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PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

2022-Present USC GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE — Los Angeles, CA

- Soloist in *Echo Sax*(world premiere) by Houston Thomas
- Soloist in *Playing Perspective*(world premiere) by Caili Quan
- Soloist in *Balkan Beat Box*(world premiere) by Tyce Diorio
- Duet in *Falling Angels* (excerpt) by Jiří Kylián, staged by Fionna Lummis
- Duet in *Flow Change*(world premiere) by Bruce McCormick
- Duet in Graham 100, *Ritual of the Sun* (excerpt) by Martha Graham, staged by Elizabeth Auclair
- Dancer in *Rated Human R*(world premiere) by Roderick George
- Dancer in Owed(world premier) by Patrick Corbin

2023 Dancer in Destiny Rising — New York, NY
2021 Dancer in Stars of Tomorrow Gala — Tampa, FL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026 Dancer in USC BIG 10 campaign — Los Angeles, CA
2025 Dancer in Inaugural Dance Hall of Fame Induction honoring Kenny Ortega by Doriana Sanchez — Los Angeles, CA
2025 Dancer in Shape Reality campaign by Cenima Studios — Los Angeles, CA
2025 Dancer in SKANTS media campaign — Los Angeles, CA

TRAINING & EDUCATION

2023-Present USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance — Los Angeles, CA
2026 Ballet Jazz Montreal 360 Summer Intensive — Montreal, Canada
2026 Complexions Pre-Professional Summer Intensive — Los Angeles, CA
2025 Complexions Winter Intensive — New York, NY
2024 Dance Theatre of Harlem — Harlem, NY
2021-2023 E Street Dance Academy, Dance Conservatory of Maryland — Edgewood, MD
2008-2021 Mid Atlantic Center for the Performing Arts — Baltimore, MD

CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

2026 Tango, Mr. Crimson and Cream Pageant — Los Angeles, CA
2025 Koyaanisqatsi, Advanced Composition — Los Angeles, CA
2024 remember when, Soph Launch — Los Angeles, CA
2024 Move, Fresh Sesh — Los Angeles, CA

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

2023-Present Kaufman $10,000 Recurring Scholarship — Los Angeles, CA
2026 Sitao Foundation $500 Scholarship — Baltimore, MD
2025 NYCDAF $20,000 Scholarship — New York, NY
2023 NYCDA Senior OD 1st Runner Up — New York, NY

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Kyle Abraham, Tiffany Bong, Hope Boykin, Patrick Corbin, Bret Easterling, Saleemah E. Knight, Marcella Lewis, Fiona Lummis, Sarah Pippin, Dante Rose, Spenser Theberge, Ogembdi Ude, Elizabeth Auclair

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

SKILLS: Modeling, Improv, Partnering, Pointe
LEADERSHIP: USC Kaufman Connections Community Outreach Program Dance Teacher, NAACP President, Delta Sigma Theta National Heritage and Archives Collegiate Committee Member, Student Advisor Board 2024-2025 and 2026-2027,USC Kaufman Student Services Ambassador
ADMINISTRATIVE: Microsoft Office
TECHNICAL: iMovie, Photoshop