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## SPEAKING TOPICS

*WOMEN IN BUSINESS, RUNNING A MULTI FACET BUSINESS, WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP, TRANSITION FROM TEACHER TO STUDIO OWNER, COLLABORATING WITH LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, HOW TO BOOK THE JOB, TRAINING THE TRAINER, EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH THE ARTS, HOW TO DESIGN A DANCE CURRICULUM/DANCE CLASS, CURRICULUM BUILDING, WOMEN EMPOWERMENT, ESTABLISHING YOUR PURPOSE, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS*

## ABOUT LEIGHA

A NATIVE OF LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA, LEIGHA PORTER RECEIVED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA AT LAFAYETTE WHERE SHE STUDIED DANCE AND A MASTERS OF EDUCATION FROM GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY. SHE HAS ALSO STUDIED THEATER ARTS AT DILLARD UNIVERSITY IN NEW ORLEANS, LA. LEIGHA HAS TRAINED IN BALLET, MODERN, AND JAZZ, TECHNIQUES AND HAS TRAVELED THE COUNTRY TEACHING DANCE WORKSHOPS AND MASTER CLASSES . SHE IS THE FOUNDER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF F.I.R.E EXPRESSIONS PERFORMING ARTS CONSERVATORY WHICH PROMOTES FAITH, INSPIRATION, RELATIONSHIP, AND EXPERIENCE THROUGH DANCE AND THE PERFORMING ARTS FOR DANCERS AND YOUNG ARTISTS IN SOUTHWEST LOUISIANA.

SHE HAS SERVED AS CHOREOGRAPHER FOR LAFAYETTE ARTS CONSERVATORY, XAVIER UNIVERSITY, AND DILLARD UNIVERSITY (CHOREOGRAPHING THE STAGE GREEK PLAY MADEA). RECENTLY, SHE ATTENDED THE HORTON PEDAGOGY TEACHER WORKSHOP AT THE AILEY SCHOOL IN NEW YORK CITY. MS. PORTER WAS INVITED TO CHOREOGRAPH THE MUSICAL PRODUCTION CROWNS IN LAFAYETTE, LA AT THE HEYMANN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. MS. PORTER HAS PERFORMED AND CHOREOGRAPHED FOR BET'S 106 & PARK AND STAND AND DELIVER.

IN 2011, SHE WAS GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK UNDER FAME CHOREOGRAPHER DEBBIE ALLEN IN THE ORIGINAL STAGE SHOW ALL THE RIGHT MOVES WHERE SHE RECEIVED A SCHOLARSHIP FROM MRS. ALLEN TO ATTEND HER SUMMER DANCE INTENSIVE IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. OTHER NOTABLE CHOREOGRAPHERS MS. PORTER HAS WORKED WITH INCLUDE LULA WASHINGTON WITH THE LULA WASHINGTON DANCE THEATRE AND WALTER HULL WITH URBAN SOULS DANCE COMPANY. HER CHOREOGRAPHY WAS FEATURED AT WALT DISNEY WORLD IN THE SHOW TITLED LOUISIANA CULTURE WHICH RECEIVED OUTSTANDING REVIEWS. HER WORK HAS WON COUNTLESS AWARDS FOR "BEST CHOREOGRAPHY" AND A NATIONAL TITLE AT THE HIGH STEPPING NATIONALS IN CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA. LEIGHA PORTER DEDICATES HERSELF AND HER ART TO THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF YOUNG ARTIST.



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