



M O R D A N C E

NEW YORK CITY

## Meet the Dancers Morgan McEwen, Artistic Director



*Morgan, far right, receiving accolades from her company after a performance.*

**Years of Professional Experience:** 12 years

**Hometown:** *I was born in NYC and have lived here the longest (eight years) but have had lots of hometowns thanks to being part of a military family.*

**How old were you when you took your first dance class?**

*Probably around five years old.*

**Did you immediately feel passionate about it?**

*I don't know if at five I was passionate about anything really. I think that passion grew with age and probably around ten ballet was all I wanted to do. I couldn't live without it.*

**Who has been your biggest inspiration?**

*My dad has been a big inspiration to me. We are very similar in the sense that, at a very young age, we both knew what we wanted to be when we grew up and we actually became that dream. At a very young age, he was interested in flying and the Coast Guard. He was determined to be a search and rescue helicopter pilot.*

*He served this country for over 20 years in the USCG, rising to the rank of commander, and has been awarded several extremely valiant medals.*

**What was your most memorable performance?**

*After so many years it's hard to pick one. I have a lot of favorites but the one that is most memorable isn't exactly a favorite. It's my first really big fall on stage. One contra temps to an arabesque chug and the next thing you know my face was kissing the ground. I wasn't hurt, except maybe a bruised ego. Leaving the theater the dancers had to exit via an elevator that the audience used. With my face washed off, a hat, and a winter coat, no one could tell I was a dancer. Apparently, I had left an impression on the audience. In the elevator they were all talking about the "dancer who wiped out big time" and just bounced right back up like nothing happened.*

**What do you like to do in your downtime? Any passions outside of dance?**

*I love the beach and all things that involve the beach. I really enjoy spending time hiking, drinking and learning about wine and food pairings, and exploring new places with my fiancé. I am a big dog lover and spent the last ten years loving and playing with my rescue pup and best friend, Chloe. Hanging out with my friends at a local dive bar is also another way I like to spend my downtime.*

**Any major goals you're still working towards in your career?**

*As a dancer, every day I am working towards the goal of further developing my artistry, skills, and strength. As a choreographer and director of MorDance, I am working towards the goal of inspiring people.*