



Melissa Roetker, Young Children's Division Instructor

Melissa began her dance training in San Diego, California. She first performed professionally with City Ballet of San Diego and began teaching children's classes locally. She furthered her training with summer programs at the School of American Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, Exploring Ballet with Suzanne Farrell, Miami City Ballet, and NW Dance Project. Melissa relocated to Miami to dance with Miami City Ballet in their pre-professional division where she had the opportunity to perform several ballets by George Balanchine and August Bournonville. After attending a summer program at Ballet Austin, Melissa was invited to join Ballet Austin II for the 2012/2013 season as an apprentice and performed works by Stephen Mills, Jennifer Hart, Nelly van Bommel, and August Bournonville. Since 2013, Melissa has been teaching dancers of all ages throughout Austin and the surrounding areas. She joined the Ballet Austin Academy in June of 2019 and is excited to share her love of dance with her students.