Belly Laird

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PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

2023-Present USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE — Los Angeles, CA

- Featured soloist in *BOLÉRO: UNE ODE À LA FRÉNÉSIE* (world premiere) by Bintou Dembélé
- Duet in *Falling Angels* (excerpt) by Jiří Kylián, staged by Fiona Lummis-Eddy
- Trio in *Acts of Light* by Martha Graham, staged by Elizabeth Auclair
- Dancer in *Shed the Metric(n.)* (world premiere) by Ebony Haswell Frazier
- Dancer in *On Second Thought* (world premiere) by Bret Easterling
- Dancer in *For Time* (world premiere) by Spenser Theberge

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026	*BOCHA*, Independent Dance Film; choreographer, director	Los Angeles, CA
2025	*Never Were the Way She Was*; choreographer, USC Kaufman Senior Spotlight Showcase	Los Angeles, CA

TRAINING & EDUCATION

2023-Present	USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance, Minor in LGBTQ Studies	Los Angeles, CA
2026	RUBBERBAND Summer Intensive	Montréal, QC
	AIM by Kyle Abraham Summer Intensive	New York, NY
	Ballets Jazz Montréal Summer Intensive	Montréal, CAN
2025	b12 research or die Work-Exchange Program	Berlin, DE
2024	Alonzo King LINES Ballet Summer Intensive	San Francisco, CA
2013-2023	Melodic Remedy Dance Studio	San Carlos, CA

CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

2025	*SPIKED*, USC Kaufman Advanced Composition Showcase	Los Angeles, CA
	Not Yet (collaboration), USC Kaufman Off-Sights Showcase	Los Angeles, CA
2024	*Fool That I Am*, USC Kaufman SophLaunch Showcase	Los Angeles, CA
	Performer and Body (collaboration), presented at Trinity Laban CoLab	London, EN
	Show You a Body, USC Kaufman Freshsesh Showcase	Los Angeles, CA

COSTUME DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

2025	*SPIKED*, USC Kaufman Advanced Composition Showcase	Los Angeles, CA
2024	*ninety-nine* by Brenan Gonzalez, USC Kaufman Advanced Composition Showcase	Los Angeles, CA

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

2026-2027	Simms-Mann Endowed Scholarship	Los Angeles, CA
2023-Present	USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance Merit Scholarship	Los Angeles, CA
2025	Carmel Dance Festival Choreographic Fellowship Finalist	Carmel, CA
2023	PFLAG eQuality Scholarship	San Jose, CA

GALAS, FESTIVALS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

2026	Duet for USC Artscape Festival	Los Angeles, CA
2025	Dancer in *Boléro X* by Shahar Binyamini, staged by Sarah Pippin	Northridge, CA
	Featured soloist in *USC Visions and Voices presents City of Angels / City of Light*	Los Angeles, CA
	Dancer in *Acts of Light* for *LADances Graham100*	Northridge, CA
	Dancer in *USC Kaufman 10th Anniversary Gala*	Los Angeles, CA
2024	Dancer in USC Visions and Voices Cypher Summit	Los Angeles, CA

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Kyle Abraham, Alyssa Allen, Joy Alpuerto-Ritter, Jonathan E. Alsberry, Elizabeth Auclair, Sir Matthew Bourne, Tessandra Chavez, Peter Chu, Ethan Colangelo, Brett Conway, Patrick Corbin, Alexandra Damiani, Faye Driscoll, Tyce Diorio, E. Moncel Durden, Bret Easterling, Nina Flagg, d. Sabela Grimes, Antony Hamilton, JA Collective, Bill T. Jones, Maurya Kerr, Saleemah E. Knight, Marcella Lewis, Fiona Lummis-Eddy, Anindo Marshall, Jillian Meyers, Kenny Ortega, Victor Quijada, Or Schraiber, Ami Shulman, Bobbi Jene Smith, Spenser Theberge, Jessica Tong, Stephanie Troyak, Roger Van Der Poel

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

SKILLS: Improvisation, Partnering, Conversational French, Guitar, Machine Sewing, Costume/Clothing Design and Construction, Corsetry, Drag Makeup, Hair Cutting and Styling, Visual Art
LEADERSHIP: USC Kaufman Dance Operations Supervisor, USC Kaufman Costume Dept., USC Kaufman Communications Team, USC Kaufman Student Advisory Board: Community & Belonging Committee, USC Kaufman Connections Outreach Program, High School Valedictorian
ADMINISTRATIVE: Google Suite, Canva, concierge work
TECHNICAL: iMovie, Garageband