# PETER HAMMER

# Dance teacher, performer, and choreographer

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Nationality American

Date of birth January 21, 1984 (34 years old)

Languages English (native), French (level B1)

#### **SUMMARY**

I have always been driven by the way dancing can tell a story, connect us to something greater than ourselves, and create a community. I see tap dance as a full-body visual and aural art form that connects human emotions and corporal expression. My approach to performing, choreographing, and teaching has been narratively driven. The Jump Rhythm technique of jazz and tap dancing allows me to fuse emotion, narrative, and movement with a holistic style of dancing that honors the body and remains accessible to all ages.

#### **EDUCATION**

2002 - 2006 Bachelor of Arts Degree - Dance Performance & Choreography



Holland, MI (USA) Mary Van Tamelen Prize for Creativity in the Arts

The Florence Cavanaugh Dance Award

#### PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

#### Jump Rhythm Jazz Project (company member, 2010-present; apprentice, 2008-2009)

2017	"Feel the Rhythm," informal showing at Escola Luthier de Música i Dansa	
	Northwestern University Kids Fare Concert Series	Evanston, IL
2016	University of Dubuque (full-length performance)	Dubuque, IA
2015	Highland Park "Focus on Arts" festival (guest company)	Highland Park, IL
	Northwestern University Kids Fare Concert Series	Evanston, IL
	Jump Rhythm: Getting Down Going Forward at Northwestern University (full-length performance)	Evanston, IL
	Old Town School of Folk Music (full-length performance)	Chicago, IL
2014	Jump Rhythm Summer Showcase (full-length performance)	Evanston, IL
	Guest Presentation, Arts Club Evanston	Evanston, IL
	Peep Show Choreography Project sponsored by Striding Lion and Links Hall (guest company	y) Chicago, IL
	Central Michigan University (full-length performance)	Mt. Pleasant, MI

# Jump Rhythm Jazz Project (continued)

2014 (cor	nt.)	Door Community Auditorium (full-length performance)	Door County, WI
		JRJP at Stage 773 (full-length performance)	Chicago, IL
20	)13	Northwestern University Occupy Dance (guest company)	Evanston, IL
		Northwestern University Kids Fare Concert Series	Evanston, IL
		Dance Inn Performance at National Heritage Museum (full-length performance)	Boston, MA
		Jump Inside! 25th Anniversary Season Preview Showings	Evanston, IL
20	)12	Dance Chicago festival (full-length performance & guest company appearance)	Chicago, IL
		Alliance Dance Company Show at Ruth Page Center for the Arts (guest company)	Chicago, IL
		Informal Performance at Cliffdewellers Art Foundation	Chicago, IL
		Northwestern University SummerStage, Josephine Louis Theatre (full-length performance)	Evanston, IL
		Chicago Human Rhythm Project: Rhythm World Festival (guest company)	Chicago, IL
		JRJP at Stage 773 (full-length performance)	Chicago, IL
		Chicago Human Rhythm Project's JUBA! Masters of American Tap! at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts (guest company)	Washington, DC
20	<b>D11</b>	Dance Chicago festival (full-length performance & guest company appearance)	Chicago, IL
		Northwestern University SummerStage, Josephine Louis Theatre (full-length performance)	Evanston, IL
		Jump Rhythm Jazz Project: Finland Quintet (full-length performance)	Turku, Finland
		Sweet Briar College (full-length performance)	Sweet Briar, VA
		University of Richmond (full-length performance)	Richmond, VA
20	10	Chicago Human Rhythm Project: Rhythm World Festival (guest company)	Chicago, IL
		Chicago Human Rhythm Project 20th Anniversary (guest company)	Chicago, IL
		Dance Chicago festival (guest company appearance)	Chicago, IL
		Dance Center of Columbia College Chicago (full-length performance)	Chicago, IL
		Bay Chamber Concerts' Performing Arts Series (full-length performance)	Camden, ME
		Viterbo University Fine Arts Center (full-length performance)	LaCrosse, WI
		FamilyDance Matinee Performance at Columbia College Chicago	Chicago, IL
20	09	Dance Chicago festival (guest company appearance)	Chicago, IL
		McCallum Theatre for the Performing Arts (full-length performance)	Palm Desert, CA
		Lunchtime lecture in the Lounge at The Arts Club	Chicago, IL
		Jazz Dance World Congress (guest company)	Chicago, IL
		Get on the Good Foot: a backstage look at Jump Rhythm Jazz Project	Evanston, IL
		University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (full-length performance)	Stevens Point, WI
		The Egg Center for the Performing Arts (full-length performance)	Albany, NY

