

Ciara Rai Billups

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PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2018 – PRESENT** USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE: *Los Angeles, CA*
- Soloist in *MinEvent* by Merce Cunningham, Staged by Silas Riener
 - Soloist in *Our Voices, Currently*. (World Premiere) by Hope Boykin
 - Soloist in *Soft Landing (solo)* by Peter Chu
 - Soloist in *I see them falling* (World Premiere) by Doug Varone
 - Soloist in *oneironaut* by Kara Wilkes
 - Soloist in *Whelm* (World Premiere) by Bret Easterling
 - Soloist in *Taken over me* by Toyin Soguro
 - Dancer in *The Second Detail* (Excerpt) by William Forsythe, Staged by Thomas McManus
 - Dancer in *The Vile Parody of Address* by Bill Forsythe, Staged by Thomas McManus
 - Dancer in *Symphony of Psalms* (Excerpt) by Jiří Kylián, Staged by Fiona Lummis
 - Dancer in *Prelude* (World Premiere) by Dwight Rhoden, Staged by Clifford Williams
 - Dancer in *Esplanade* (Excerpt) by Paul Taylor, Staged by Patrick Corbin
 - Dancer in *Wonderland* (Excerpt) by Barak Marshall
 - Dancer in *THE ASSOCIATED* (World Premiere) by Jermaine Spivey
 - Dancer in *Deep Sleep* (World Premiere) by Saleemah E. Knight
 - Dancer in *Shower Flowers* by Olivia Gieringer
 - Dancer in *Cerebrum Isolate Revisited* by Ava Cosentino
 - Dancer in *Good Time Girl* by Max Prosser
 - Choreographed and danced in *All the Phases*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2021** Soloist in *KAIROS* music video by Alex BH *Malibu, CA*
- 2020** Dancer in “Baby Mama” Music Video for Brandy ft. Chance the Rapper, Choreographed by Jakevis Thomason *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2020** Soloist and Dancer in *Pair/US* by Jackie Kopcsak *Pasadena, CA*
- 2019** Dancer in *Growing Pains* Music Video by Nyallah, Choreographed by Nina Gumbs *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2019** Dancer in *Trust You* Music Video for Yoyo Nosa ft. Kae Elms *Los Angeles, CA*

TRAINING & EDUCATION

- 2018 – PRESENT** USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance *Los Angeles, CA*
USC Marshall School of Business, Minor in Sports Business and Management *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2020 – 2021** National Society of Leadership and Success *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2016** Complexions Contemporary Ballet Summer Intensive *Detroit, MI*
- 2015** Alonzo King LINES Ballet Summer Intensive *San Francisco, CA*

GALAS, FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- 2019** *MinEvent* at Laguna Art Museum *Laguna Beach, CA*
- 2019** USC President Inauguration Ceremony *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2019** USC Board of Trustees Retreat Opening Ceremony *Santa Barbara, CA*

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Hope Boykin, Peter Chu, Teddy Forance, William Forsythe, Misha Gabriel, Zippora Karz, Fiona Lummis, Barak Marshall, Jason Parsons, Victor Quijada, Rauf “RubberLegz” Yasit, Silas Riener, Desmond Richardson, Dwight Rhoden, Kirsten Russell, Jermaine Spivey, Toyin Sogunro, Stacey Tookey, Spenser Theberge, Doug Varone, Travis Wall, Kara Wilkes, Clifford Williams

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

SKILLS: Pointe, Improv, Partnering, Business/Sports Business, Dance Operations, Modeling, Basic Ballroom, Bollywood, House, Leadership, and Teaching

LEADERSHIP: Nordstrom Ambassador Program, National Society of Leadership and Success, Teaching and Mentoring Grades K-8 (Intro to Hip-Hop; and Rehearsal Director)