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PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

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

- Duet in *I've Had The Time of My Life* (world premiere) by Kenny Ortega and Doriana Sanchez
- Dancer in *Thomason Variation* (world premiere) by Jakevis Thomason
- Dancer in Ritual to the Sun (excerpt) by Martha Graham, staged by Elizabeth Auclair
- Dancer in *Falling Angels* (excerpt) by Jiří Kylián, staged by Fiona Lummis Eddy
- Dancer in *Dance for TV* (world premiere) by Mandy Moore, Robert Roldan, and Jeff Thacker
- Dancer in *Flow Change* (world premiere) by Bruce McCormick
- Dancer in *For Time* (world premiere) by Spenser Theberge

2023 CLI CONSERVATORY: PRESS PLAY — Northampton, MA

- Dancer in *World Premiere* by Teddy Forance
- Dancer in *World Premiere* by Talia Favia
- Dancer in *World Premiere* by Kenichi Kasamatsu
- Dancer in *World Premiere* by Larkin Poynton

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026	Performer and Assistant at *Dance Excellence*	Los Angeles, CA
2025	Skeleton Dancer in *Ovation Opening Show* by Derek Hough, Talia Favia, and Dominique Kelley	Los Angeles, CA
	Dancer in *Hommey Advertisement* by Ella Mellideo	Los Angeles, CA
	Dancer in *Kaufman Dance On! Gala Film* by Mandy Moore, Robert Roldan, and Tiffany Bong	Los Angeles, CA
	Faculty and Assistant at *SOL Dance Collective Convention*	Calgary, AB
2024	Dancer in *Scotiabank Saddledome Rotary Conference* by Tamzin Byrne	Los Angeles, CA
	Dancer in *I Got This: A Movie Musical* by Arjun Kochar and Bella Mills	Los Angeles, CA
	Dancer in *Coca-Cola's A Cinema's Groove* by Eric Schloesser and Denae Luce	Los Angeles, CA
2023	Dancer in *Baraye: Short Film* by Ella Mellideo	Los Angeles, CA
2022	Dancer in *Can't Celebrate: Short Film* by Julia Lowe	Los Angeles, CA
	Dancer in *Is Anyone Receiving the Data?: Short Film* by Andrew Winghart	Southampton, MA
	Dancer in *CLI Conservatory X JA Collective: Short Film* by JA Collective	Southampton, MA
	Dancer in *Sound of Silence: Short Film* by Maria Juarez	Southampton, MA

GALAS, FESTIVALS, & SPECIAL EVENTS

2025	Duet in *I've Had The Time of My Life* by Kenny Ortega and Doriana Sanchez for Dance Hall of Fame	Los Angeles, CA
	Dancer in *The World's Jazziest Case of the Blues* by Bella Mills at the A.C.E Awards	New York, NY
2023	Dancer in USC Visions and Voices: Hip Hop 50	Los Angeles, CA

CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

2025	*ETA 5:27pm*, USC Glorya Kaufman Advanced Composition Showcase	Los Angeles, CA
	Suit & Tie: Short Film, USC Glorya Kaufman Advanced Composition	Los Angeles, CA
	I Look Good, USC Southern California Choreographic Collective	Los Angeles, CA
2024	*Rehearsal*, USC Glorya Kaufman Sophomore Composition Showcase	Los Angeles, CA
2023	*Without A Woman or Girl*, USC Glorya Kaufman First-Year Composition Showcase	Los Angeles, CA
	Sub Lucid: Short Film, MNM Collective	Los Angeles, CA

TRAINING & EDUCATION

2026-Present	Anomaly Dance Company Directed by Tobias Ellehammer	Los Angeles, CA
2023-Present	USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance, BFA in Dance, Minor in Cinematic Arts, Minor in Sports Business and Management (GPA 4.0)	Los Angeles, CA
2022-2023	CLI Conservatory	Southampton, MA
2019-2022	Alberta Ballet School Professional Division (Valedictorian)	Calgary, Canada

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

2023-Present	USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance Scholarship	Los Angeles, CA
2023-Present	USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance Dean's List	Los Angeles, CA
2023-Present	USC Academic Achievement Award	Los Angeles, CA

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Kyle Abraham, Mary Armstrong, Paul Becker, Tiffany Bong, Luther Brown, Dmitry Chaplin, Amanda Cleghorn, Sarah Dolan, Brett Easterling, Nina Flagg, Ardyn Flynt, Teddy Forance, Thomas Ford, Ebony Haswell Frazier, Casie "Tynee" Goshow, Shannon Grayson, d. Sabela Grimes, Carlos Guito, Lex Ishimoto, Marquis Jenn, Saleemah E. Knight, Jackie Kopcsak, Sean Lew, Alex Little, Jennifer Lott, Aram Manukyan, Sarah Anindo Marshall, Bruce McCormick, Achinta S. McDaniel, Ashley McNeil, Mandy Moore, Adam Parsons, Jason Rodgers, Dante Rose, Tanja Rosner, Melissa Sandvig, Edmund Stripe, Lara Van Belleghem, Jada Walker, Josette Wiggan, Codie Wiggins, Mandy Yip

SKILLS & ACTIVITIES

SKILLS: Singing, Acting, Improvisation, Partnering, Tap, Pointe, Heels, Dancehall, House, Locking, Waacking, Snowboarding, Ice Skating
LEADERSHIP: USC Kaufman Connections Community Outreach Program Dance Teacher, USC Kaufman Dance Operations, Cypher Summit Program Coordinator, USC Housing Residential Assistant, Breaking The Chains Foundation Non-Profit Youth Ambassador Chair
ADMINISTRATIVE: Microsoft Office, Social Media Marketing
TECHNICAL: iMovie, Davinci Resolve, AVID, QLab
PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS: SEMRUSH AI Visibility, SEMRUSH SEO Essentials