# Other Performance Experience

2017	Dance Theatre of Northern Illinois teacher in residence performance "Trouble" (Tap Duet with Private Tap Student) Choreographed by Peter Hammer	Gurnee, IL
2010	Dance Theatre of Northern Illinois teacher in residence performance "Proceeding in steps" Choreographed by Peter Hammer	Gurnee, IL
2009	Dance Theatre of Northern Illinois teacher in residence performance "Stop the clock"	Gurnee, IL
2008	Insync Dance Theatre (IDT), guest performer "Opa" Choreographed by Peter Hammer and Rosanne Barton-DeVries "They" Choreographed by Peter Hammer	Holland, MI
	Solo Performance, Andersonville Midsommarfest "Walk With Me", "I'll Fly Away"	Chicago, IL
2007	Chicago Tap Theatre and Tapage presents <i>Liaison II</i>	Pibrac, France Lavaur, France
	Chicago Tap Theatre performs with Polyphonic Spree at Lollapalooza	Chicago, IL
	Chicago Tap Theatre presents <i>The Hourglass in the Stop-Time Chronicles: a superhero tap-dance opera</i> (Nick)	Chicago, IL
	"The Rise & Fall of Miss Thang" (full-length independent film, tap dancer)	Chicago, IL
2006	Chicago Tap Theatre presents <i>Tidings of Tap</i>	Chicago, IL
	Chicago Tap Theatre presents <i>Changes: a science fiction tap-dance opera to the music of David Bowie</i> (Major Tom)	Chicago, IL
	Chicago Tap Theatre presents Liaison Deux, with special guest Tapage	Chicago, IL
	InSync Dance Theatre	Chicago, IL
2005	Chicago Tap Theatre presents <i>Tidings of Tap</i>	Chicago, IL
	Citadel Dance Center presents Around the World in the Season of Light	Benton Harbor, MI
	Fall Student Dance Concert	Holland, MI
	Spring Student Dance Concert	Holland, MI
	Dance 31 (Faculty-choreographed concert)	Holland, MI
	InSync Dance Theatre	Holland, MI
2004	Strike Time (29 performances in Michigan and Northern Indiana elementary schools during the 2004-2005 school year)	Holland, MI
	Fall Student Dance Concert	Holland, MI
	Spring Student Dance Concert	Holland, MI
	Dance 30 (Faculty-choreographed concert)	Holland, MI
	InSync Dance Theatre	Holland, MI
	Sacred Dance (Multiple chapel performances at Hope College, and other churches in Michigan and Northern Indiana)	Holland, MI
2003	InSync Dance Theatre	Holland, MI
	Dance 29 (Faculty-choreographed concert)	Holland, MI
	Sacred Dance	Holland, MI
2002	Carousel (Hope College Mainstage Production, featured dancer)	Holland, MI

2017	<pre>"Ego" (Tap) "Go Momma" (Jazz) "Cloud Cuckooland" (Jazz) "Trouble" (Tap)</pre>	for Dance Theatre of Northern Illinois
2010	"Ridin' the Rails" (Tap) "Proceeding in Steps" (Tap solo)	for Dance Theatre of Northern Illinois
2009	"Everybody Wants to be a Cat" (Tap) "Boo Boo Bopbop bop" (Tap) "Helpless" (Jazz) "Java Jive" (Jazz)	for Dance Theatre of Northern Illinois
2008		for InSync Dance Theatre
	"They" (Tap solo) "Walk With Me", "I'll Fly Away" (Tap solos) "Aint That A Kick" (Tap) "Someday My Prince Will Come" (Tap) "Sinking Soon" (Jazz) "The Lady Is A Tramp" (Tap)	for Andersonville Midsommarfest for Lake Forest Dance Academy
2007	"Tap Classique" (Tap)	for Lake Forest Dance Academy
2006	"Summertime" (Re-staged tap solo)	for InSync Dance Theatre
	"Untitled" (Tap)	l the Hope College Student Dance Concert for Miss Thea's Dance Central
2005	<b>"Foray"</b> (Tap trio) <b>"USA"</b> (Tap) <b>"USA TODAY"</b> (Modern)	for Student Dance Concert for Citadel Dance Center
2004	"Summertime" (Tap solo) "Flux" (Modern)	for Student Dance Concert, Hope College
2003	"Furious Angels" (Modern, co-choreographed with Jessica Yokas)	for Hope College Sacred Dance
TEACHING		
2017	JRJP Teaching Residency, Escola Luthier de Música i Dansa	Barcelona, Spain
	JRJP Lecture Demonstration, Old Town School of Folk Music	Chicago, IL
2016 - 2017	Dance Theatre of Northern Illinois Teen Tap, Elemental Jazz, Company Class, Pivotal Tap	Gurnee, IL
2016	3-day Teaching Workshop, Cour Des Riffs à Toulouse Jump Rhythm Jazz, and Jump Rhythm Tap	Toulouse, France
	JRJP Workshops, Walter Payton College Preparatory High School	Chicago, IL
	JRJP Teaching Residency, University of Dubuque	Dubuque, IA
	JRJP Workshops, Old Town School of Folk Music	Chicago, IL
2015	JRJP Workshops, Old Town School of Folk Music	Chicago, IL
2014	JRJP Teaching Residency, Central Michigan University	Mt. Pleasant, MI
2013	Jump Rhythm Technique Class, New Trier High School	Winnetka, IL
	JRJP Lecture Demonstration, Camp Hope	Ewing, IL
	Arts Midwest: Jump Rhythm Jazz Technique class, University of Aus	etin, Scottish Rite Theater Austin, TX
	JRJP Lecture Demonstration, Schaumburg High School	Schaumburg, IL

#### TEACHING (continued)

Chicago, IL
La Crosse, WI
Chicago, IL
Chicago, IL
Gurnee, IL
Chicago, IL
Lake Forest, IL
Chicago, IL
Cleveland, OH
Chicago, IL
Holland, MI
Benton Harbor, MI
Holland, MI
Grand Haven, MI

### OTHER PROFESSIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Jump Rhythm Jazz Project Rehearsal Director for International Touring (May 2017-present)
- Jump Rhythm Jazz Project Education Coordinator (2012-present)
- Jump Rhythm Jazz Project Costume Coordinator (2012present)

#### ADDITIONAL SKILLS/TRAINING

- Taekwondo yellow belt
- Capoeira
- Fencing
- Ballroom, Latin, and swing dancing
- 10+ years musical training: piano & French horn