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HEIGHT: 6'0"

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – PRESENT** USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE: *Los Angeles, CA*
- Dancer in *Dichotomy* (world premiere) by Penny Saunders
 - Dancer in *Cypher Celebration*, USC Kaufman
 - Dancer in *RED/THE FORCE* by Dwight Rhoden
 - Dancer in *Piece* by Marjani Forté-Saunders
 - Dancer in *Whereabouts Unknown* (excerpt) by Jiří Kylián, staged by Fiona Lummis
 - Dancer in *MinEvent* Centennial Performance of Merce Cunningham, staged by Silas Riener

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022** Composer/Co-Creative Director for *Stranger* with FALCO Dance: Woodworks Residency by Madison Falconer *Traverse City, MI*
- 2022** Teacher for breaking workshop with FALCO Dance: Woodworks Residency by Madison Falconer *Traverse City, MI*
- 2022** Composer/Musician for Save as Draft presents *Under the City Sky* by Jona Huang *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2022** Composer for *Take Care* concept video by Cameron Cofrancesco *Los Angeles, CA*

TRAINING & EDUCATION

- 2019 – PRESENT** USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2018** Hubbard Street at USC Kaufman *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2018** Juilliard Summer Dance Intensive *New York City, NY*
- 2016 – 2017** Alvin Ailey American School of Dance Summer Intensive *New York City, NY*
- 2011 – 2019** Studio West Dance Center *Fort Collins, CO*

MUSIC COMPOSITION EXPERIENCE (NON-PROFESSIONAL)

- 2022** Music/Sound Design for *Octopus* by Madison Falconer, USC Kaufman Choreographic Showcase *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2022** *Whorl* for *Sound and Color* (excerpt), USC Kaufman Choreographic Showcase *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2021** *Blue Dream* for *SoundScape* with Save as Draft by Jona Huang *Los Angeles, CA*

CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

- 2022** *Sound and Color* (excerpt), USC Kaufman Choreographic Showcase *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2022** *Whorl*, a short film for USC Kaufman Choreography for the Screen *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2022** *Sleepwalking*, concept video by Julia Narvaez *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2022** *Eloise*, a short film for USC Kaufman Choreography for the Screen *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2022** *Paradox*, music video by Kyra Horton *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2021** *Lush*, Southern California Choreographic Collective *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2020** *Spirals*, a short film for USC Choreographers and Composers *Los Angeles, CA*

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2019 – PRESENT** USC Trustee Scholarship *Los Angeles, CA*

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Lillian Barbeito, Hope Boykin, Alexandra Damiani, Marjani Forté-Saunders, William Forsythe, Jodie Gates, Ladies of Hip Hop, Tina Landon, Fiona Lummis, Alicia Graf Mack, Barak Marshall, Achinta S. McDaniel, Thomas McManus, Victor Quijada, Silas Riener, Toyin Sogunro, Jermaine Spivey, Risa Steinberg, Miyabi Wright

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

SKILLS: Music Editing, Photo Editing, Improv/Freestyle, Public Speaking, Juggling

LEADERSHIP: Southern California Choreographic Collective Project Lead, USC JEDI Peer Diversity Educator, High School Peer Educator

TECHNICAL: Ableton, Garageband, iMovie, Adobe Lightroom, Microsoft Office