## Isanusi Garcia Rodriguez

Isanusi Garcia Rodriguez is a former Principal Dancer with Miami City Ballet and Carolina Ballet, and also danced with The Cuban National Ballet. Isanusi graduated from Havana's Escuela Nacional de Ballet in 1997, and participated in numerous academic courses and competitions in Italy and Brazil, where he placed first in both classical and contemporary dance. He also won first place in the Santa Clara choreography competition, as well as in Havana with the International Festival of the Havana Ballet and Escuela Nacional de Ballet. In 1993, at only 16 years old, he collaborated with Marianela Boan and The Danza Nacional de Cuba for the anniversary show of the 130th birthday of Jose Marti in the theatre Mella with his choreography. Isanusi's dance career ended in 2012 due to brain injury, and he now volunteers his time by sharing his knowledge and passion for dance to the community. His style is uniquely influenced by his classical ballet background, and love for Modern and Contemporary dance.