

Esi Samuels

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PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

2020-Present USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE Los Angeles, CA

- Soloist in *The Artist's Struggle for Integrity* (world premiere) by Toyin Sogunro
- Duet in *Consciously Shifting* (world premiere) by Peter Chu
- Duet in *1947* (world premiere) by Achinta S. McDaniel
- Trio in *The Kauf-Season* (world premiere) by Max Pham

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024 Backup Dancer for Uncle Waffles, choreographed by Litchi Hov Harlem, NY

2024 • Uncle Waffles Live at the Apollo Presented by Coca Cola Brooklyn, NY

2023 & 2024 • We Love Waffles Headline Show 2023 & 2024 Montreal, Canada

2024 • Osheaga Festival Los Angeles, CA

2024 • United Masters Grammy Weekend Concert Miami, FL

2023 • Afronation Festival Palm Springs, CA

2023 • Coachella Canada, Europe, USA

2023-Present Resident Dancer for Everyday People Paris, France

- Fete De La Musique - Fashion Week Washington DC
- Broccoli City Festival Brazil
- Brazil Tour - Salvador Bahia, Sao Paolo, Rio De Janerio Africa
- Africa Tour - Johannesburg, Capetown, Lagos, Accra, Dakar Atlanta, GA
- Revolt World Festival Los Angeles, CA

2023 Backup Dancer for Adekunle Gold Los Angeles, CA

TRAINING & EDUCATION

2021-Present USC Gloria Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance Los Angeles, CA

2023-2024 DWP Academy Accra, Ghana

2008-2021 Riverdale Country School Bronx, NY

2007-2021 The Ailey School Manhattan, NY

2018-2021 MOVE|NYC| Young Professionals Program New York City, NY

MUSIC VIDEOS

2023 *Good Body* by Blvk H3ro ft Soko7 & Blaq Pages Los Angeles, CA

2023 *Holy Ghost* by Bapi Joss Los Angeles, CA

2023 *Turn Up* by Goya Menor Los Angeles, CA

2022 *Oh No* by Vudumane Manhattan, NY

2022 *RELOCATE* by SMVEOn Friday's Los Angeles, CA

2020 *Fever* by DJ Flex New York City

2018 *Les Billets* by Leo l'Americain ft Gyl Phenix New York City

2013 *Bagay Nef* by Wyclef Jean New York City

2011 *In Love* by Kofi Samuels Montserrat, WI

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2021-2025 Kaufman Dance Scholarship Los Angeles, CA

2018-2020 New York Community Trust Van Lier Fellowship New York City, NY

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Darius Barnes, Tiffany Bong, Zuleka Diamond, E. Moncel Durden, Bret Easterling, Nina Flagg, Brian Friedman, Jodie Gates, Roderick George, Shonica Gooden, d. Sabela grimes, Grasan Kingsberry, Saleemah E. Knight, Fiona Lummis, Anindo Marshall, Amy O'Neal, Emma Rosa, Jermaine Spivey, Micaela Taylor, Manuel Vignoulle, Yin Yue, Leal Zielinska

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

SKILLS: Afrodance, Singing, Acting, Improv, Video Production, Make-Up, Social Media Marketing

TECHNICAL: iMovie, CapCut