

Alisyn Hurd is a dance artist based in Flint, MI. She holds a Bachelor of Arts: Performing Arts/Dance from Oakland University in Rochester, MI and a Master of Fine Arts in Dance from Hollins University in Roanoke, VA in partnership with the Frankfurt University of Music and Performing Arts in Frankfurt Germany. She is the founder and artistic director of Vertical Ambition Dance Company, a professional performance company based in Modern/Contemporary dance as well as traditional Hip Hop forms. She has presented works in many dance festivals as well as held various positions as Artist in Residence, Guest Choreographer, and Guest Instructor for organizations including Marshall Fine Arts Academy in Houston, TX, Oakland University, Espiscopal School of Jacksonville in Jacksonville, FL, and The American College Dance Association Conference. Alisyn has extensive training in Ballet, Modern, Jazz, Poms, Breaking, Waacking, Popping, Locking, and House. Throughout her career and studies she has also had the opportunity to study various other styles such as Tap, Afro-Caribbean, Krump, and West African dance forms.

Alongside Vertical Ambition Dance Company, Alisyn is a member of Vertical Ambition Crew, a Breaking team that is active in the Hip Hop dance scene of the Midwest and beyond. She has won many battles and organized and judged countless others. She is the founder and director of FLI-City Studios in Flint, MI. In addition to her commitments with Vertical Ambition and FLI-City Studios, she is also currently a professor of Dance at Alma College teaching Historical Jazz and Hip Hop Dance.