

Dr. Amanda Standard

A graduate of LaGuardia High School of the Arts 88', and Howard University with a Bachelor of Science in Biology 95', Amanda serves as Founder, ED/AD for both Divine Dance Institute, Inc. (DDI) and SoundXpressed Dance Company (Washington DC). Through each, she's provided novice, pre-professional, and professional dancers the opportunity to study and perform all over the D.C. Metropolitan area, nationally, and abroad. - After over 22 years of owning and running DDI, the Maryland Dance Education Association presented Amanda with the "Dance Educator of the Year for Private Studios" award, in 2018., FAME "Educator of the Year" in 2019, and the National Dance Education Educator of the Year award (Private Sector) 2020. She currently serving as a Connected Arts Networks Teacher leader for PLC's through NDEO. She has taught K-12 while tackling multiple subjects at various levels, and currently serves at Benjamin D. Foulois Creative and Performing Arts Academy, a K-8 specialized program. Through DDI, she has launched the Emerging Artists Showcase, the Pneuma Dance Project Summer Intensive, Seedz Summer Dance Lab, PG Powerdanz Project and the Divine DESIGN Summer Enrichment programs.

As the Founder of Pomegranate Ministries, LLC, Amanda continues her work, on the road, and has taught at various dance studios in the D.C. Metropolitan area, has traveled across the U.S. and the Caribbean facilitating workshops in various areas of dance, and continues to share her gifts with anyone who asks. She has choreographed for various dance ensembles; too many to name, the Dance Major Program at Howard University, and numerous Houses of Worship across the country. She has hosted many successful and well-attended movement conferences in the D.C. Metropolitan Area - including the "HeArt N Motion Equipping Series," In the Heart of Worship, Movement, and Ministerial Arts Conference, "Dancing to the Rhythm of God's Revelation," and "Phases of Life". She's coordinated the dance component for two of the annual Gospel Heritage Praise and Worship Conferences. Amanda has authored two (2) published works - *In Him I Move*(2010) and *In the Heart of...Missives to Motivate Moving Artists in Ministry* (2017).