Kyson Kai

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Los Angeles, CA

Pittsburgh, PA

Honolulu, HI

HEIGHT: 5'2"

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

2022-Present USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE • Soloist in L/Anding (world premiere) by Nina Flagg

- Soloist in Playing Perspectives (world premiere) by Caili Quan
- Soloist in In Search of Original Instructions (world premiere) by Jennifer Lott
- Trio in Primary Objectives (world premiere) by Jillian Meyers
- Dancer in Loving Well by Hope Boykin (restaged by Summer Vu)
- Dancer in A World Premiere by Bintou Dembéle
- Dancer in *Thomason Variation* (world premiere) by Jakevis Thomason
- Dancer in Balkan Beatbox (world premiere) by Tyce Diorio
- Dancer in Time of My Life (world premiere) by Kenny Ortega and Dorianna Sanchez

SPRINGBOARD DANSE PITTSBURGH 2025

• Dancer in Bradley 418 by Maxine Doyle (restaged by Isadora Wolfe)

• Dancer in Deviating Cycles (world premiere) by Juan Carlos Franquiz

2018-2022 **MID-PACIFIC SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**

• Duet in Can We Talk? (world premiere) by Charlaine Katsuyoshi 2021

• Dancer in Chasms (world premiere) by Ryan Yamauchi 2021

2019 • Dancer in Threads (world premiere) by Gregory Lau

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025	Duet in Nirvana, a Multimedia Dance Performance Directed by Angela Hou	Los Angeles, CA
2023	Skeleton Crew Dancer for Tessandra Chavez	Los Angeles, CA

FILM EXPERIENCE

2025	Dancer in Sutphin Boulevard choreographed by Ella Melideo	Los Angeles, CA
2025	Dancer in A Cinema's Groove choreographed by Eric Schloesser	Los Angeles, CA
2025	Dancer in Kaufman, Dance On! directed by Mandy Moore	Los Angeles, CA
2024	Dancer in "Move Ya Body" 4 Camera directed by Robert Roldan	Los Angeles, CA

TRAINING & EDUCATION

2022-2026	University of Southern California Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance	Los Angeles, CA
2025	Iovine and Young Academy Master's Program	Los Angeles, CA
2025	Springboard Danse Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh, PA
2025	Hubbard Street Explore Intensive	Chicago, IL
2024	A.I.M Winter Intensive	Los Angeles, CA
2018-2022	Mid-Pacific School of the Arts	Honolulu, HI

CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

2025	Oletheros, The Fashion Industry Assosication's Annual Fashion Show	Los Angeles, CA
2025	Choreographer for Nirvana, Multimedia Dance Performance Directed by Angela Hou	Los Angeles, CA
2025	Movement Direction for Synchonicity Multimedia Film	Los Angeles, CA
2024	Choreographer of OceansWe8 (collaboration) for Choreographers and Composers	Los Angeles, CA

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

2025	Hubbard Street Chicago Dance Fellowship	Chicago, IL
2022-2026	USC Presidential Scholarship	Los Angeles, CA
2022-2026	USC Kaufman Talent Scholarship	Los Angeles, CA

GALAS, FESTIVALS & SPECIAL EVENTS

2025 Dancer in *Bolero X* by Shahar Binyamini, alongside Ballet BC Los Angeles, CA

Hip-Hop Culture Battle Experience

Kaufman Dance Around the World Exchange Program with Seoul Institute of the Arts Seoul, Korea 2022 USC Kaufman Cypher Celebration Los Angeles, California

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

2025 MID-PACIFIC SUMMER DANCE WORKSHOP

· Spenser Theberge improvisational tools, techniques, and movement

2024 HENNY JURRIËNS SUMMER INTENSIVE

- Crystal Pite Repertory taught by Eric Beauchesne
- Ohad Naharin Repertory taught by Hani Sirkis
- Pina Bausch Repertory taught by Azusa Seyama

Master Classes: Alexander Anderson, Ami Shulman, Arika Yamada, Bboy Neguin, Bret Easterling, Ethan Colangelo, Hope Boykin, JA Collective, James Gregg, JoJo Alsberry, Kyle Abraham, Laja Field, Maleek Washington, Peter Chu, Rascal Randi, Roderick George, Rubberlegz, Samuel Minguillon, Stephanie Troyak, Yue Yin.

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

SKILLS: Partnering, Acting, Choreography

TECHNICAL SKILLS: Adobe After Effects, Final Cut Pro, Photoshop, Canvas, TouchDesigner, Basic Coding in Python, Photography, Social Media Management, Content Creation, AI Prompting

ADMINISTRATIVE: Microsoft Office

LEADERSHIP: Trip Guide for the Outdoors Club, Social Media Manager for the IYA School and Souther California Choreographic Collective, Teaching Artist for Kaufman Connections