

SHEETAL GANDHI

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Sheetal Gandhi is a National Dance Performance (NDP) and MAP Fund award-winning performer, choreographer and teacher based in Los Angeles, CA. She works with artist and non-artist communities of all ages and cultural backgrounds. Gandhi holds an MFA in Dance/Choreography from UCLA and teaches dance and theater at universities, schools, festivals and conferences. She is also a certified Pilates Instructor and has been teaching for over 20 years.

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE TEACHING

SCRIPPS COLLEGE	Adjunct Faculty	2015 - present
Teaching to Undergraduate mixed majors - Classes taught: <i>Modern II, Intro to Jazz, Advanced Jazz</i> Creation of new work for performance by students at Faculty Concerts		
POMONA COLLEGE	Post-Doc Fellow/Full-time	2017 - 2019
Teaching one course per semester. Focus on research/choreography. Teaching to Undergraduate mixed majors - Classes taught: <i>Beginning Modern, Intro to Jazz, Tap, Repertory</i> Creation of new work for performance by students at Faculty Concerts		
UC RIVERSIDE	Visiting Assistant Professor	2017
Teaching to Undergraduate mixed majors - Classes taught: <i>Dance 81 Give me a beat!</i> Teaching to Graduate dance, theater and writing majors - Classes taught: <i>Dance 244 Special Topics in Choreography</i>		
SANTA MONICA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Adjunct Faculty	2014 - 2016
Teaching to Undergraduate mixed majors Classes taught: <i>Contemporary Kathak, Jazz dance, Tap dance</i>		
RIO HONDO COMMUNITY COLLEGE	Adjunct Faculty	2011
Teaching to Undergraduate mixed majors - Classes taught: <i>World Dance and Pilates</i>		
CALPOLY, POMONA	Adjunct Faculty	2011
Teaching to Undergraduate mixed majors - Classes taught: <i>Bollywood Dance</i> Set choreography for Annual Festival		
CALSTATE UNIVERSITY LOS ANGELES	Adjunct Faculty	2009
Teaching to Undergraduate mixed majors - Classes taught: <i>Cross-Cultural Themes in Dance: A survey of dance forms from around the world and North Indian Dance.</i> Set choreography for Spring Dance Concert.		
UCLA, WORLD ARTS & CULTURES	Lead Instructor, and T.A.	2007- 2009
Teaching to Undergraduate mixed majors - Lead Instructor: <i>Beginning Improvisation, Contemporary Kathak, Activist Puppetry</i>		

WORKSHOPS and MASTER CLASSES

2001- present

Teaching all levels of Choreography, Jazz, Modern, Contemporary, Bollywood, Kathak-based, Dance-Theater, Polyrythm classes to:

1. elementary, middle and high school students
2. senior citizens
3. distinct communities of non-performers
4. pre-professional dance and theater students
5. people with mixed-abilities (mental/physical disabilities)

Taught in:

North Forth Theater in Albuquerque; Bryn Mawr College; Cal Arts; Cal State Monterey Bay; Circus Juventes in St. Paul; Harlem; Hawaiian Islands; Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv, Israel; New York City; Norway; Philadelphia; San Francisco; South Puget Sound; StonyBrook College; Tampa Bay; and more.

ARTS EDUCATION

THE CENTER'S ARTS TEACH, COSTA MESA AND LA MUSIC CENTER

2012 - present

Performing a 40-minute show for school assemblies, grades K-5.

The show, *Indian Mythology and Me* artfully weaves rhythm, song, gesture and facial expression into a dynamic and fun exploration of Indian mythology and its connections to children's worlds today. The program revolves around the participation of the audience and emphasizes human expression and emotion through the language of Indian dance.

LOS ANGELES ARTS GROUP, LOS ANGELES, CA

2015

Hired for a 10-week residency to teach Indian culture through music, dance, theater and storytelling forms to three 1st grade classes in Redondo Beach, CA.

P.S. ARTS, LOS ANGELES, CA

2014

Hired as a teaching artist for a 6-week residency to teach dance to all classes, K-5.

Collaborated with existing theater teaching artist to create a curriculum that emphasized the cooperation and relationship between these two forms, dance and theater.

ARTS CONNECTION, NYC

1996-1998

Taught various 10-week residencies (*Shapes and Sounds, Creative Movement, Music and Dance of India, The India Project*) in elementary and high schools throughout the New York Triborough area.

PRIVATE AND GROUP TRAINING IN PILATES

2001- present

Certified on mat and full apparatus. Certified and teaching since 2001 at various studios, physical therapy clinics, universities and sports clubs including:

Bodyscape Physical Therapy, Playa Pilates, The Sports Club LA, UCLA, Meridian Sports Club, The Sports Club LA Beverly Hills, Pilates Westwood, The Reebok Club, NYC, P.T. and Pilates, NYC, The Sports Club LA, San Francisco.

EDUCATION

UCLA

MFA in Dance/Choreography

2009

UC IRVINE

BA cum laude Dance and Psychology

1995

UNIVERSITY OF GHANA

Education Abroad Program

1993-1994