

Josh Manculich

Joshua Manculich (BA, Point Park University; MFA, The Ohio State) – born in Windber, PA – started grooving to Madonna at the age of two. Since then, in the summer of 2021, Joshua founded WhirlWind Dance, a professional contemporary dance company based in Columbus, OH. Throughout his career, Joshua has had the pleasure of performing with Thodos Dance Chicago, Chicago Repertory Ballet, Pursuit Productions, Jaxon Movement Arts, Jessica Miller Tomlinson, and The Pillow Project. Born and raised in a small coal-mining town in Appalachia, he is thankful for the numerous inspiring mentors and creative artists that entered his life and guided his pursuits as a dancer, choreographer, and human-being. Joshua’s choreographic work exists in conceptual frameworks; and his choreography has been toured internationally and presented nationally by emerging contemporary dance companies, ballet companies, and university dance organizations. In 2015, Joshua was nominated for a Princess Grace Choreography Fellowship by The Big Muddy Dance Company, for which he eventually created “Lyra,” through support of the Princess Grace Foundation. His choreographic adventures include, but are not limited to, longstanding relationships with organizations such as: Ballet Austin II, The Big Muddy Dance Company, Collage Dance Collective, DanceWorks Chicago, Eisenhower Dance, Houston Contemporary, and Santa Barbara Dance Theater. Currently, Joshua will be graduating with his M.ED. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling at Ohio University, and is thrilled to represent the inseparable link between art, artists, and mental health.