

# **TRAE TURNER**

2245 W. Shakespeare, Apt 2R, Chicago, IL 60647  
(M) 847-858-1811  
[leeblak93@aol.com](mailto:leeblak93@aol.com)

---

- Mission:** Professional urban dance choreographer, instructor, and performer seeking to propel extensive background in hip-hop culture through continued practice, performance, and implementation of arts education programs. Long term vision includes proclaimed recognition in choreography and the establishment of an urban dance school including a summer Hip-Hop camp for youth.
- TRAINING:** **LA:** Master classes and workshops from top hip-hop choreographers: Sky Hoffman, Wade Robson (\*NSync, Brittny Spears), Teresa Espinosa (Janet Jackson), Super Dave, Havoc, Dante, Jason Wright, Sleepy (You Got Served).
- Midwest:** Workshops with Angela Molsson, Matt Maclenden (The Collective Hip-Hop) and Lisa Marie Torres (Dance Linx, The Collective Hip-Hop, Graffiti Dancers), Domé (Artistic Director for Jai Will), J-Town Breakers.
- SKILLS:** B-Boy Style, West Coast Popping & Locking, Commercial Hip-Hop (demonstrated by Justin Timberlake, Janet Jackson, & Black Eyed Peas), Chicago Hip-Hop, House and Footwork.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

### **CHOREOGRAPHY / TEACHING**

- 2003—present **THE COLLECTIVE HIP-HOP**, Chicago, IL  
Founder / Artistic Director for this professional, multi-cultural, adult dance company.  
Choreographed over fifty performances in the Chicago-land Area.
- 2005—present **GRAFFITI DANCERS**, Chicago, IL  
Dancer/choreographer
- T **McDONALD'S COMMERCIAL**, Chicago, IL  
Choreographed the commercial for "Chicken Little".
- 2004—present **HUBBARD STREET DANCE THEATER**, Chicago, IL  
Teach a weekly beginner hip-hop class to students of all ages and skill levels.
- 2004—present **DANCE TEAMS**, Chicago, IL  
Choreographed dance teams for various schools: Waukegan, Jones Prep, Vernon Hills and Robert Morris College.
- 2003—2005 **MAZUR DANCE STUDIO**, Buffalo Grove, IL  
Taught intermediate to advanced hip-hop dance for all ages.
- 2002—present **HIP-HOP MASTER CLASSES**, Northwest Suburbs, Dundee, and Woodstock, IL
- 1999—2003 **REVELATION PRODUCTIONS**, Northbrook, IL  
Principal choreographer responsible for performing and training all dancers.
- 2000—2001 **JAY'S DAY CAMP**, Chicago, IL  
Taught dance students ranging in age from 10-12

**PERFORMANCES:**

- 2003--present **THE COLLECTIVE HIP-HOP**, *Chicago, IL*  
Artistic Director for all recent performances including: The Showcase of Life, Buffalo Grove Days, Wheeling's Oktoberfest, Winter Dance Jam, Ruff Ryders events (Performances for Eve & DMX), various fund-raisers including those that benefit children, and numerous night club events. The Collective is the official dance crew for the Midwest chapter of the Ruff Ryders.
- 2005 **BET SPRING BLING**, *Daytona Beach, FL*  
The Collective Hip-Hop won sixth place in the Spring Bling dance competition.
- 2005 **CHARIZMA LLC**, *Northbrook, IL*  
Performed with this interactive entertainment company at weekend special events across the United States.
- 2005 **R&B ARTISTS**, *Chicago, IL*  
Performed for R&B artists, Andre McCray and Jai Will.
- 2005 **MEDIA PERFORMANCES**, *Chicago, IL*  
Performed on the TV show "Hot Wax Chicago," and for the radio show "The Morning Workout" on 88.1 WCRX with artists Da La and Scotty C.
- 2004 **"YOU GOT SERVED 2" AUDITION**, *Chicago, IL*  
The Collective Hip-Hop was chosen to battle for a spot in the movie sequel to "You Got Served."
- 1999--2003 **REVELATION PRODUCTIONS**, *Northbrook, IL*  
Performed with this interactive entertainment company at weekend special events across the United States.
- 1997 **SHODAKAN KICKBOXING CHAMPIONSHIP**, *Chicago, IL*  
Performed in the halftime show
- 1984--1993 **J-TOWN BREAKERS**, *Joliet, IL*  
Participated in break dancing performances at local showcases, church functions and talent shows.