

Meet the Artist!

Master Guest Teacher for Summer Dance Program 2022

ERIN PUSKAR

MUSICAL THEATER — WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29—AUGUST 3



Erin Puskar, originally from Allentown, PA, earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Dance Education (2015) and her Master of Science degree in Performing Arts Leadership and Management (2016) from Shenandoah University Conservatory. Erin began dancing at age four at Steps In Time Academy for Dance Studies, where she competed with Inner Rhythms Dance Company. She graduated from the Lehigh Charter High School for the Arts in Bethlehem, PA with a concentration in dance. Throughout high school, she also studied at the Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley, with whom she performed numerous roles in *The Nutcracker* and other classical productions.

Since graduating college, Erin has served the community through dance education by choreographing for musicals and show choirs and teaching in dance studios in Virginia, West Virginia, Chicago, and Pennsylvania. Erin performed professionally and served as dance captain for three seasons with Shenandoah Summer Music Theatre. Her show credits include *Oklahoma!*, *Hairspray*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Newsies*, *West Side Story*, *Mamma Mia!*, and *Young Frankenstein*. In recent years, Erin performed as a singer-dancer for Norwegian Cruise Line, which has allowed her to fulfill her dreams of seeing the world. In Fall 2020, Erin became an adjunct Jazz Dance professor at Cedar Crest College, and taught at Studio West Dance Centre and The Ballet Guild of the Lehigh Valley for the 2020 season. This past June, Erin earned her certification as a personal trainer through the National Academy of Sports Medicine, and started her business, ShowBizFit (@showbizfit on Instagram), dedicated to cross-training current and aspiring performing arts professionals. Erin is thrilled to share her love of music and movement with the next generation of artists!