

# BGIRL MAMA

Dancer • Singer • Performing Artist •  
Choreographer • Hip Hop Advocate

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## Education

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**University of Phoenix / Bachelor of Science in Business Management**  
September 2004 - September 2008, Southfield, MI

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## Dance Education

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**Breakin' over 20 years, Freestyle Hip Hop over 20 years, Waackin' over 10 years**

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## Teaching Experience

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**Next Step Broadway / Studio Manager and Dance Instructor**  
September 2011 - PRESENT, Birmingham & Southfield, MI (Two locations)

**Motor City Dance Factory / Dance Instructor**  
September 2010 - June 2012, Southfield, MI

**Rosa Parks Summer Children & Youth Program / Dance Program Director**  
August 2009, August 2010, August 2011, Detroit, MI

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## Performing Experience

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**The Get Down Session Tour / Hip Hop Dance Instructor & Speaker**  
August 2018, Tour throughout Malaysia

Supported by the U.S. Embassy of Kuala Lumpur, I along with fellow Dance Artist Amirah Sackett toured together as Mama2. We visited educational facilities throughout Malaysia and explored the dances of hip-hop culture with students and educators through Hip Hop Dance Workshops, Interviews, and as Guest Speakers.

**Caravanserai: American Voices Tour / Artist, Instructor & Speaker**  
March 2016 - April 2016, North Dakota/South Dakota/Traverse City, MI

I joined other amazing Muslim American artists: Amirah Sackett, The ReMinders, and DJ Man-O-Wax. We shared our cross-cultural stories in unique, contemporary expressions. During this tour, I introduced my solo project, *Escape From the Killing Fields*. My solo project is an emotionally driven, theatrical dance piece motivated by my family's journey to the United States in which they escaped the Khmer Rouge and the war in Cambodia. We conducted Hip Hop Workshops and performed weekly Hip Hop concerts. This was commissioned by Arts Midwest.

**Footsteps in the Dark / Dance Artist & Panelist**  
January 2020, Kennedy Center, Washington D.C.

**National Immigrant Integration Conference / Dance Artist**  
October 2019, Detroit, Michigan

### **Bates Dance Festival Performance Series / Dance Artist**

July 2019, Schaeffer Theatre, Bates College, Maine

### **Trinity International Hip Hop Festival / Artist, Battle Judge & Panelist**

March 2019, Trinity College, Connecticut

### **Hip Hoppa Locka: Muslim Hip Hop Concert / Dance Artist**

April 2018, Miami, Florida

### **Hardcore Detroit Crew Performances / Dance Performer**

- July 2021, African World Festival
- October 2017, Smithsonian National Museum of African American History, D.C.
- August 2017, Sidewalk Festival
- January 2017, Charles H. Wright Museum MLK Day Performance
- June 2017, Detroit Music Weekend
- January 2017, Cranbrook Kingswood MLK edition
- January 2016, Hip Hop 101, Toledo Museum of Arts, Toledo, Ohio
- August 2004, 2005, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2017, Hip Hop 101, Detroit Institute of Arts, Detroit, Michigan
- October 2009, The Legacy Continues (A Tribute to Michael Jackson)
- July 2007 - 2009, Comerica City Fest
- October 2008, Detroit Westin Book Cadillac Opening
- July 2007, Campus Martius Park, Summer in the Park
- July 2007, Target Fireworks, VIP Rooftop Party
- January 2006, North American Auto Show, Cadillac Escalade
- November 2004, Channel Fox 2 News commercial (Project Safe Neighborhoods)

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### **Awards & Achievements**

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- Kresge Artist Fellowship Panelist (June 2022)
  - Lifetime Achievement Award from the Motor City Street Dance Academy (May 2022)
  - Invited Competitor, Red Bull BC One: Boston Qualifier (August 2021)
  - 1st Place Competitions:
    - 2016 On the Rocks battle: Grand Rapids, Michigan
    - 2014 Detroit's Quality All Styles Dance Competition: Detroit, Michigan
    - 2011 Slam N Jam Grand Rapids, Michigan
    - 2006 Red Bull Master Class #1 B-Girl Award: Ann Arbor, Michigan