

## **Erin Barker Whaley**

Erin Whaley began her dance training at age 3 at Studio '86 beginning with Brenda Pressley and continuing with Robb Beaman. While attending, she participated in tap, jazz, and lyrical classes. At age 8, she expanded her training to include ballet and pointe at Artistic Dance Academy under the direction of Patricia O'Quinn Warren. While at Artistic Dance Academy, Erin was cast as Claire in their first production of The Nutcracker. At age 12, furthering her ballet, pointe, modern, and jazz training she joined the Greenville Civic Ballet in Greenville, NC under the direction of Kim Saad. While with the Greenville Civic Ballet, she was also a member of the performing group, The Dance Collective, and maintained classes at Studio 86. During this time, she attended summer studies at Ballet Tennessee, Chattanooga Ballet, and North Carolina School of the Arts, and has attended many dance classes at Broadway Dance Center. After participating in summer studies, she was invited to attend North Carolina School of the Arts as a full time student in 2000 graduating with a degree in Ballet in 2003. While there, she was accepted to attend summer studies with the Boston Ballet. In 2003, she was accepted into the East Carolina University School of Dance. During her 4 years there, she was cast in Dance 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007, being one of the only freshmen cast in Dance 2004. She graduated in 2007 with a BFA in Dance Performance. While at ECU she was also invited to perform in the Miss North Carolina Pageant as a Miss North Carolina dancer under the direction of Nina Wheeler. Erin has taught ballet, pointe, lyrical, jazz, tap, and adult classes for the Greenville Civic Ballet and Studio '86. She teaches creative movement for St. Mary's Nursery School. Erin has been the owner/ artistic director of Studio 86 since 2009, and created the Studio 86 Competition Crew in 2014. Erin continues to live her dream as owner and instructor of Studio 86 School of Dance.

## **Lindsay King Utley**

Lindsay Utley began her training at Le Academie de Danse at age 3 where she took jazz, tap, ballet, and acrobatics under the instruction of Nora Parker. During her 9 years there, she furthered her training at Encore Dance Productions with Ashley Jones where she took jazz, tap, ballet, and pointe. At age 11, she joined the Kinston Recreational Gymnastics Team under the direction of Mike Chastain. After 5 years, she went on to become a part of the originating Cheersport All Stars Team under the direction of Will Bryant. At age 12, Lindsay began taking jazz, tap, ballet, and hip hop at Studio '86 with Robb Beaman. In 2003, Lindsay participated in the Miss Neuse Pageant winning the Talent Award for her tap dance, as well as 1st Runner Up overall, In 2005, she participated in Lenoir County's Jr. Miss winning the Fitness Award and Talent Award for her tap dance. Lindsay has spent summers in Greenville, NC in Cheerleading and Acro camps with EC Cats. After graduating in 2005, she maintained her dance training at Studio '86 as well as through Master Classes and workshops at East Carolina University. She just recently participated in the Sarah Patronio Tap Experience 2014/2015 in New York City. She is continues to be a passionate instructor of tap, jazz, acro/tumbling, and hip hop at Studio 86 School of Dance.