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"*développé* was founded out of a desire to provide dancers with a safe, healthy, and supportive environment to grow in. In 2020 when the pandemic hit and the world shut down, I seized the opportunity to give ballet education a fresh start. My husband and I built an open-air studio in our backyard where I spent the year training a small group of dancers. When it was too cold to dance outside, we Zoomed from home studio spaces on **Harlequin Floors'** home studio dance mats. I fell in love with being a director and knew the next step was to build a studio!

I wanted to create a high-level training environment that had young dancers' overall health and well-being as the core of its value system. I met with physical therapists and brainstormed with fellow dancers and teachers to make sure I was set up to give my students the very best. As we took the steps to build our studio there were so many questions to answer, but flooring was easy! A dancer's flooring is a huge part of injury prevention and long-term health and I knew **Harlequin Studio™** was the right choice as it would supply the extra cushion for growing dancers and a surface that would give them security in every step."



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