

Jessalyn Ward

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HEIGHT: 5'7"

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2019 - PRESENT** **USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE:** *Los Angeles, CA*
- Soloist in *Sonatine* by George Balanchine, staged by Zippora Karz
 - Soloist in *RODEO* by Justin Peck, staged by Michael Breeden
 - Soloist in *Soft Landing* by Peter Chu
 - Duet in *Whereabouts Unknown* (excerpt) by Jiří Kylián, staged by Fiona Lummis
 - Duet in *Visions Fugitives* (excerpt) by Hans van Manen, staged by Fiona Lummis
 - Duet in *Sinfonietta* (excerpt) by Jiří Kylián, staged by Fiona Lummis
 - Dancer in *New Sleep* (excerpt) by William Forsythe, staged by Thomas McManus
 - Dancer in *Minus 16* by Ohad Naharin, staged by Bret Easterling
 - Dancer in *Whelm* (world premiere) by Bret Easterling
 - Dancer in *Dichotomy* (world premiere) by Penny Saunders
 - Dancer in *RED/THE FORCE* (excerpt) by Dwight Rhoden, staged by Desmond Richardson
- 2017 - 2019** Sugar Plum Fairy in *The Nutcracker*, staged by Dmitri Kulev *Orange County, CA*
Dancer in *Serenade* by George Balanchine, staged by Michelle Gifford
Dancer in *Little Steps* by Spenser Theberge and Jermaine Spivey
Dancer in *Construct, Reorient* by Alex Ketley

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Represented by *Wilhelmina LA*

- 2012 - PRESENT** Dancer/Model for Discount Dance Supply *Anaheim, CA*
2021 Dancer/Model for Tavi Active *Oceanside, CA*
APR 2020 Dancer in *Away&Here* (world premiere) for Planned Parenthood of Pasadena and the San Gabriel Valley *Los Angeles, CA*

TRAINING & EDUCATION

- 2019 - PRESENT** USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance *Los Angeles, CA*
2021 Jacob's Pillow Contemporary Ballet Summer Program *Becket, MA*
2017 - 2019 Westside Dance Project *Orange County, CA*
2016 - 2019 Dmitri Kulev Classical Ballet Academy *Orange County, CA*
JUL 2017, 2018 The Juilliard School Summer Intensive *New York, NY*

GALAS, FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- JUL 2022** Dancer in USC Kaufman Germany Debut *Fürth, Germany*
MAY 2019 Soloist in Laguna Dance Festival *Spring Soiree* *Laguna Beach, CA*

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019 - PRESENT** Glorya Kaufman Endowed Scholarship *Los Angeles, CA*
2019 YAGP NYC Finals 1st Place Contemporary Pas De Deux *New York, NY*
2019 Spotlight Music Center Classical & Non-Classical Dance Honorable Mention *Los Angeles, CA*
2018 Laguna Dance Festival Young Artist Scholarship Recipient *Laguna Beach, CA*

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Kyle Abraham, Azure Barton, Jon Bond, Hope Boykin, Peter Chu, Alexandra Damiani, Bret Easterling, Yuri Fateev, William Forsythe, Jodie Gates, Alicia Graf Mack, Zippora Karz, Alice Klock, Florian Lochner, Fiona Lummis, Barak Marshall, Thomas McManus, Emily Molnar, Ohad Naharin, Justin Peck, Victor Quijada, Dwight Rhoden, Desmond Richardson, Dani Rowe, Taryn Russell, Jermaine Spivey, Risa Steinberg, Micaela Taylor, Spenser Theberge, Christopher Wheeldon, Wendy Whelan, Rauf "RubberLegz" Yasit, Yin Yue

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

SKILLS: Singing, Modeling, Improv, Partnering, Choreographing, Event Management
LEADERSHIP: USC Kaufman: Student Liaison, Lead Student Ambassador, Student Advisory Board; Southern California Choreographic Collective Administrator
ADMINISTRATIVE & TECHNICAL: iMovie, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Google Suite