

Morris Butler (Ife)

Ife, a native of Chicago started dancing in 1968, at Malcolm X College, under the neighborhood Youth program. After the program, Ife joined the JULIAN SWAIN INNER DANCE THEATER as a dancer, and then a male principal dancer.

From 1970 to 1980. In 1975, Ife joined another company, NAJWA DANCE CORPS, founded by NAJA, the Artistic Assistant Director of JULIAN SWAIN INNER CITY DANCE THEATER.

Over the following twenty years, Ife was made male principal dancer and director of costume, and rehearsal director. Ife is still an active member of this company as a consultant or dancer.

Trained by an array of teachers from prestigious schools such as Stone and Camryn School of Ballet (Chicago), Boitsov Classical School of Ballet (Chicago), and Alvin Ailey School of Dance (New York), Memphis State Ballet, Ife got an impressive dance education from great masters of dance from Africa.

In 2015, Ife moved to Atlanta to settle and has continued his dance career. He joined MANGA AFRICAN DANCE in 2021 serving as a co-Assistant Artistic Director.