

Anthony W. Johnson BIO

It comes as no surprise that Anthony Johnson shares the same birthday as the late, great Ballet Master and the father of American Ballet, George Balanchine. Throughout his illustrious career, Johnson, Founder, Director and Choreographer of Ballet Magique, has trained and performed as a soloist for many prestigious Ballet/Modern/Opera companies throughout the United States and around the world including; *The Lyric Opera of Chicago*, *The Los Angeles Opera Company*, *Ballet Theatre of Chicago*, *Ballet Chicago*, *Chicago Festival Ballet*, *International Ballet of Rotaru*, *Tampa Colorado Ballet*, *Contemporary Ballet Theatre* and the *Moscow Ballet*, *Ballethnic*, *The Lula Washington Dance Theatre*, *Atlanta Ballet*, *The Los Angeles Opera Company*, Physical Rhythm Project, James Kelly Project, Second City Ballet, “Those funny Little People”, Colors Dance Theatre, and Demetrius Klein & Dancers to name a few.

As The Director of Ballet Magique,

Johnson also received a 2004 Lester Horton Award nomination for “Outstanding Achievement in Choreography” for Ballet Magique’s “Ring of the Rose as well Ballet Magique received Outstanding Achievements in Costume and Lighting Design.” That year his student Nobutaka Mochimaru also received Male dancer of the Year from The Beverly Hills Outlook for his performance with Ballet Magique. Johnson has created 4 shows for Ballet Magique, and has received accolades from Master Magician Lance Burton, Renowned illusion designer Jim Steinmeyer, The Orange County Chinese Association, and the Beverly Hills Outlook.

A brief collection of his accomplishments and performances as both a dancer and/or choreographer include; Broadway shows such as “*Marat/Sade*”, a Broadway tour of “*Dreamgirls*” Randy Newman’s *Faust*, and in several productions at *The Black Ensemble Theatre* including his nominated Best actor role “*Tommy Gomez in Me and Ms D the story of Tommy Gomez and the legendary Katherine Dunham*, *A Streetcar named desire* and “*The Amen Corner*”, live concert tours like *Sir Paul McCartney’s “Drvin’ U.S.A.”*, several Pacific Tours on Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines, and a plethora of television and film appearances including “*Son of the Beach*”, “*Hoodlum*”, “*Skin Walker*” “*The World Magic Awards*”, “*Jackson’s: An American Dream*” and most recently, “*Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest*”.

As a dancer Johnson has worked with *Debra Brown (Cirque De Soleil)*, *Shamiel Yagudin (coach of the Bolshoi Ballet)*, and *Donald MacKayle (Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre)* and *Laura Alonso (National Ballet of Cuba)*.

He received a scholarship to train at the famed Acting School *Second City School in Chicago*, Wright State University, USF and Point Park College in Pittsburgh.

His ballet background was founded and sculpted by the greatest teachers and coaches of this generation, giving him the opportunity to perform the leading roles for some of the most popular ballets and operas like, “**The Prodigal Son**”, **Afternoon of a Faun**, **The Rite of Spring**, **Giselle**, **Petruska**, **Sleeping Beauty**, **Aida**, **Faust**, **Swan Lake**, and **The Ghost of Versailles**. His teachers and coaches were **Assaf Messerer**, *Haydee Gutierrez*, *Jurgen Schneider*, *Gretchen Warren*, *Irina Kopakolva*, *Martin Friedman*, *Larry Long*, *Ken Von Heidecke*, *Pavel Rotaru*, *Robert Barnett*, *Shamiel Yagudin*, *Barbara Sandonato*, *Carlton Johnson*, *Luigi*, *Gus Giordano*, *Ken Johnson*, and *Sandra Robinson*. He has studied *Horton*, *Cunningham*, *Graham*, *Limon*, and **Laban** at the University levels and with some of the masters themselves. **In 2004 “Dance Spirit Magazine featured an article on Johnson** with an interview about Lyrical Dancers in Los Angeles.

As a Choreographer He began as the assistant choreographer for The Backstreet Boys, and has since worked on several shows like The World Magic Awards, Arista records 25th Anniversary, 80's pop star Paul Lekakis; several Magicians, The band Empress and Salon K, his solo for the Paul McCartney tour as the Khatakali Indian God and numerous live productions.

