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# Saturday, September 25th

Minis/Petites (K-4th grade) 12:00-2:00pm Juniors/Preteens/Teens/Seniors (4th-12th grade) 2:00-6:00pm

Ovation Dance Academy
5300 Martway Street
Mission KS 66205

**Alexis Close** 



Kia Warren

\*Lyrical

Tara Yantis



\*Jazz \*Leaps & Turns

Holly Hagman



\*Jazz



\*Hip Hop

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## **Faculty**

## Alexis Close - Hip Hop

Alexis has over 25 years experience in dance, gymnastics, and musical theatre. She was a level 9 gymnast and was classically trained in voice from the age of 15. She has enjoyed working as a dance instructor and choreographer in the techniques of jazz, tap, ballet, hip-hop, lyrical, musical theatre, contemporary and acrobatics since 1992. Alexis is starting her 10th year as the Drill Team coach and musical choreographer at Shawnee Mission East High School, as well as a member of the Varsity Dance C.A.S.T. She has received multiple choreography awards from Nexstar, Talent On Parade, American Dance and Drill, and the National Dance Alliance. Alexis is currently choreographing a production of Frozen Jr. for Stage Right Performing Arts. In her spare time, she enjoys photography and spending time with her husband Andrew and their two children, Dalton and Delaney.

## Holly Hagman - Jazz

Holly Hagman has over 20 years of experience in dance. Holly holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Theater with an emphasis in Dance Education and Administration from Kansas State University. While attending Kansas State, Holly was a member of the Classy Cat Dance Team as well as the Kansas State Repertory Company. Holly has taught, directed and choreographed for several award winning competitive dance companies and high school and collegiate dance teams from Kansas to Florida. She spent three summers as the Head of Dance at Camp Starlight in PA where she helped to develop a new dance program and competitive dance company. Holly currently teaches dance team prep and technique with Alexis Close for Invention Dance as well as teaching yoga, barre and other fitness classes for area studios.

## Kia Warren - Lyrical

Kia started dancing when she was 3 years old and has continued ever since. She danced competitively for 13 years at Le Dance Studio and continued her dance career at Blue Valley West High School as a captain for two years. Once she graduated in 2018, she traveled further into dance by joining the K-State Classy Cats and has been a member for 3 years. This year she serves as a section leader of the team as well. At Kansas State she is studying elementary education with a focus on special education and hopes to start teaching soon. She has teaching experience with dance from being a staff member on NDA, to teaching at her studio as well as personal connections. She loves working with dancers of all ages and abilities. Through all of this dance training, Kia is well versed in all styles including but not limited to jazz, ballet, pom, hip hop, tap, and lyrical. Kia is thrilled to further her dance career with Innovative Choreography!

# Tara Yantis - Jazz and Leaps & Turns

Tara Yantis is a coach, teacher, choreographer and adjudicator based in Kansas City. Tara trained at some

of the top studios in Kansas City and was afforded a rich performance career taking her across the country and abroad, performing on numerous stages from her first promotional gig for Home Depot all the way to a featured guest performance for the President of the United States. She graduated from Washburn University where she was captain of both the game day dance team and the nationals competition team. She was also an arena football cheerleader for 4 years, serving as captain and choreographer for the team.

Tara is in her 9th season as the Head Coach and Creative Director of the 3-Time National Champion Saint Thomas Aquinas Spirits Dance Program in Overland Park, Kansas. The "Spirits" have been decorated with numerous awards over the years including Judges Choice in Hip Hop, Kick, Jazz, Prop and Lyrical in Kansas competitions and 1st place finishes in Missouri competitions. Tara's competitive high school choreography has been recognized by the National Dance Alliance as well as ADTS.

Tara is an 11th-year Head Instructor and adjudicator for the National Dance Alliance, traveling the country

throughout the year to teach, inspire and mentor. She was been named the NDA Excellence in Leadership recipient, recognizing the top Head Instructor in the nation in the area of leadership, demonstrated by staff and customer surveys. She was also the inaugural recipient of the The Work is Worth It™ award, voted on by NCA/NDA corporate staff nationwide, recognizing the top Head Instructor demonstrating contributions to both the cheer and dance worlds, and superior dedication throughout years of services to various entities of NCA/NDA, consistently going above and beyond for customers and staff. Tara was also the 2016 national delegate to London for NDA, facilitating performances for the London New Year's Day Parade seen by 300million+ viewers worldwide.

