

SABRINA JULIA S. ORTIZ

Sabrina Ortiz is a dancer, photographer, and writer from Manila, Philippines. She is currently pursuing a double degree in Rehabilitation Psychology and Information Science in the University of Wisconsin-Madison as a member of the 17th cohort of the First Wave Urban Arts and Hip-Hop Scholarship. Trained under Toni Lopez-Gonzales Ballet School, Elan Ballet and Pilates Studio (Australian Ballet Conservatoire syllabus), and the Philippine Ballet Theatre national company, she has been dancing ballet and other forms of contemporary dance before transitioning into teaching younger ballet levels. Her passion for photography is inspired by her father. Through her lens, she tells compelling stories of family, isolation, reclaiming identity, and love. Her work in writing, photography, and videography has been her main source of memory-making and connecting.

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Psychology and Information Science
Minor in Public Policy and Science Communication
2028 University of Wisconsin-Madison | Madison, WI

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

STUDENT TECHNOLOGY TRAINER | (August 2024 — Present)
DoIT (Division of Information Technology) | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Madison, WI

PRODUCTIONS ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR | (August 2025 — Present)
Wisconsin Union Directorate Performing Arts Committee (WUDPAC) | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Madison, WI

BABY BALLET TEACHER | (January 2024 — June 2024)
Elan Ballet and Pilates Studio | Sparta Philippines, 126 Pioneer St. | Mandaluyong, Metro Manila

ASSISTANT JUNIOR BALLET TEACHER | (September 2023 — June 2024)
Elan Ballet and Pilates Studio | Sparta Philippines, 126 Pioneer St. | Mandaluyong, Metro Manila

PROFESSIONAL ART EXPERIENCE

JEXIZIS Commissioned Photography | January 29, 2025 | Madison, WI

ÉLUVO Commissioned Performance | March 21, 2024
Grand Hyatt Manila Hotel, Taguig City | Manila, Philippines

LANCÔME Commissioned Performance | August 19 & 26, 2023
Greenbelt Mall, Makati City | Manila, Philippines

PERFORMANCES

18th Annual Line Breaks Festival (Poetry, Theater, and Dance) | April 11-12, 2025
First Wave, Office of Multicultural Arts Initiatives (OMAI) | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Madison, WI

Rotary Ethics Symposium | February 7, 2025
Rotary Group Madison | Madison, WI

The Nutcracker | December 16-17, 2023
Philippine Ballet Theatre | Newport Performing Arts Theater, Pasay City | Manila, Philippines

Love Through The Years | December 1, 2023
Elan Ballet and Pilates Studio | Aliw Theater, Pasay City | Manila, Philippines

Dance with Shaz | October 6, 2023
Elan Ballet and Pilates Studio | Manila, Philippines

EXHIBITIONS

Sabrina's Scrapbook | Photography Publication | The Studio Art Magazine 2025 |
University of Wisconsin-Madison | Madison, WI

First | Solo Video Exhibition | The Studio Showcase 2024 | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Madison, WI

SELECTED AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

First Wave: Hip Hop and Urban Arts Full Four-Year Tuition Scholarship | 2024 - 2028
Office of Multicultural Arts Initiatives (OMAI) | University of Wisconsin-Madison

Creative Arts Award - Service Project Grant | April 28, 2025
The Studio (Division of the Arts) | University of Wisconsin-Madison

AFFILIATIONS/SERVICE

Member | Filipino American Student Organization | 2024 – present
University of Wisconsin-Madison | Madison, WI

Respite Care Volunteer | The Sensory Zone | 2024 – present
Keep Calm and Co. | 1736 Roth St | Madison, WI

Volunteer Photographer | Arts for All Wisconsin | 2024 – present
Madison Youth Arts Center | 1055 E Mifflin St | Madison, WI