



MSS DANCE

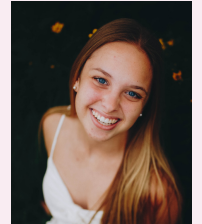
MEET OUR TEACHERS

-Semester 1 2023-24-

MARIA MILLER

Maria is from Indianapolis, Indiana & she began dancing at the age of two years old! Her fundamental dance study emphasized technique, creating a strong foundation before joining dance team. Maria continued her dance study at Belmont through classes & The Belmont Dance Company. Teaching dance is her passion & she significantly values the childhood dance experience.

**Classes- Creative Movement & Storytelling, Musical Theatre Dance*



BRIDGET BENSON

Bridget is from the Chicago area and started dancing at the age of two. She studied and trained in Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, and Tap. Bridget was also a part of her studio's dance company where she had the opportunity to learn from guest choreographers and additional performances. Bridget loves choreographing and is excited to inspire her dancers to move with purpose.

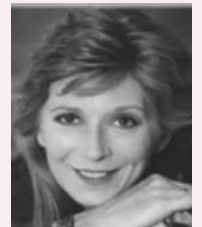
**Classes- Lyrical Christian Worship, Intro to Choreography*



MARY MORAN

Mary was born in Chicago & became a Champion-level Irish Dancer. Mary began her career performing with her family's Irish show band. Mary is a graduate of Northwestern University College of Communications where she majored in theater and music. She later moved to Nashville & established the Nashville Irish Step Dancers. Mary's dancers have competed & ranked at the Regional, National & World Levels.

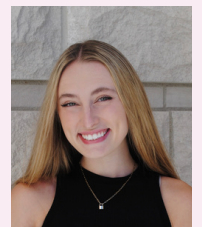
**Class- Irish Step*



MACY DYKES

Macy grew up in St. Augustine, Florida & has been a part of performing arts since she was three, through dance, theater & music! Macy danced recreationally throughout school, where she trained in a wide range of styles including classical ballet, jazz, tap, hip hop, contemporary & more. She danced competitively & won multiple national titles alongside her teammates. She now directs a dance team at Belmont alongside teaching classes at The MSS!

**Classes- Tap, Hip Hop/Jazz, Funk Tap, Hip Hop, Preschool Dance, Ballet, Jazz*



LAUREL CRAIN

Laurel is from Maryville, where she took her first ballet class at the age of 4 & instantly fell in love with the art of dance. She danced competitively starting at the age of 8, in styles such as ballet, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, acro & hip-hop, taking home many National titles & awards. She served as a dance team captain & competed alongside her teammates at many state & nationwide competitions. She began teaching at her home studio at the age of 14, assisting & choreographing. She is currently a part of two dance companies at Belmont to further her love & education of dance.

**Classes- Pre-Ballet, Ballet/Tap*

