



Jessica O'Brien, Broadway Kids Program Manager & Choreographer

Jessica was born and raised in Austin, Texas, where she trained and performed in musical theatre all around the city. She grew up in Round Rock, Texas and is an alumnus of Cedar Ridge High School's Visual and Performing Arts Academy where she trained under award-winning director and choreographer, Kristie Copeland. Her love for her family and friends has kept her close, as well as her deep roots in the theatre community here in Austin as a professional performer for the past 10 years.

Her passion for singing, acting, and dancing has cultivated a love for instilling it into the next generation and watching them grow in their bent for the Arts as well. She has worked with many arts education organizations in teaching and administrative roles here in Austin, as well as in New Orleans such as NOLA Microschools, The Paramount Theatre, TexArts and much more! In 2019, Jessica was also The Female Residential Director for Texas Arts Project, a 3-week sleepaway summer intensive for students training in Musical Theatre. She also was a Chaperone for Ballet Austin's 2022 Summer Intensive where she fell in love with the atmosphere Ballet Austin provides for the community at large and within. Jessica directed and choreographed *Once on the Island* at the Georgetown Palace Theater last spring of 2023 and is currently choreographing *Bright Star* which opens at the beginning of the summer 2024. Jessica hopes to provide a warm, nurturing, and fun experience for both the students and their families here in the Ballet Austin Academy.