



1997-2001 Toured as principle dancer and soloist with the John Whelan Band.

December 2001 Traveled with The Soweto Dance Theatre to South Africa as an Irish Ambassador and taught Irish dancing to the native's. Learned South African boot dancing and trained with master drummers on the d'jembe

1989-1992 Performed with the Peter Smith School of Irish Dance at Radio City Music Hall's *A Great Night for the Irish Starring Frank Patterson..* New York.

#### AWARDS RECEIVED

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2009 2009 Recipient of the Maryland State Arts Council's *Individual Artist Award* in Choreography.

2009 Awarded the Successful Graduate Award from Somerset County Performing Arts High School.

2006 Recipient of the Celebrating Successes for Children award in Howard County, Maryland.

#### MUSIC EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

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1989-Present Began studying the button accordion in 1989. Teachers have included John Nolan, Billy McCommisky, Dennis Galvin, and Michael Berry.

1997 Won the Fleadh (New York) in the button accordion and scholarship to music school in Ireland

1992 Competed in the button accordion at the All-Ireland Championships held in Tipperary.

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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IDTANA Member since 2000

Sid Yoga Certified 200 Hour Training 2014

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

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2006-2009 Step development with Michael Patrick Gallagher, ADCRG, Sinead Curran, TCRG, and Noelle Curran, ADCR.

2003 Step development with Stephen McAteer, ADCRG

2010-present Choreography collaborations with Lord of the Dance star, Joe Duffey