

# Valerie Chen

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## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2020 – PRESENT** USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE: *Los Angeles, CA*
- Soloist in *Medulla Problems* by Kyle Abraham (world premiere)
  - Duet in *Esplanade* (excerpt) by Paul Taylor, staged by Patrick Corbin
  - Duet in *5 Minute Piece (You Drivin?)*, by Kyle Abraham
  - Duet in *Forgotten Land* (excerpt) by Jiří Kylián, staged by Fiona Lummis
  - Duet in *Hissy Fits* (excerpt) by Dwight Rhoden, staged by Ebony H. Frazier
  - Duet in *Impact on Horizon* (world premiere) by Saleemah E. Knight
  - Duet in *In Creases* by Justin Peck, staged by Michael Breeden
  - Duet in *Leaving* (world premiere) by Dani Rowe
  - Duet in *Reach* by Micaela Taylor
  - Duet in *Roses* (excerpt) by Paul Taylor, staged by Patrick Corbin
  - Dancer in *... and here WE Are* (world premiere) by Hope Boykin
  - Dancer in *Rodeo* (excerpt) by Justin Peck, staged by Michael Breeden
  - Dancer in *RED/The Force* (excerpt) by Dwight Rhoden
- 2020 – PRESENT** WESTSIDE DANCE PROJECT *Lake Forest, CA*
- Soloist in *Ready* by Micaela Taylor
  - Dancer in *No Need To Argue* by Bret Easterling
  - Dancer in *Say Said* by Spenser Theberge
  - Dancer in *The Red Space* by Norbert de la Cruz III

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2023** Featured Duet in *Universal Child* by Wet World (music video) *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2022** Duet in *Amplified* by Sophia Oddi, New Century Dance Project *Santa Fe, NM*
- 2022** Dancer in *Under the City Sky* by Save As Draft, Under the City Sky *Los Angeles, CA*

## TRAINING AND EDUCATION

- 2020 – PRESENT** USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2023** Nederlands Dans Theater Summer Intensive *Den Haag, NL*
- 2023** *One Body, One Career* Countertechnique Intensive *New York, NY*
- 2019** GagaLabs Summer Intensive *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2015 – 2020** Dmitri Kulev Classical Ballet Academy *Lake Forest, CA*
- 2017 – 2020** Westside Dance Project *Lake Forest, CA*
- 2014 – 2020** Orange County School of the Arts, Commercial Dance Conservatory *Santa Ana, CA*

## GALAS, FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

- 2023** Duet in A New Creation (world premiere) by Dimo Milev, NDT SI Performance *Den Haag, NL*
- 2023 & 2022** Creator, Director, & Producer of *Looking In: Series 2 & Looking In* *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2023** Producer of *USC AAPI Beyond the Monolith: Finding Identity* *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2023** Dancer in *An Evening Celebrating Kyle Abraham* *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2021** Dancer in *Dance As Radical Self-Care*, USC Vision and Voices *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2023** Dancer in *Impact on Horizon*, USC Board of Trustees Conference *Ojai, CA*

## CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

- 2022** *Lost In the Light*, Southern California Choreographic Collective ARTSfest *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2022** *Fragments & Harmony* (collaboration), USC Kaufman Choreographers & Composers *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2021** *Get By*, USC Kaufman Sophomore Choreography Showcase *Los Angeles, CA*

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2020 – PRESENT** USC Kaufman Artistic Excellence Scholarship *Los Angeles, CA*
- University of Southern California Dean Scholarship Recipient *Los Angeles, CA*
- 2019** Music Center Spotlight Contemporary Dance Semifinalist *Los Angeles, CA*

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## MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Kyle Abraham, Cyril Baldy, Billy Barry, Hope Boykin, Norbert de la Cruz III, Peter Chu, Patricia Delgado, Anouk Van Dijk, Christophe Dozzi, Bret Easterling, William Forsythe, Jodie Gates, Roderick George, Zippora Karz, Fiona Lummis, Carolina Mancuso, Barak Marshall, Thomas McManus, Nora Kimball-Mentzos, Dimo Milev, Rachael Osborne, Justin Peck, Roger Van Der Poel, Victor Quijada, Dwight Rhoden, Desmond Richardson, Dani Rowe, Kyle Scheurich, Guy Shomroni, Jermaine Spivey, Micaela Taylor, Spenser Theberge, Remy Tilburg, Doug Varone, Rauf "RubberLegz" Yasit, Yin Yue

## SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

**SKILLS:** Piano, Cinematography, Video Editing, Mandarin Speaking, Graphic Design, Photography  
**LEADERSHIP:** President of Southern California Choreographic Collective, USC Student Advisory Board, High School Valedictorian  
**ADMINISTRATIVE & TECHNICAL:** iMovie, Graphic Design, Canva, Microsoft Office