

# Rujeko Dumbutshena

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## EDUCATION TRAINING AND AWARDS

**Current MFA Graduate Student, University of New Mexico** Present  
October 1014 **Brooklyn Arts Council Grantee** February 2013  
**DeVos Institute/ BAM PDP Fellow** June 2012-June 2013  
**Bachelor of Art in Fine Art , University of New Mexico** August 2001-May 2003

## WORK EXPERIENCE

**Faculty instructor in Dance, University of New Mexico** Albuquerque, NM January 2014-Present

Teaching beginning African dance course.

**New Mexico Black History Month Committee** Albuquerque NM, January 2014- Present. Leadership for Arts and culture week. Choreographer and dance teacher for Rainbow Theater Productions.

**Artist in Residence, Duke University** Durham, NC April 2016 Taught master classes lectured and lead panel discussion at week long "Africa in Circum-Atlantic Perspective: Feminist Performance Routes"

**Artist in Residence, University of Rochester** Rochester, NY November 2015 Taught master classes and lectured at week long "Ngoma" conference

**Brooklyn College Community Partnership** Brooklyn, NY August 2012-June 2013 Teaching after-school programs at Bushwick High School. Participate in bi-monthly social justice professional development training.

**DeVos Institute/BAM Professional Development Program** Brooklyn, NY June 2012-June 2013

Marketing and community outreach for LEIMAY-CAVE's world premier at BAM.

**Faculty instructor in Dance, Sarah Lawrence College** Bronxville, NY 2004-June 2013 Teaching a year-long course in African dance

**Teaching artist, BCAM Public High School** Brooklyn, NY February 2011-June 2013 Teaching elective dance class students ages 15-17. Dance elective and after school curriculum development.

**Founder, Cultural Arts and Music Projects** Albuquerque, NM 2010-Present Founder of this non-profit organization promoting African music, dance, and culture. Artistic director of Camp Mabina, annual African dance and music conference.

**Dancer, Fela! On Broadway** New York City June 2010-April 2011 Cast member of Tony Award winning Broadway musical

**Teaching artist, Excellence Charter School** Brooklyn, NY 2009-2010 Teaching elementary school age boys in an after school program

**Dancer, Fela! Off Broadway** New York City June-October 2009 Cast member of award winning off-Broadway musical

**Teaching Artist, Brooklyn Academy of Music** Brooklyn, NY 2008-Present Teaching artist for Pre-Performance Workshops; teaching up to 30 student ages 5-18

**Artist in Residence, Cush Campus Schools** Brooklyn, NY 2006-2009 Taught weekly courses of African dance to children aged 7-11 years

**Faculty instructor in Dance, University of New Mexico** Albuquerque, NM 1997-2004 Taught two twice-weekly classes of 40-50 students.

**Founder, Panjea Foundation for Cultural Education** - Albuquerque, NM 1998-2006 Directed this non-profit organization in New Mexico organizing annual cultural trips to Zimbabwe

**Artistic Director, Blue Tribe School of Music and Dance** Albuquerque, NM 2000-2004 Choreographed and directed productions of the dance company.

## PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Popejoy, Albuquerque NM.
- Brooklyn Museum, Brooklyn NY.
- Lensic Theater, Santa Fe NM.
- Smithsonian African Arts Museum, Washington DC.
- Redbull Music Academy, Paris, France
- Fela On Broadway, New York City.
- Fela Off Broadway, New York City.
- The Colbert Report, New York City
- The View, ABC TV, New York City
- Tony Awards 2010, New York City.
- Getty Museum, Los Angeles.
- Sydney Opera House, Australia