

## YURIY KUZO



### **Soloist and Audition Director Yuriy Kuzo**

Yuriy took his first steps in dance when he was 6 years old and fell in love with the magic dancing. He soon auditioned and was accepted at the vocal and dance ensemble Rushnychok. Rushnychok students studied all types of performing art, including choreography, vocals, acting skills, history of theatre, and the history of traditions. All the skills that Yuriy received in Rushnychok formed his desire to master the art of dance and choreography on a professional level.

After graduating from the Rushnychok high school, he was accepted to Lviv State College of Culture and Arts, studying dance and choreography from 2003 to 2007. For the four years under the close supervision of the teachers, he developed his dance and pedagogical skills. In his senior year winning an award for a choreographic composition called "Greek Suite" and was

then invited to an international seminar of choreographers in Athens, Greece! After graduating from Lviv College of Culture and Arts, he worked as a teacher and leader of the Honored Dance Ensemble of Ukraine "Yunist" (2007-2010). The head of the "Yunist" became a mentor and taught him how to become a professional artist, teacher and leader. At the same time, he entered the Drohobych Ivan Franko State Pedagogical University and, after three years of study, received a degree in higher education in choreography.

In 2007, Yuriy was invited to be a ballet dancer at the Lviv National Academic Theatre of Opera and Ballet. Inside the historic theatrical walls, he improves himself as an artist, setting new goals. As soloist Yuriy performs the Spanish Dance in *Swan Lake*; Drosselmeier, Rat King and Spanish dance in *The Nutcracker*; Espado, Bolero and Jig in *Don Quixote*; Birbanto in *Le Corsaire*; and more classic ballet roles. In 2015, he first joined Moscow Ballet in the company. Yuriy says, "this is not an ordinary company - it's a large family that brings together hundreds of people and together they create an artistic miracle on stage. I am excited to add Moscow Ballet Audition Director to my adventures."

