

# *Roshanda D. Spears*

Multi-talented, award-winning dance artist Roshanda Spears, has been moving to her own beat since the age of five when her structured dance career began in African, Tap, Jazz, Ballet and Modern Dance. A native of Los Angeles, California, Ms. Spears is the daughter of the late John L. Spears, Sr. and Fannie Joyce Spears. Tapping into her pursuit of higher education, Ms. Spears received a Bachelor and two Masters Degrees from Grambling State University. Ms. Spears has performed in various venues, including commercials, plays, musicals and movies. Since migrating to Shreveport, LA in 2001, Roshanda's career has stayed on "pointe" working in a host of community venues (Shreveport Regional Arts Council-SRAC), schools, dance studios, and universities teaching dance. She is the owner of Shufflin' Along, LLC where she instructs private dance lessons and choreography for churches, weddings, plays, dance lines, dance studios, special events, commercials and movies. She also recently served as the Dance Professor at Southern University at Shreveport for nine years.

Currently Ms. Spears is the dance instructor at Christian Dance Center, is the resident choreographer for Mahogany Ensemble Theatre and founding executive director of the Shufflin' Along Foundation and Performing Arts Scholarship Fund. She also sits on a number of arts affiliated boards and organizations in Shreveport. She is also a member of Greenwood Acres Full Gospel Baptist Church where Bishop Fred A. Caldwell, Sr. is pastor/teacher. Ms. Spears has received the following honors:

- **2005 Gussie Nell Davis Award, American Dance/Drill Team**
- **2007-2008 Fellowship Award Recipient for Excellence in Dance**
- **February 2011 Louisiana American Association of Community Theatre (AACT) Outstanding Choreography Award**
- **April 2011 Regional AACT Excellence in Choreography Award.**
- **April 2012 Live performance, Sophomore CD release, National Recording Artist Forever Jones, Musical Revival**
- **2014-2015 Fellowship Award Recipient for Excellence in Dance**

