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New Jersey native, Elysha Richman, was trained in a variety of styles and has spent the last twenty-two years combining her passions for producing nationally-acclaimed choreography, directing award-winning productions, and most of all, preparing the most technically-grounded and prepared dancers of tomorrow. She brings a very fresh and versatile perspective to the judging table, having dedicated her life to performance across a variety of genres. She has spent the last twenty-two years teaching and choreographing for studios throughout New Jersey, as well as traveling across the U.S. to teach master classes and choreograph a variety of styles for both studio and collegiate level programs. Elysha is a graduate of the Red Bank Regional Performing Arts Dance Academy where she subsequently served as a guest faculty member for over a decade.

Elysha's choreographic works include Pariji Clothing Company's JLo and Phat Farm Holiday Event NYC, Statewide Promotions © halftime productions, and The Harlem GlobeTrotters, to name a few. Elysha has sat on judging panels for National Competitions, as well as collegiate-level competitions. She has taught master classes for New Jersey's annual teen arts festival as well as University of Delaware, Stockton University, Monmouth University, and Montclair University. Elysha also casted and choreographed the most recent music video for recording artist, Brielle Brown, which went on to be nominated for Best Music Video at Paris Film Festival as well as the winner of Best Music Video at The Big Apple Film Festival 2021.

Currently Elysha's primary focus is as Owner/Artistic Director of Project Dance, New Jersey, a well-respected national award-winning studio focusing heavily on college preparation and pre-professional training; her students have been accepted to some of the most prestigious programs across the country including The Juilliard School, USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance, Boston Conservatory, PACE University, Ann Lacy School of Dance Oklahoma, NYU Tisch, and Marymount Manhattan College etc.

Elysha's dedication and work ethic is infectious throughout every class she conducts across all genres. Her bold and inspiring style of teaching challenges each dancer to work to their fullest capabilities. Her goal is to encourage and inspire dancers who share her passion and to help grow each student to their greatest potential while producing technically sound, well-rounded, working dancers

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