



Jakki Kalogridis began her dance training at the age of three at the Ballet School of Chapel Hill in North Carolina. After many years of musical training in piano, flute, and trumpet, she marched trumpet with the Chapel Hill High School marching band. After her freshman year of high school band, Jakki attended her first DCI show and decided to audition for colorguard.

She performed as a member of the colorguard at Tarheel Sun Drum and Bugle Corps, Crossmen Drum and Bugle Corps, Aria Winterguard, and First Flight Winterguard. After receiving her BFA in Design with a minor in Dance from UNC Greensboro, she returned as a graduate student to continue her studies in Dance and Performance Art.

Jakki taught, choreographed and designed for colorguard and winterguard programs of all levels around North Carolina, including Trinity High School, Chapel Hill High School, West Forsyth High School, High Point Central High School, Eastern Alamance High School, Western Alamance High School, McMichael High School, Williams High School, CE Jordan High School, and Cedar Ridge High School, and co-founded and directed the independent winterguard, The Proposition.

She also served as visual designer and marching instructor for Cedar Ridge High School and C.E. Jordan High School.

She started her costume company in 2002 and has since created colorguard and dance costumes for numerous high school programs, professional choreographers and dance companies, as well as some well-known burlesque and drag performers, and award-winning musical artists.

Jakki relocated to New Orleans in 2013, where she is an artist, and colorguard, dance, and fitness instructor. She is currently the colorguard instructor for Tulane University Marching Band, Director for The Proposition Winterguard, and Program Director for the New Orleans Colorguard Arts and the New Orleans Spin Club parading Krewe.