

# Jasmine Artis

## **Educator Biography**

Jasmine Artis has been a performer for as long as she can remember, however did not begin any type of organized dance until 2003 when she started college at University of Maryland. In 2005, she began teaching hip hop at Wheaton Studio of Dance. From there, she went on to add Beginner Tap and Combination classes to her teaching schedule at the studio. In 2006, she auditioned to be a part of a non-profit youth outreach organization, Culture Shock DC. She was accepted into the company as a core dance member and within a year began teaching a hip hop class for children ages 5-10. This class was the beginnings of what is now Mini Shock DC, a youth company of which Jasmine is the Artistic Director. Jasmine graduated from University of Maryland in 2006 with a BS in Kinesiology Science. She currently teaches at various locations throughout the DC Metropolitan Area, including the following: Contradiction Dance at Echo Park, The Madeira School, The Jewish Community Center, Potomac Dance Center, the Davis Center, and Poetry N Motion. Some of her Mini Shock members were recently selected to accompany the Broadway Across America's production of The Wizard of Oz, where they played the role of munchkins at the Warner Theater.