

# Jakevis Thomason

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## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – PRESENT** **USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE:** *Los Angeles, CA*
- Soloist in *Enemy in the Figure* (Excerpt) by William Forsythe
  - Soloist in *Company B* (Excerpt) by Paul Taylor
  - Soloist in *Ten Duets on a Theme of Rescue* (Excerpt) by Crystal Pite
  - Soloist in *Gone* by Dwight Rhoden
  - Dancer in *Monger* (Excerpt) by Barak Marshall
  - Dancer in *Ritual Embrace* (World Premiere) by d. Sabela grimes
  - Dancer in *Beautiful People* (World Premiere) by Christian Vincent
  - Dancer in *Growing Up Human* (World Premiere) by Christopher Scott and Jessica Lee Keller
- APRIL 2018** Dancer/Actor in USC's *West Side Story*, choreography by Jerome Robbins *Los Angeles, CA*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2017 – PRESENT** Choreographer/Trainer for USC Song Girls and Half-Time Performances *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2016 – PRESENT** Teacher for various competitive dance studios *Greenville, SC*
- JULY 2019** Dancer/Choreographer with Ian Chang for Traverse City Dance Project *Los Angeles, CA*
- NOVEMBER 2018** Choreographer/Dancer for Cupcake's music video "Dangeled" *Los Angeles, CA*
- JUNE 2018** Assistant Choreographer with Frank Gaston for film "Fanney Khan" *Mumbai, India*
- APRIL 2018** Dance Instructor/Assistant for Jussie Smollett audition *Los Angeles, CA*
- FEBRUARY 2018** Dancer in David Mikael's music video "DWYGD" *Los Angeles, CA*
- DECEMBER 2017** Dancer/Choreographer for Son Lux teasing campaign *Los Angeles, CA*
- SEPTEMBER 2015** Dancer/Contestant on ABC's "Dance Battle America" *Los Angeles, CA*

## TRAINING & EDUCATION

- 2016 – PRESENT** USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2001 – 2016** Dianne's School of Dance (Starz Artistic Performing Company) *Greenville, SC*
- 2014 – 2015** Dance Makers: The Collective *Los Angeles, CA*

## GALAS, FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- MAY 2019 & 2018** Dancer/Choreographer for Laguna Dance Festival *Laguna Beach, CA*
- APRIL 2019** Dancer/Choreographer at USC Trustees Retreat *Ojai, CA*
- FEBRUARY 2019** Dancer in USC Kaufman NYC Debut at The Joyce Theater *New York, NY*
- SEPTEMBER 2016** Dancer in USC Visions & Voices *Focus Forsythe: The Choreographer's Process* *Los Angeles, CA*

## CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

- MAY 2019** *Free, Ace* Submission *Los Angeles, CA*
- APRIL 2019** *Coldest Winter*, World Choreography Awards Submission *Los Angeles, CA*
- MARCH 2019** *Black Lake*, Gala de Danza *Los Cabos, Mexico*
- FEBRUARY 2019** *Mingle*, USC Kaufman Choreography Showing at New York Live Arts *New York, NY*
- NOVEMBER 2019** *I Got the Juice*, Club Jete *Los Angeles, CA*
- JULY 2019** *Framing the Push*, Traverse City Dance Project *Traverse City, MI*
- NOVEMBER 2018** *Now I Want*, Laguna Beach Art Walk *Laguna Beach, CA*
- MARCH 2018** *Aware*, USC Kaufman Choreographic Showcase *Los Angeles, CA*

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019 – PRESENT** Glorya Kaufman Endowed Scholarship Recipient *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2016 – PRESENT** USC Kaufman Dance Scholarship Recipient *Los Angeles, CA*

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## MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Kyle Abraham, Peter Boal, Jon Boogz, Sir Matthew Bourne, Brian Brooks, Lil Buck, Dexter Carr, Dana Caspersen, Tessandra Chavez, Will Earston, Glenn Edgerton, Allison Faulk, Teddy Forance, Casey Frails, Kayla Frails, Brian Friedman, Roderick George, Jill Johnson, Ryan Kirby, Jessica Lang, Megan Lawson, Chad McCall, Kathryn McCormick, Emily Molnar, Gillian Murphy, Martha Nichols, Bobby Newberry, Marissa Osato, Kyle Robinson, Christopher Roman, RubberLegz, Spenser Theberge, Dejaun Tubic, Zachary Venegas, Travis Wall, Wendy Whelan, Raphael Xavier, YNOT, Seth Zibalese

## SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

**SKILLS:** Drawing, Acting, Clogging  
**LEADERSHIP:** USC Kaufman Student Advisory Board, USC Alpha Lambda Delta National Honors Society