ALEKSANDAR ZANKIN

EDUCATION

Academy of Performance Arts - Plovdiv, Bulgaria Degree: **Master of Arts** Major: Bulgarian Folk Dances Qualification: **Choreographer / Artistic Director**

University of Varna - Varna, Bulgaria Degree: **Bachelor of Arts**

Major: Bulgarian Folk Dances
Qualification: Choreographer /Teacher

WORK EXPERIENCE

2005-present	Pittsburgh Ballet Theater School Teacher / Choreographer – Character Dances (all levels)
2007-2009	Ballet Academy of Irwin, Pa Teacher – Character Dances (all levels)
1998-2004	Bulgarian Folk Dance School "Konstantin Fotinov" - Sofia, Bulgaria Teacher / Choreographer – Bulgarian Folk Dances (all levels)
1993-2000	Macedonian Folk Ensemble "Gotze Delchev", Sofia, Bulgaria Artistic Director and Choreographer Awards: • Golden Harp Award 1996, Union of Musical and Dance Performers • Gold medal, Foundation "Mati Bulgaria" • Gold medal, 7 th National Folk Dance Festival
1990-1993	Dance Company "Zankin Show" – Character Dances Artistic Director and Choreographer Performances: • Switzerland, Italy, Cyprus and Bulgaria
1986-1990	Macedonian Folk Ensemble "Gotze Delchev", Sofia, Bulgaria Choreographer
1978-1988	State Military Ensemble for Folk Dances - Sofia, Bulgaria Assistant Choreographer Principal Dancer Performances: • Worldwide – Switzerland, France, Germany, Belgium, Russia, Ukraine, Cyprus, Ghana, Yugoslavia.
1983-1994	Folk Ensemble of Seslavzi - Sofia, Bulgaria Artistic Director and Choreographer Awards:

• Gold medals, 6th and 7th National Dance Festivals

1978-1983 Ensemble for Authentic Folklore "Bistritza" - Sofia, Bulgaria

Artistic Director

Awards:

• European Award for Folklore, Hamburg, Germany

1974-1978 Ensemble "Wilchelm Pick" - Sofia, Bulgaria

Ensemble "Christo Botev" - Sofia, Bulgaria Ensemble of 117th Middle School - Sofia, Bulgaria

Choreographer

Awards:

Gold medal, 5th National Dance Festival

1969-1977 National Student Folk Ensemble - Sofia, Bulgaria

Principal Dancer

Performances:

 Worldwide – Italy, Great Britain, Finland, Mexico, Cuba, Canada, Greece, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Germany, USSR

CHOREOGRAPHIES and WORKSHOPS

Bulgaria – nationwide Berlin, Germany

Montreal, Canada

Mexico City, Mexico

Hamburg, Germany

Lion, France

Geneva, Switzerland

Limassol, Cyprus

Fondi, Italy

Ensemble Tamburitzans, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh

Bulgarian - Macedonian Culture Center, Pittsburgh

Ukrainian Folk Group, Pittsburg

Tuesday Folk Dance Group, Pittsburgh

South West Ballet, Pittsburgh

Summer intensive program, Ballet Academy of Irwin

Summer intensive program, Ballet Academy of Pittsburgh

Summer intensive program, Pittsburgh Ballet Theater School

San Francisco, USA

Sydney, Australia

Canberra, Australia

Wellington, New Zealand

CERTIFICATIONS and AWARDS

• 1ST Category Choreographer, State Commission of Performing Arts, Bulgaria 1985

- Extraordinary Category Performer, State Commission of Performing Arts, Bulgaria1982
- Gold pin for choreography high achievement, Headquarters of Military Troops, 1996
- Gold pin for performer high achievement, Headquarters of Military Troops, 1983
- Prize-winner of the World Youth Festival of Culture and Art, Berlin, Germany, 1973

Languages: English, German, Italian, Russian fluent native