

TDE DFW JUDGES



Brooke Gebb, is a native of Arkansas and holds a BPA in Dance Performance from Oklahoma City University. Prior to beginning her teaching career, she traveled performing on cruise ships, off-Broadway, regional, dinner theatres, and theme parks. She began her teaching career in the public school system, teaching dance at Lake Mary High School in Lake Mary, Florida. She eventually transitioned to K-5 education and became the Dance Coordinator and Fine Arts Chair at the Pinewood Fine Arts Magnet School in Orlando, Florida where she rewrote and oversaw the dance curriculum for the entire Orange County Public School District. Teaching credits also include Dance Masters of America, Lyric Academy, Cotillion NWOKC, New York Film Institute, The Dance Effect, I Love Dance, the University of Oklahoma and numerous studios across the country. She performs locally with the Oklahoma City Philharmonic POPS and sings in a band. Brooke is married to Dr. Paul Gebb an Associate Professor of Dance and Entertainment at OCU, and they have three young children.



Michelle Rambo has been teaching dance for over eleven years, which includes styles of hip hop, jazz/funk, contemporary and jazz. She has bachelor's degrees in Fine Arts in Dance Performance from the University of Central Oklahoma and Kinesiology from East Central University (ECU). She became the first recipient of the ECU Dance Scholarship, where, for two years, she was captain for the Collage Dance Ensemble. She became the Artistic Director for ECU dance minor program. Michelle has received several accolades for her creativity in choreography. She has received choreography awards for a contemporary routine in 'Amongst Us' and in hip hop routines 'Elevator' in 2009 and 'She Ain't Got' in 2010. She received the Dance Spirit Magazine's Video of the Month Viewer's Choice Award for 'She Ain't Got' in August 2010. In 2011, her high school hip hop routine, 'Do You Remember', received the Dance Teacher Magazine's Video of the Month Editor's Choice Award. Her choreography recently won state in hip hop pom category for Seminole High School in 2015. Michelle has performed in the National Dance Association's Gala Performance in Baltimore, Maryland and Wichita, Kansas. She has performed in the Oklahoma Centennial Parade and Neiman's Children Christmas Parade. Michelle has had the privilege to teach alongside some of the best: Keith Clifton, Jackie Sleight, Rhonda Miller, Huggy Ford and Lauren Gaul, just to name a few. Michelle has been fortunate to choreograph for the well-known professional Race Dance Company located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She has choreographed national hip hop pom routines for McLennan Community College and University of Oklahoma (OU). She recently taught at the Soul De Soul dance convention as a guest artist in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She has taught at the American College Dance Association at Southeast Missouri State University and Anderson Indiana University. Michelle's talents have been showcased during the pre-game performance for the Oklahoma City Thunder Basketball and at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Currently, Michelle has been focused on judging for The Dance Effect Competitions and Act 1. She continues to spread her energy, knowledge and her love for teaching master classes to everyone who appreciates the art of dance. Michelle is setting her sights on new horizons in other parts of Oklahoma and Texas, while starting her new dance faculty position in the Musical Theatre department for the University of Oklahoma (OU).



Tara Carpenter grew up dancing at her mother's dance studio in Texas starting at the age of three. She has trained in all styles of dance from some of the top teachers in the Nation at Houston Met Dance Center in Houston, Broadway Dance Center in New York City, and Millennium Dance Complex in LA to name a few. She attended the University of Houston studying dance and marketing. Tara was the Director of The Dance Factory for 15 years where she led the competitive dance teams to success earning numerous high scores, choreography, and teacher awards. She was also the Director of the award-winning Duchesne Dance Team in Houston, TX. Her choreography has been performed at Disney World and at the Tanzommer Dance Festival in Innsbruck, Austria. Tara currently teaches ballet, contemporary, jazz, hip hop, and technique classes to all ages and levels. She also choreographs for award winning dance teams across Texas. Tara has traveled as a dance competition judge for the past 12 years. She is very excited to be a part of The Dance Effect family this season!