

Sandra Fortune-Green, a distinguished classical ballerina and teacher, began her passion for dance as a student at the Jones-Haywood School of Ballet where she blossomed under the tutelage of Doris Jones and Claire Haywood, and later continued her training in New York City at the School of American Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, The Joffrey Ballet, and at George Washington and Howard universities.

As a performer, she was a soloist with The Washington Ballet and the Capitol Ballet Company, and in 1973, she was the only American in the Second International Ballet Competition in Moscow. Soon after, she won Honorable Mentions at the prestigious 1974 and 1976 International Ballet Competitions in Varna, Bulgaria. As a teacher, in addition to her duties at JHDS, Fortune-Green serves on the faculty at Duke Ellington School of the Arts. She has taught dance as an adjunct professor at Howard University and at the Baltimore School of the Arts, Ballet Nacional de Santo Domingo, George Washington University, Philadanco and for other companies.

Fortune-Green has received numerous honors, including the Mayor's Arts Award for Excellence in an Artistic Discipline; Ward 4's 2010 Exceptional Women in the Arts Award; and DC Public School's 2010 Highly Effective Educator Award, to name a few.