

**Wade Schaaf**  
**Contemporary Jazz**  
**Master Class**  
**August 19th, 2018**



**Wade Schaaf** hails from the Chicago area and graduated Cum Laude from Northern Illinois University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in theater arts (emphasis dance performance). During his professional career Wade has danced for such companies as the Ohio Ballet, State Street Ballet Santa Barbara, The Omaha Theater Ballet, and Thodos Dance Chicago, and River North Chicago Dance Company. He has worked with choreographers Septime Weber, Stephen Mills, Kennet Oberly, Bill Soleau, Frank Chaves, Laurie Stallings, Ron DeJesus and the Tony Award winning choreographer Ann Reinking. Wade has been privileged to dance such roles as Tybalt in Robin Welche's "Romeo and Juliet", Snow Pas in Welche's "The Nutcracker", and Jonathan in Oberly's "Dracula" as well, had the role of Mayor Carter Harrison set on him in the Thodos/Reinking collaboration, "The White City". Wade has set his own work on the Omaha Theater Ballet, Groundwork Dance Company and Thodos Dance Chicago. After retiring from the stage, Mr. Schaaf went on to open Chicago Repertory Ballet in November of 2011. Since the debut of CRB Wade has gone on to create such exceptional works as Shostakovich Piano Concerto, Peoplescape:Juxtaposition, and his first one-act story ballet, The Rite of Spring. Mr. Schaaf continues to steer the company through his vision of presenting the contemporary choreographic voice, and presenting familiar stories in a new or different way. Outside of the studio, Mr. Schaaf has a variety of interests ranging from visual art to health and wellness. Wade is a certified in both the Pilates method (Through Power Pilates) and RedCord, and is happy to enrich the lives of many through fitness.

**Cost: \$5 BDE members, \$20 non BDE members**

**(cash or check made out to BDE)**

**Schedule**

11:00-12:30 Inter IV– Adv

12:30-2 Inter I-III

Participants should arrive at least 20 minutes in advance to warm up.

Registration and payment are due no later than **Wednesday, August 15th**. Checks made out to BDE.

Please wear classroom leotard and tights, hair in a bun.