His *personal private students* have been accepted or received scholarships to American Ballet Theatre, School of American Ballet, The San Francisco Ballet School, The Houston Ballet, Boston Ballet School, Alvin Ailey and The Rock School of the Pennsylvania Ballet. They have also gone to soloist contracts with Hamburg Ballet, Columbia City Ballet, Ballet de Printemps American Ballet Theatre, and Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre, *Cirque Du Soliel*, and on Broadway in "Mama Mia", "Movin' Out," "The Lion King" Films like *Across the Universe*, *Step up*, *You got Served*, and have appeared on *Dancing with the Stars*. Some have also toured with Janet Jackson and Britney Spears and are in Germany's production of "Cats". As the Director of one of the hottest new performance companies, The Beverly Hills Outlook by Diane Monroe on April 8th, 2004 quotes, "*The Ring of the Rose by Ballet Magique was the most thoroughly developed work on the program.*"

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Director/Choreographer of Ballet Magique)

Choreographer

Film & Television

- Paul McCartney – Drivin U.S.A. Tour
- Arista Records – 25th Anniversary (w/ Recording Artist Monica)
- The Worlds Magic Awards (PAX-TV)
- Dancer in the Dark (USC Film Dept.)

Music Videos/Recording Artists

- Paul McCartney Drivin USA
- Paul Lekakis,
- Salon K

Industrials

- Magician Simon Winthrop
- Magician The Larramore's
- The Room (Magic Show, Las Vegas, Los Angeles)
- Magician Yigal Mesika
- I love Dance Convention
- Magician David Shimshi

STAGE

- Ballet Magique (Ring of the Rose, Empress, Mélange, Les Vampires)
- The Lorraine Hansberry Story (The Black Ensemble Theatre)
- Dreamgirls (Chicago)
- Cinderella (Magic Effects Director / Pasadena Ballet)
- Broken Wings (Heart Beat)
- Solitary (River City)
- The Jabberwocky LACHSA
- Hidden LACHSA
- There are no Roses in my Garden LACHSA

TOURS

- Paul McCartney Drivin USA
- Paul Lekakis,
- Salon K
- Wayne Foster, E'Manuel
- Backstreet Boys (Teacher/Rehearsal Choreographer)
- Shaun Christopher

Commercials

- Jenny Jones
- Illinois Lottery
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Awards • Lester Horton Award – Nominated -Outstanding Achievement In Choreography

- Lester Horton Award – Nominated Outstanding Achievement In Costume Design
- Lester Horton Award -Nominated Outstanding Achievement In Lighting Design
- (Best Choreography The Black Alliance Awards Chicago IL (Sweet Lorraine)

ANTHONY W JOHNSON (SAG AGMA AEA) DANCER**Founder Director/Choreographer Ballet Magique****BALLET/OPERA /Modern/ Jazz Companies Work (partial Listing)*****Soloist ** Principle**

*Los Angeles Opera Company	**Lula Washington Dance Theatre
*The Lyric Opera of Chicago	**Physical Rhythm Project
*The Chicago Festival Ballet	B96 Party Crashers
*Ballet Theatre of Chicago	James Kelly Project
**Second City Ballet Company	Colors Dance Theatre
*International Ballet Rotaru	Demetrius Klein & Dancers
**Contemporary Ballet Theatre	Playhouse Dance Theatre
**River City Ballet	Tampa/Colorado Ballet (Apprentice)
*Media City Ballet	

Leading Ballet Roles "The Prodigal Son", L'après-midi d'un Faune, Le Sacre du printemps", Giselle Petruska, Sleeping Beauty, Aida, Faust, Swan Lake, and The Ghost of Versailles. Rainbow Round my Shoulder and various works choreographed by Ken Von Heidecke

FILM/TV

Pirates of the Caribbean 2	Featured
Skin Walker/Feature	Principle
Son of the Beach	Guest Star
Paul McCartney Drivin USA	Featured
Arista Records 25th Anniversary/NBC Special	Principle
The World Magic Awards PAX TV Special	Principle
Hoodlum/ United Artist	Dancer
General Hospital/ Soap	Day Player
The Jackson's An American Dream ABC MOW	Guest Star

