

# MELISSA CASILLAS

DANCER / PERFORMER / CHOREOGRAPHER

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## EDUCATION/ TRAINING

**Texas Tech University - BFA Dance** 2022 - 2026  
*Ballet, Pointe, Contemporary, Modern, Jazz, Improvisation, Hip-Hop, Choreography*

**Pavlova Hipódromo** 2006 - 2022  
*Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary (modern and contemporary ballet), Hip-Hop, Jazz Funk, Acro-dance, and Improvisation*

## PERFORMANCE

**Flatlands Dance Theatre**, – “The Lubbock Lights” 2024

**The Ailey School, Professional Division** – “Summer Sizzler” 2024

**Ballet Hispanico, Choreo Lab** – “Final Performance” 2023

**Charles E. Maedgen Theatre**, – “Dance Tech by Texas Tech” (Featured Dancer) 2023-2025

**American College Dance Association**, – “Forward”, “Belle Tempete”, “Moonstruck” (Featured Dancer) 2023-2024

**Christine DeVitt Black Box Theatre**, – “Fall Dance Festival by Texas Tech” (Featured Dancer) 2022-2024

**The Allen Theatre**, – “Centennial Celebration, Eyes on the Horizon by Texas Tech University” 2022

**Buddy Holly Hall**, – “The Nutcracker by Ballet Lubbock” 2022-2023

**Centro Cultural Tijuana**, – “Festival Pavlova Hipódromo” 2008-2022

## SUMMER PROGRAMS / INTENSIVES

**The Ailey School, Professional Division 5 week Program** 2024

**Ballet Hispanico, Choreo Lab** 2023

**American College Dance Association, ACDA** 2023-2024

**More Than Motion Intensive, Dance Intensive** 2023

**The Dance Awards, National Dance Competition and Convention** 2022

**Joffrey Ballet School, Spectrum 3 week Program** 2021

**Jump, 24/Seven, Radix and Nuvo, Dance Convention and Competitions** 2018-2022

**The Dance Revolution, Dance Convention and Competition 2019-2022**

## CHOREOGRAPHY / TEACHING

**Freelance Choreography**, 2022-2025  
*Choreography in Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical and Contemporary Ballet*

**J'adore Dance Intensive**, 2024  
*Ballet Class, age range 10-19*

**Concurso Internacional de Danza Tijuana**, 2021  
*“Vyzee” Jazz group dance, age range 10-12*

**Pavlova Hipódromo**, 2019-2021  
*Jazz, Contemporary and Ballet classes and choreography, age range 5-14*

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## COMPANY

Flatlands Dance Theatre (FDT)  
2024 - 2025

## WORKED WITH

Yvonne Racz Key, Lily Balogh, Melissa Brading, Maria del Carmen Hechavarria, Anthony Denaro “YNOT”, Jamy Meek, Helanius J. Wilkins, David & Carla Olarte, Kyla Olson, Melissa Padilla, Genevieve Durham, Ali Duffy, and more

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## SKILLS

Bilingual in English and Spanish  
Flexibility  
Acrobatics (hand, elbow, head, chin stand, cartwheel, front/back walkovers, etc.)

## AWARDS

Senior Female JUMP VIP Winner, Mexico City, 2021-2022  
1st place (Senior Solo), Concurso Internacional de danza Tijuana “CIAD”, Tijuana 2021-2022  
1st place Choreography for group dance “Vyzee” in “CIAD” 2021