

## **LAURA MACCARTIE**

Laura was born and raised in Chicago where she began her dance training at the age of four. Her dance education includes training in ballet, jazz, lyrical, modern, and musical theater from the Salt Creek Ballet (ABT), Lou Conte Dance Studios, and also on scholarship with the Joel Hall Dance Company. She trained and danced with the Gus Giordano Dance Company and she studied extensively with tap masters Bruce Stegmann and Julie Cartier. Laura most recently worked closely with LA based Paula Morgan and is certified in the Paula Morgan technique. Laura holds a double major from Elmhurst College in Kinesiology and Business Management. Her training gave her many opportunities to perform including industrials for corporations such as Toyota, Virtual Guitar Hero, and McDonalds. She represented players from the Chicago Blackhawks and other NHL teams as a Chicago Cheetah Girl and she was a company member and served as Asst. Artistic Director of the Eurythmic Dance Company.

Laura has taught at numerous studios throughout Chicago and Southern California. She spent many years touring nationally as a National Adjudicator and Master Teacher for Applause Talent Competition. She served as the Dance Director for a local nationally award winning competitive team and has also received many awards for her choreography including the Chicago Dance Masters Award of Excellence. Most recently she co-founded M Dance Events with Dana Maas, whose mission is to offer intensives and performance opportunities while giving back to the community and supporting local charities.

Many of Laura's current and past students have gone on to work professionally including dancing on Disney's Shake it Up, Nickelodeon's Sam and Kat, touring contracts with Norwegian Cruise Lines, live performances and videos featuring Katy Perry, Miley Cyrus, and Avicci, competing on American Ninja Warrior, and currently starring on a Disney Channel series.

Laura loves to spend time with her family and when she is not teaching she is most likely cheering on her son, Ryan, at one of his many sports or watching her daughter, Kyleen, dance!