

# KIRSTIN SEAGER

OWNER & DIRECTOR

Instructor of ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, hip hop.



Kirstin is from Reading, Michigan, and began her dance training at age 3. At age 4, she began taking lessons at Studio 55 where she studied jazz, tap, ballet, pointe, competitive pom, and hip-hop. In 2015, she became a member of the Jackson Dance Company where she studied ballet, pointe, contemporary, and jazz under the instruction of Kate Price and Erin Miller. She danced competitively and attended several dance conventions, including Dance Makers Inc. and 24Seven Dance. After being a classroom assistant for many years, Kirstin began her teaching career at Studio 55 in 2016!

In 2018/2019, Kirstin studied ballet, jazz, and modern dance at Slippery Rock University in PA. She trained in both the Graham technique and the Luigi Jazz technique. While there, she trained under Jesse Factor, Ursula Payne, Jennifer Keller, and Lindsay Fisher Viatori. She even dabbled in classical Indian dance, Bharatanatyam!

After training under the previous owner of Studio 55, Laura Slager, for two years, Kirstin took over ownership of Studio 55 in 2021. She feels so blessed to have such a special place to share her love of dance and Christ with each student. She strives to always create a space where dancers feel safe, loved, and have the freedom to be creative.

When Kirstin is not at the studio, you can find her spending her time hiking, backpacking, and traveling! She also loves baking and spending time with her pups!

# SARAH KILGORE

Instructor of ballet, pointe, & adult ballet



Sarah is from Pleasant Lake, MI, and began her dance training in 2000 with the In Motion competitive dance team. In 2007 she joined the Jackson Ballet Company and continued to dance competitively until 2014. During this time she had the opportunity to study both Vaganova and Cecchetti ballet technique under Lori Ladwig, Barbara Banasikowski Smith, and Erin Miller. Sarah also furthered her ballet studies with the Greater Lansing Ballet Company, Ballet Magnificat, and Ballet 5:8. In 2018 Sarah graduated from Hillsdale College, where she studied Chemistry and Dance. While attending, she performed with the Tower Dancers and was a member of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts. Sarah also had the opportunity to choreograph for the Hillsdale College Opera Workshop.

Sarah has been teaching at Studio 55 since 2015. While not dancing, she enjoys running and baking. She currently dances remotely with the Leigh Purtill Ballet Company in Los Angeles, CA. Sarah resides in Hillsdale, MI with her husband Aaron, and their many pets.

# ALAINA BUSCHMANN

Instructor of hip hop & tap



Alaina is from Hillsdale, Michigan and began her dance training at the age of 2 at studio 55! There she studied ballet, tap, tumbling, hip-hop, competitive cheer, jazz, musical theater, Scottish, and lyrical. She took a few year gap to continue competitive cheer but came back to studio 55 in 2012 and danced there until 2017 when she graduated high school.

In 2017, Alaina began her time at Alma College where she studied Business Management and Dance! During her time at Alma College, Alaina was a member of the Alma College Dance Company and the Dance Honorary, Pi Delta Chi. She studied Modern, ballet, tap, jazz, Afro-Brazilian, improvisation and creative movement. She got to work with guest choreographers and perform in many dance concerts! Alaina graduated in 2021 and started teaching at Studio 55 that same year!

When not at the studio, Alaina enjoys camping, cooking, hiking, and spending time with friends, family, and her dogs!

# ADDIE LOVEBERRY

Instructor of ballet, & tap . Office admin.



Addie loveberry has been dancing with Studio 55 Since 2008. During her 12 years as a student, she studied Ballet, Pointe, Modern, Lyrical, Contemporary, Hip-Hop, Tap, Musical Theatre, Irish and Scottish. For her last 6 years as a student, Addie assisted Intro, Level 1 and Level 2 classes and Fell in love with teaching dance and working with young dancers. When she graduated from Loveberrys Homeschool in 2021, she return to Studio 55 as a teacher in the Fall. Having the opportunity to share her passion of dance and her desire to glorify Christ through it, has been a privilege and a great joy to share. Addie hopes that every dancer that comes to class is impacted by her teaching and commitment to Christ.

When Addie is not at the dance studio, she likes visiting with friends, watching musicals and connoisseuring bubble tea. She especially enjoys a good thunderstorm accompanied by her cats and a good book!

# KAITLIN HILL

Office Manager



Kaitlin is from Reading, Michigan. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Southern New Hampshire University in December of 2020.

She currently resides in Hillsdale, Michigan with her husband, son, and pups! Kaitlin recently became a new mom to her son Benji who is often seen working hard behind the front desk with Kaitlin!

She has two dogs, Pennie and Piper. Kaitlin is an avid animal lover! In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her family and playing with her dogs. A bonus fun fact is that Kaitlin and Kirstin are sisters!

Kaitlin is excited to take on her role as Office Manager as she continues to serve our families at Studio 55. She's excited to be a friendly face to greet you as you come in!

# LAUREN BOWERS

Instructor of ballet, tap, and tumbling



Lauren Bowers is from Hillsdale County, Michigan. She started dancing at age 4 and began dancing at Studio 55 at age 5. Since then, she has studied Ballet, Pointe, Scottish, and Jazz. She has enjoyed her 12 years of dance so much and is excited to begin sharing her love of dance with her students!

When she's not dancing or teaching, Lauren enjoys spending time with her friends and family, cooking, and baking.