**Cathy Allen** is an Associate Professor of Dance at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, As an independent artist and director of "Red Desert Contemporary Dance Ensemble", Cathy Allen has performed works by Doug Nielson, Gregg Bielimeier, Loretta Livingston, Martina Young, Malashock Dance and Company, Rudy Perez, and Anna Nassif, as well as her own choreography. Performing in the 1984 movie, "Footloose", and other performing credits include Lina Lamont in "Singin in the Rain", TV commercials, and Las Vegas Convention Revues. Allen received the Nevada State Council of the Arts Fellowship Award in both 1994 and 2001, the CSUN Award for Teaching in 2012, and a National Dance Association Presidential Citation Award for her service as dance chair of the National APHERD Conference in Reno in 1998.  Allen has received several awards for choreography at the International Dance Competition in Hellas. (Athens, Greece) since 2016. She has created works for Korean National Olympic University in Seoul, Korea, LIPA in Liverpool, England, SUNY at Buffalo in New York State, Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and showcased her choreography throughout the USA, Korea, Germany, Australia, Greece, Denmark and Scotland . Recently her collaborative film “Shoah Survivors Project” was selected for the “Inspired Dance Film Festival” as a 2022 finalist and will be featured in their digital festival.