Music Video/ Recording/Guest Artist

Paul McCartney Drivin USA Tour, Paul Lekakis, Monica, Shaun Christopher, Backstreet Boys, E'Manuel, Wayne Foster, Simon Winthrop, Lisa Stuart

MUSICAL THEATRE/ THEME PARKS/CRUISE LINES/INDUSTRIALS PARTIAL LIST

Schwarzkopf Hair Convention
The Black Ensemble Chicago, IL
 Sweet Lorraine (Lorraine Hansberry Story)
 *Me & ms D" Tommy Gomez"
 The Root Doctor " Various"
 Randy Newman's Faust (Goodman Theatre)
 The Charles Drew Story (Second Chance Theatre) Charles Drew
 Dream Girls (Jomandi Productions)
 A Chorus Line (Spanish Lyric Theatre) Ritchie
 Peter Pan (Playhouse on the Square) Schmee
 Marat/Sade (USF Theatre) Tampa, FL, Off Broadway Production (The Herald)
 Legacy (Jomandi productions Wesley Snipes)
 Royal Caribbean Cruises (Dancer)
 Busch Entertainment ((Dancer)
 Those Funny Little People (Dancer/Puppeteer)
 Various Children Theatre Productions For *Ebony Talent Association in Chicago*

COMERCIALS (DANCER)

White Castle, Illinois Lottery, The Jenny Jones Show

Education: Dance Major/Theatre 1985-91

Wright State University, University of South Florida, Point Park College

Special skills:

Acting, Fencing, Body Building, Track, Shakespeare, Masks, Improv

***Black Theatre Alliance Award (Best Actor nominee) Chicago, IL**

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Anthony W. Johnson Dance Teacher and Coach

Ballet

~~2006-present~~

Los Angeles High School for the Arts, Alhambra High School,
Millennium Dance Complex
Ballet Academy Etoile

~~1993-2006~~

Hama's Dance Studio City,
Millennium Dance Complex North Hollywood, Ca
Alhambra High School Summer Intensive,
Westside School of Ballet Santa Monica, Ca
Edge Performing Arts Hollywood, Ca.
Madonna Grimes Fitness & Dance Academy Hollywood Ca.
Revolution Dance & Fitness Center Santa Monica, Ca
Delta Academy of Ballet Antioch, Ca
Santa Monica Dance School Santa Monica, Ca
Lula Washington Dance Theatre Los Angeles, Ca
Chicago Festival Ballet Naperville IL.
School of Performing Arts Naperville, IL
Rotaru Performing Arts Academy Atlanta, GA
Norma's Academy of Dance Atlanta, GA
Ballethnic Dance Academy Atlanta, GA

~~Modern/Jazz/Turns/Contemporary 1989-2006~~

~~Los Angeles County High School for the Arts 2006-present~~

~~1989-2006~~

I Love Dance National Conventions

Millennium Dance Complex North Hollywood, Ca
The Edge Performing Arts Hollywood, Ca
Lula Washington Dance Academy Los Angeles, Ca
Thornridge High School Chicago, IL
River City Ballet Memphis, TN
Ah- Shoo Inc Project-Education Atlanta, GA
Celebration Dance Theatre Orlando, FL
Star Light Dance School Orlando, FL
Metro West Elementary Orlando, FL
YMCA Dance Workshop Pittsburgh, PA
Demetrius Klein & Dancers Lakeworth, FL
Shirley's Dance Studio Tampa, FL
Elsa Pardo Dance Studio Tampa, FL

~~Coach 1996-present *partial listing~~

~~Ballroom Tango~~

~~Various Ballet Dancers, Jeremiah Tatum, Magician Simon Winthrop, Magician Yigal Mesika, Magician David Shimshi, Screen Actress/Dancer Jazz Raycole
Adagio Teams for Wayne Foster Entertainment, Dancer Aminah Abdul-jillil
Several Players Chicago Bulls, "I love Dance Convention"~~

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