#### **Directors**

Anne Kastelic

Anne grew up in the Kansas City area and began dancing and baton twirling competitively in 1997. Anne is a former Advanced Miss Majorette of Kansas (NBTA). She also trained in colorguard and competed at World Championships in Dayton, Ohio. Anne went to Kansas State University and was a member of the Classy Cats Dance Team. She served as an assistant section leader, and her choreography was featured at numerous football games, basketball games, the Pinstripe Bowl, NCAA tournament, and community events. She also helped lead the team to a Top 5 NDA Nationals placement, the best in school history.

Anne's choreography experience began at Beller Dance Studio at age 16. Her routines received choreography awards at both high school and studio competitions. Anne coached high school teams for four years. Throughout her time as a coach, she grew dance team programs to compete at the national level. She has taught camps across the United States where she shares her energetic and encouraging instruction with dancers and coaches. Anne is the co-founder of Innovative Choreography, a company that specializes in supporting dance teams and studios with choreography, consultation, and instruction. Anne also choreographs for high school teams around the nation. She assists dance teams, colorguards, twirling lines, and marching bands. Anne has coordinated visual effects for marching bands, choreographed field show routines for dance teams and colorguards, and created twirling routines. She has served as a judge for the NAIA Collegiate Regionals, Innovative Choreography Virtual Competition, Miss Kansas Dance Festival, Lee's Summit North Dance Invitational, and numerous auditions for studios and high schools.

#### Lauren Wilson

Kansas City native, Lauren Wilson, has been a dancer from age three through her college career. As a collegiate she competed with a first-place NDA All-Star college division team then went on to compete at Worlds. Lauren brings music to life through movement. As a competitive dancer herself since 1998, Lauren has training in pom, jazz, hip hop, ballet, lyrical, contemporary and twirling. Lauren has been teaching various forms of dance in the Kansas City area since 2005. Lauren's teaching career progressed from teaching to being the director of a competitive team for 5 years. Lauren is not only passionate about her students success and progress but also about the art of dance. As an accomplished and award-winning choreographer, Lauren effortlessly inspires her students to express themselves creatively, artistically, and gracefully. Lauren has extensive experience and background in developing choreography for competitive high school dance teams. More than six years of coaching at various high schools in the Kansas City area have fine tuned and expanded Lauren's skills and abilities to choreograph unique dances that highlight the talent of a soloist and strengths of a group. By combining her choreography skills and expert coaching abilities, Lauren creates works of art tailored to the individual and team. Lauren is the co-founder of Innovative Choreography where she shares her passion for creating artistry for dancers around the nation.



#### **Intensive Details**

Ovation Dance Academy is located at 5300 Martway Street, Mission, KS 66205. Please wear comfortable dance clothing. You are welcome to bring shoes and extra clothes for hip hop classes. You are welcome to bring a snack, but only water will be allowed in the dance rooms. You may store your belongings in the hallways.

If you need to contact us leading up to or the day of the Intensive, feel free to use the following modes of communication:

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### Schedule

	Minis (K-1st grade)	Petites (2nd-4th grade)
11:45am	Check In and Walk-In Registration	
12:00pm	Lyrical (Kia)	Jazz (Tara)
1:00pm	Jazz (Tara)	Lyrical (Kia)
2:00pm End of Mini/Petite Innovative Intensive		

	Juniors/Preteens (4th-6th grade)	Teens/Seniors (7th-12th grade)
1:45pm	Check In and Walk-In Registration	
2:00pm	Leaps & Turns (Tara)	Lyrical (Kia)
3:00pm	Lyrical (Kia)	Leaps & Turns (Tara)
4:00pm	Jazz (Holly)	Hip Hop (Alexis)
5:00pm	Hip Hop (Alexis)	Jazz (Holly)
6:00pm End of Preteen/Teen/Senior Innovative Intensive		

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Register online nere: https://www.innovativechoreography.com/intensive
Levels and pricing information:
Mini (K-1st grade): 2 hours of Innovative Intensive for \$55 (register by 9/24/21)
Petites (2nd-4th grade): 2 hours of Innovative Intensive for \$55 (register by 9/24/21)
Juniors/Preteens (4th-6th grade): 4 hours of Innovative Intensive for \$90 (register by 9/24/21
Teens/Seniors (7th-12th grade): 4 hours of Innovative Intensive for \$90 (register by 9/24/21)
Walk-Ins are WELCOME: An additional \$5 will be charged to each registrant on 9/28/19.
Payment Options: Credit Card Venmo
<b>Merchandise:</b> We will have additional merchandise (tanks, t-shirts, wristbands, drawstring bags) for purchase at the Intensive!
Registration and payment must be received by Friday, September 24th to avoid the \$5 walk in charge.
Once your registration, waiver, and payment has been received, we will send you a confirmation email.
Required Waiver: https://www.webwaiver.com/sign/innovativechoreography/waiver