.

Some of Melissa's movement teaching has been in alternative settings, notably in theatrical character movement for the Bristol Renaissance Fair, but also loves the studio setting she grew up in!

From Melissa: "I love how dance lets you be part of a long tradition while at the same time exploring fresh, contemporary ways to be expressive, and I feel honored to be part of the long chain of teachers who pass that down to the next generation."