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Folk dance teacher

Professional summary

Enthusiastic and culturally knowledgeable Folk Dance Teacher with experience teaching traditional and contemporary folk dances to students of diverse backgrounds. Adept at creating inclusive and engaging lessons that promote cultural appreciation and physical fitness.

Experience

Folk Dance Instructor, Austin Cultural Arts Center

August 2016 - Now

- Teach weekly folk dance classes for children, teens, and adults focusing on traditional dance forms and cultural significance.
- Develop and implement lesson plans that balance technique, rhythm, and storytelling through movement.
- Choreograph group performances for local cultural festivals and community events.
- Collaborate with local musicians to enhance live performance experiences for students.

Freelance Folk Dance Teacher, Self-Employed, Austin, TX

January 2014 - July 2016

- Delivered private and group folk dance lessons for schools, cultural groups, and community centers.
- Designed workshops introducing folk dance basics to beginners and advanced dancers alike.
- Assisted event planners in coordinating folk dance performances at multicultural events.
- Provided cultural context to deepen student understanding and appreciation of dances taught.

Education

Bachelor of Arts in Dance and Cultural Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Graduated: 2013

Certifications

- Certified Dance Educator – National Dance Council, 2022
- First Aid & CPR Certification – American Red Cross, 2021

Training

- Traditional Folk Dance Pedagogy – Regional Dance Conference, 2022
- Cross-Cultural Dance Integration Workshop – Austin Dance Summit, 2020

Skills

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| <div><div></div><div>Traditional folk dance styles (Indian, Eastern European, Latin American)</div><div>Expert</div></div> | <div><div></div><div>Curriculum design and lesson planning</div><div>Expert</div></div> | <div><div></div><div>Group choreography and performance direction</div><div>Expert</div></div> |
| <div><div></div><div>Cultural history and dance heritage education</div><div>Expert</div></div> | <div><div></div><div>Community outreach and workshop facilitation</div><div>Expert</div></div> | <div><div></div><div>Event coordination and dance festivals</div><div>Expert</div></div> |