

## Porter Jo Knox - Young Actor | Model | Performing Artist | Dancer

Porter Jo "PJ" Knox is a rising star and a multi-talented young performer whose passion for the stage, screen, and spotlight continues to earn her recognition across Iowa. Based in Des Moines, PJ blends natural charisma, creativity, athleticism, and professionalism in everything she does, including acting, dancing, modeling, and writing and directing her own plays. PJ was selected to attend two of Iowa's most prestigious youth arts programs in 2025:

- **Blank Summer Institute for the Arts – Performing Arts Program** (University of Iowa, June 2025)
  - This highly selective, residential summer experience gathers Iowa's most talented 7th- and 8th-grade students for a week of immersive artistic development.
- **Des Moines Public Schools Central Academy – Creative Contemporary Movement Program**
  - This dynamic initiative fosters the next generation of creative thinkers through expressive dance, movement, and innovative performance, beginning in middle school and ending upon graduation.

These programs recognize PJ's drive, discipline, and creative excellence in both movement and performance. Porter's passion for storytelling and her ability to fully embody character and emotion make her a standout in both dramatic and creative roles. Her dedication, work ethic, and vibrant energy continue to set her apart as a young talent to watch.

### The Playhouse (Des Moines):

- *Frozen Jr.* – Handmade
- *Willy Wonka* – Grandma Georgina, Candy Kid, Oompa Loompa
- *3 Billy Goats Gruff* – Goat
- *Fortunately, the Milk* – Alien, Mad Scientist Steg
- *The Great Bake-Off* – Duet Acting
- *Enola Holmes (3-Day Play 2023)* – Lead Role: Jeff

### Des Moines Young Artist Theater:

- Duet Acting

### Tallgrass Theater Company (West Des Moines):

- *Cinderella Stories* – Lead Detective
- *Pirate Stories* – Main Pirate
- *Saturday Night Live (Improv)* – Weather Lady, Ariana Grande
- *Twisted Fairy Tales* – Dorothy, Little Red
- Wrote and directed multiple original plays

### Modeling & Commercial Work

- **Broadlawn Medical Center** – Commercial & Print Modeling
- **MidAmerican Energy** – Commercial & Print Modeling

### Special Skills

- Theater Performance (Comedy & Drama)
- Improv & Character Development
- Contemporary Movement & Dance
- Creative Writing & Directing
- Memorization & On-Camera Work
- Modeling (Commercial & Editorial)
- Vocal Imitation & Voice Acting

### Training & Programs

- Blank Summer Institute (Belin-Blank Center, University of Iowa)
- Central Academy Creative Contemporary Movement (DMPS)
- Ongoing community theater and improv training