

# Ashton Benn

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## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2020 – PRESENT** USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE: *Los Angeles, CA*
- Soloist in *Esplanade* (excerpt) by Paul Taylor, staged by Patrick Corbin
  - Soloist in *Impact on Horizon* (world premiere) by Saleemah E. Knight
  - Duet in *Forgotten Land* (excerpt) by Jiří Kylián
  - Duet in *Hissy Fits* (excerpt) by Dwight Rhoden, staged by Ebony Haswell Frazier
  - Duet in *Medulla Problems* (world premiere) by Kyle Abraham
  - Duet in *Roses* (excerpt) by Paul Taylor, staged by Patrick Corbin
  - Dancer in *...and here WE are* (world premiere) by Hope Boykin
  - Dancer in *In Creases* by Justin Peck, staged by Michael Breeden
  - Dancer in *Reach* (world premiere) by Micaela Taylor
  - Dancer in *Red/The Force* (excerpt) by Dwight Rhoden
  - Dancer in *Rodeo* (excerpt) by Justin Peck, staged by Michael Breeden
- 2022** Soloist in *Sad Case* (excerpts) by Paul Lightfoot and Sol Leon, Orsolina28 *Moncalvo, Italy*
- 2019** Soloist in *Happy Little Things* by Azure Barton, Booker T Washington HSPVA *Dallas, TX*
- 2018** Dancer in *Echad Mi Yodea* by Ohad Naharin, San Francisco Conservatory of Dance *San Francisco, CA*
- 2018** Dancer in *Serenade* by George Balanchine, Booker T Washington HSPVA *Dallas, TX*

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### REPRESENTED BY GO2 TALENT AGENCY

- 2023** Quartet in A.I.M Program at The Joyce Theater, *5 Minute Dance (You Drivin?)* *New York City, NY*  
choreography by Kyle Abraham

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- 2020 – PRESENT** USC Gloria Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2023 – PRESENT** USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, MA in Arts Journalism *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2022** Orsolina28 *Moncalvo, Italy*
- 2022** Bruce Wood Dance WoodWorks Intensive *Dallas, TX*
- 2021** Next Steps Intensive *Saratoga Springs, NY*
- 2019** Axis Connect Summer Intensive *New York City, NY*
- 2018** San Francisco Conservatory of Dance *San Francisco, CA*
- 2016 – 2020** Booker T Washington High School for the Performing and Visual Arts *Dallas, TX*

## CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

- 2023** *Mambo* (collaboration), USC Advanced Composition Show *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2021** *Shell* (collaboration), USC Choreographers and Composers *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2021** *Gentle with Rage*, USC Kaufman Choreographic Showcase *Los Angeles, CA*

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2020 – PRESENT** USC Presidential Merit Scholarship *Los Angeles, CA*

## MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Jonathan Alsberry, Azure Barton, Charissa Barton, Cherice Barton, Sidra Bell, Al Blackstone, Andy Blakenbeuler, Peter Chu, Alexandra Damiani, Patricia Delgado, Bret Easterling, Glenn Edgerton, Marjani Forté-Saunders, William Forsythe, Roderick George, Matthew Rushing, Zippora Karz, Fiona Lummis, Barak Marshall, Achinta S. McDaniel, Thomas McManus, Ohad Naharin, Kevin Pajarillaga, Victor Quijada, Dwight Rhoden, Desmond Richardson, Rauf “RubberLegz” Yasit, Cindy Salgado, Jermaine Spivey, Spenser Theberge, Stephanie Troyak, Daniel Ulbricht, Tom Weinberger, Wendy Whelan

## SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

**SKILLS:** Singing, Acting, Public Speaking, Improv, Partnering, Tap  
**LEADERSHIP:** USC Kaufman Connections Community Outreach Program Dance Teacher, USC Kaufman Student Liaison, USC Kaufman Lead Student Ambassador, Southern California Choreographic Collective Vice President, High School Valedictorian  
**ADMINISTRATIVE & TECHNICAL:** Adobe Premiere Pro, Adobe Audition, Microsoft Office