## Michele Salaz-

Michele grew up in the Denver area. She took her first dance class after watching a performance from a local studio perform and immediately fell in love with the art. She started training in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical and modern; easily spending 20 plus hours a week at the studio. Setting a goal of making the studio dance company, she auditioned a year after she started training and made the team. Michele remained with the team until graduating high school, spending those years performing and competing as a member.

Michele went on to pursue college, where she obtained a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Health care Administration while raising five kids. It was not until her two youngest had an interest in taking a dance class that she found herself involved once again. At first that involvement was just the joy of watching her kids find that same love that she always had for dance, it quickly progressed into not only training again but also becoming an instructor for the past eight years. Michele has also been involved with the local non-profit Western Colorado Dance Theater, sitting on the board as well as taking on roles in productions.