

## BBOY CRAZY SMOOTH

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Crazy Smooth is one of Canada's top street dance ambassadors, a choreographer, dancer, sought after instructor, judge, and community leader. He is the founder and artistic director of Bboyizm, an award-winning dance company that has been instrumental in the preservation and proliferation of street dance in Canada and abroad.

The first b-boy to obtain a Canada Council grant to hone his craft, Smooth has studied with some of the top street dancers in New York, including Ken Swift, Brian Green, Shannon (Whichway Sha), Tony McGregor and Breaks Kru. His path to perfecting his practice has brought him to cities across the United States, as well as France and Sweden.

As a professional dancer and choreographer, he has taken on many leadership roles. Crazy Smooth has trained acrobats at Cirque du Soleil; performed, taught, and judged at events throughout the Americas and Europe; served as International Dance Day Ambassador for the Canada Council of the Arts (2012); facilitated projects in 25 Inuit and Native Communities with Blueprint For Life; and acted as an advisor on countless dance committees and initiatives.

Smooth founded Bboyizm in 2004, and the company has successfully brought authentic street dance choreography into the professional theatre setting. Four of his full-length creations— The Evolution of B-boying, IZM, Music Creates Opportunity & In My Body —have toured throughout Canada.

In My Body was developed during Crazy Smooth's 2019-2021 Long-Term Residency at the Centre de Création O Vertigo in Montreal. For this piece, Crazy Smooth was named the 2020 Clifford E Lee award recipient by the Banff Centre for the Arts. The project received a CanDance Network Creation Fund grant and significant investment from the NAC National Creation Fund.

In My Body won four 2022 Dora Awards including Outstanding Performance for its co-presentation by Canadian Stage, danceImmersion and TO Live; Outstanding Original Choreography (Crazy Smooth); Outstanding Performance by an Ensemble (Bboyizm Company Dancers); and Outstanding Achievement in Design (Multimedia/Video Design, Thomas Payette).

Crazy Smooth was most recently named Dancer of the Year at the 2023 Dynastie awards, Québec's foremost celebration of the province's Black creators working in the cultural, entertainment and media industries. He is also a recipient of both the Atlantic Presenters Association Touring Performer of the Year Award (2013) and the Ontario Presenters Network Emerging Touring Artist of the Year Award (2012).

Today, Smooth oversees Bboyizm's entire street dance experience, which includes performances, tours, outreach, and street dance programs in schools and communities across Canada and around the world. He continues to expand his community leadership role and is an active ambassador of street dance.

