

Career

Denise Roberts Hurlin graduated in 1984 with a BFA in Dance from the Conservatory of Dance at Purchase College. As a dancer Denise Roberts was a founding member of [Parsons Dance](#) in 1987. Hurlin still continues to direct. Hurlin has also set David Parsons work on the Parsons Dance Corps and Netherlands Dans Theatre. After all of that she was a member of the Paul Taylor Dance Company for six years and has performed in her time there she dances the leads in Taylors classics such as: *Aureole*, *Big Bertha*, *Airs*, *Esplanade*, *Cloven Kingdom* and *Sunset*¹. Denise had also originated roles in Taylors Company B, Spindrift, Field of grass and Speaking tongues in 1991.

After long years of dancing with the [Paul Taylor Dance Company](#), she and a fellow Paul Taylor dancer Hernando Cortez co-founded [Dancers Responding to AIDS](#) to help many of their friends and fellow dancers who had become gravely ill with the disease. Denise is still the founding director of Dancers responding to AIDS, It is a program of Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS. A little about the dancers responding to AIDS: it's one of the nation's leading industry-based, non-profit AIDS fundraising and grant-making organizations. The company draws up talents and resources. Since 1988 Broadway Cares has raised more than \$300 Million for essential services for people dealing with the struggle of AIDS and other critical illnesses across the United States.

Hurlin has won awards such as, on behalf of DRA, [Bessie Award Special Citation and the Creative Excellence Award](#) by Jennifer Muller/The Works at its 35th anniversary gala, 2017 Martha Hill Dance Fund Mid-Career Award and 2018 honoree at the Chase Brock Experience Gala. DRA is also a recipient of a Dance Magazine Award.

At Purchase, Hurlin received the President's Award for Achievement.

Personal Life:

Denise Roberts Hurlin is married to Broadway Cares Production Manager [Nathan Hurlin](#), who are the proud parents of [Catherine](#) and Henry Hurlin.² Denise's Daughter is now a dancer at [American Ballet Theatre](#) and is following in the footsteps of her mother as a dancer.

¹ <https://www.huffpost.com/author/denise-roberts-hurlin>

² https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Catherine_Hurlin

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