

MAUREEN BERRY, T.C.R.G

EDUCATION

1993-1997	B.F.A - Dance Performance Minor – Psychology/Dance Therapy	Towson State University Towson, Maryland, USA
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dance scholarship recipient• Graduated with honors	

DANCE EXPERIENCE

2000-Present	Founded the Teelin School of Irish Dance, located in Columbia, MD, in 2000. The school has 250 students, four TCRG's and many dancers are World qualifiers, top medalists, three North American Champions, a World Champion, and perform in the Lord of the Dance.
2000-Present	Founder and artistic director for the Teelin Irish Dance Company which is comprised of auditioned dancers of the Teelin School.
1998-Present	Choreographs for the Fitzpatrick School of Irish Dance. Pennsylvania, USA.
2008	Directed and choreographed a music video for "Uncle Earl" produced by Led Zeppelin's John Paul Jones. The music video won the VMA "Six Pack" award and was nominated for "Best Video" in 2008.
1999-present	Taught Irish Dance workshops at the Maryland Dance Festival.
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2002-2004	Assistant Artistic Director to "SoleMates" with Step Afrika! and "The Crossing" with Tim O'Brien.
1985-1997	Studied with Peter Smith School of Irish Dance. Competed as open champion dancer and was a World competitor. Studied with Marie Duffy, ADCRG, during summers from 1988-1993.

PERFORMANCES & TOURS

2008-present	Produced and starred in <i>Portraits of Ireland 2008-2011</i> , <i>Step Dance 2011-2013</i> , and <i>Slainte 2013-2012</i> , three professional productions of the Teelin Irish Dance Company. <i>The Best of the Teelin Irish Dance Company Show 2015</i> at the Jim Rouse Theatre in Columbia. <i>Celtic Storm 2016-2019</i> presented by the Weinberg Center for Performing Arts. <i>Teelin Irish Dance Company Showcase</i> to premiere 2020 at the Weinberg. Other theatres I produced, choreographed, and performed in our sold-out shows include <i>Stephen's Hall</i> at Towson University, <i>Carroll County Arts Center</i> in Westminster, MD, <i>Baltimore Museum of Art</i> , <i>Chesapeake Arts Center</i> in Brooklyn Park, MD, <i>Maryland Hall</i> in Annapolis, MD, <i>Dance Place</i> in DC
2019	Performed at Jacobs Pillow in Becket, Massachusetts.

- 2019 Dance Director this December for Brian O'Donovan's "A Celtic Christmas Sojourn" in Boston, Mass.
- 2019 Touring this November with Robert Childs Fiddle based production of "Childs Play" in Vermont, Maine, NYC, MA, Maine, NH.
- 2017 Toured with Brian O'Donovan's "A Celtic Christmas Sojourn" with NEA Fellowship winner, Kevin Doyle.
- 2017 Performed at the Kennedy Center with Zan McLeod and Billy McCommisky and at the Irish Embassy's NEA Fellowship Award for Billy McCommisky in 2017.
- 1989-1992 Toured England and Ireland with the "Turtle Duhks" as a principal dancer with Footworks Percussive Dance Ensemble 1997-2015.
- Danced with Joannie Madden/Cherish the Ladies, Eileen Ivers, John Whelan, Gailec Storm, Tony DeMarco, Lunasa
- Traveled with The Soweto Dance Theatre to South Africa as an Irish Ambassador and taught Irish dancing to the natives. Learned South African boot dancing and trained with master drummers on the D'jembe.
- 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

- 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.
- 2016 Recipient of the *Hovie Award* "Outstanding Artist of the Year".
- 2016 Howard County "*Successful Business in the Arts*" Award.

MUSIC EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

- 1989-Present Began studying the button accordion in 1989. Teachers have included John Nolan, Billy McCommisky, Dennis Galvin, and Michael Berry.
- Host/Leading Traditional Irish Music sessions in Baltimore City and Columbia, MD
- 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

- IDTANA Member since 2000
- Sid Yoga Certified 200 Hour Training 2014

Paddlefit Certified for Paddleboarding 2016

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

2006-present Step development with Michael Patrick Gallagher, ADCRG,

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