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HEIGHT: 5'5"

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2016 – PRESENT** USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE: *Los Angeles, CA*
- Soloist in *Sonatine* (Excerpt) by George Balanchine
 - Soloist in *Who Cares?* (Excerpt) by George Balanchine
 - Soloist in *In the Middle, Somewhat Elevated* (Excerpt) by William Forsythe
 - Soloist in *The Second Detail* (Excerpt) by William Forsythe
 - Soloist in *The Vertiginous Thrill of Exactitude* (Excerpt) by William Forsythe
 - Soloist in *The Vile Parody of Address* (Excerpt) by William Forsythe
 - Soloist in *On the Double* (World Premiere) by Jodie Gates
 - Soloist in *Gone* by Dwight Rhoden
 - Dancer in *Allegro Brillante* by George Balanchine
 - Dancer in *Serenade* (Excerpt) by George Balanchine
 - Dancer in *Falling Angels* (Excerpt) by Jiří Kylián
 - Dancer in *Monger* (Excerpt) by Barak Marshall
 - Dancer in *Vortices* (World Premiere) by Rauf “RubberLegz” Yasit

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2015 – 2016** Complexions Contemporary Ballet Apprentice and Company Member *New York, NY*

TRAINING & EDUCATION

- 2016 – PRESENT** USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance *Los Angeles, CA*
2019 USC Kaufman Maymester *Paris, France*
2018 The School at Jacob’s Pillow Ballet Program *Becket, MA*
2017 Nederlands Dans Theater Summer Intensive *Den Haag, Netherlands*
2012 – 2016 Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts *Dallas, TX*

GALAS, FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- MARCH 2019** Dancer in USC Trustees Retreat *Ojai, CA*
FEBRUARY 2019 Dancer in USC Kaufman NYC Debut at The Joyce Theater *New York, NY*
OCTOBER 2018 Dancer in Laguna Dance Festival *Stars of Dance* *Laguna Beach, CA*
JANUARY 2015 Soloist in National YoungArts Week *Miami, FL*

CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

- MARCH 2018** *All That We’ll Ever See* (collaboration), USC Kaufman/USC Thornton
Choreographers & Composers *Los Angeles, CA*

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019 – PRESENT** Glorya Kaufman Endowed Scholarship Recipient *Los Angeles, CA*
2019 – PRESENT USC Academic Achievement Award Winner *Los Angeles, CA*
2019 – PRESENT Fidelity National Financial Scholarship Recipient *Jacksonville, FL*
2016 – PRESENT Folded Flag Foundation Scholarship Recipient *Las Vegas, NV*
2018 USC Kaufman Global Experience Fund Scholarship Recipient *Los Angeles, CA*

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Kyle Abraham, Akram Khan Company, Azure Barton, Peter Boal, Jon Boogz, Sir Matthew Bourne, Hope Boykin, Brian Brooks, Dana Caspersen, Ching-Ying Chien, Glenn Edgerton, Yuri Fateev, Alison Faulk, William Forsythe, Roderick George, Jill Johnson, Jessica Lee Keller, Lil Buck, Lucky Plush Dance Company, Fiona Lummis, Nigel Lythgoe, Achinta S. McDaniel, Barak Marshall, Emily Molnar, Gillian Murphy, Matthew Neenan, Sergei Polunin, Victor Quijada, Dwight Rhoden, Desmond Richardson, Christopher Roman, RubberLegz, Christopher Scott, Jermaine Spivey, Sonya Tayeh, Jeff Thacker, Spenser Theberge, Christian Vincent, Wendy Whelan, Clifford Williams, Raphael Xavier, Norah Zuniga Shaw

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

SKILLS: Hand Sewing, Machine Sewing, Calligraphy, Cooking, Acting, Dancing with Props, Makeup, Hair Styling
LEADERSHIP: USC Kaufman Student Affairs Senior Lead, USC Kaufman Dance Operations Shift Supervisor, USC Kaufman Repertory Assistant, USC Kaufman Company Manager
ADMINISTRATIVE & TECHNICAL: iMovie, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, GarageBand