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DANCER - CHOREOGRAPHER - ADMINISTRATOR - ADVOCATE - TEACHER

Education:

M.F.A., Dance; Tisch School of the Arts, New York University. 2008
-Recipient of Graduate Assistantship in Production

B.A., Mass Communication: Public Relations (focus on Arts Administration), Dance Minor
Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La, 2006
-Phi Kappa Phi. Magna cum Laude

Awards, Residencies & Affiliations:

2019 Acadiana Profile Magazine 'Trailblazer' – Lafayette, La
2018 Barn Arts Hamilton Project Residency – Bass Harbor, ME
2017 Icon Award, Rising Star, ABC Fund – Lafayette, La
2016 & 2019 ArtSpark Recipient, Lafayette Economic Development Authority & Acadiana Center for the Arts
University of Louisiana-Lafayette College of the Arts Advisory Board Member
Leadership Lafayette Class XXXVI
Dance for All (Dance & Accessibility) Cohort 2023 / Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge
Member of Stage Directors and Choreographers Union

Current Work:

2016-Present

Founder & Creative Director / Basin Arts, Lafayette, La
Basin Arts is an arts incubator focused on supporting Louisiana artists towards a sustainable creative practice with the goal of increasing access to professional contemporary arts experiences and creating authentic relationships between artists and the greater community. Basin Arts creates opportunities for artistic expression across generations through dance classes, dance creation, visual arts residencies, gallery programming and special events; all aimed at enhancing the artistic identity of South Louisiana.

2006-Present

Choreographer & Dance Educator, Lafayette, La
The dances I create and the art I support hopes to inspire people towards their most authentic selves with the belief that inside each personal truth is a universal narrative that can catalyze human connection and inspire social change. My professional dance work spans contemporary dance, musical theater, opera, and dance education and demonstrates a commitment to my own craft and the future of the field as a whole.

Selected Choreography Credits:

CONTEMPORARY DANCE

<i>Production</i>	<i>Producer / Venue</i>	<i>Year</i>
We Tell Ourselves Stories	Ten Tiny Dances (Whitney Hebert) @ Feed N Seed Venue	2023
The Best of Days (site-specific show)	Basin Arts with Downtown Lafayette	2021
The Panic of Fixing Things (installation/performance)	Basin Arts Gallery with Visual Artist Hagit Barkai	2021
Fragile Light (site-specific)	Basin Arts with Wild Child Wine Shop & Downtown Lafayette	2020
Sport Suites	Basin Arts with Acadiana Center for the Arts	2019
Sport Suites Educational Show	Acadiana Center for the Arts Touring Arts Program	2020
Color Me! (Educational Performance for Kids)	Acadiana Center for the Arts Touring Arts Program	2018
Surface (full production)	Basin Arts with Acadiana Center for the Arts	2018
Surface (excerpt)	Louisiana Arts Summit / Capitol Park Museum, Baton Rouge	2018
Enchanted Fruit	The Chandelier Room's White Linen Night	2018
S'Nice	ABC Icon Awards, Acadiana Center for the Arts	2018
Parade (premiere)	Acadiana Symphony Orchestra at Heymann Center (commission)	2018
Look. See. Do. Performance Installation	Hilliard University Art Museum	2018
Parade (developmental workshop)	University of Louisiana Lafayette State of La Danse	2017
Ripe Figs Won't Keep	STIR with Runaway Dish @ Acadiana Center for the Arts	2017
Fragments	University of Louisiana-Lafayette (commission)	2016
Touching Loss	Acadiana Center for the Arts	2016
Stravinsky's Firebird	Acadiana Symphony Orchestra (commission)	2014
Touching Loss	Triskelion Arts Split Bill Series, Brooklyn, NY	2013
Under My Skin	DanceNow Festival: Joe's Pub, New York, NY	2013
The Flock	Dance Lab / New York, NY	2013
Show Me Real	New York Musical Theatre Festival	2012

MUSICALS

<i>Production</i>	<i>Producer / Venue</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Year</i>
Finding Neverland (Dance Assistant to Mia Michaels)	NETworks Productions	Diane Paulus	2017
Footloose the Musical	Cortland Repertory Theater	Mark Reynolds	2017
American Musical Showcase with Sofia Puppet Theatre	Drama League of New York	Shelley Butler	2016
Bullets Over Broadway National Tour (Choreographer)	NETworks Productions	Jeff Whiting	2015
Bullets Over Broadway	SDC Observer, Lab Presentation	Susan Stroman	2013
Mother Jones and the Children's Crusade	NY Musical Theatre Festival	Michelle Tattenbaum	2014
Jack Perry is Alive and Dating	NY Musical Theatre Festival	Pirronne Yousefzadeh	2011
The Money Show	HERE Arts Center	Pirronne Yousefzadeh	2011
King of Ghosts	Philadelphia Fringe Festival	Josh Sauermann	2010
Wagon Wheel **Best Choreography Award**	Planet Connections Festival	Rob Heller	2009
Dizzy (workshop)	NYU-GMTWP	Rob Heller	2009
POP! (workshop)	NYU-GMTWP	Rob Heller	2008
Cheer Wars (workshop)	NYU-GMTWP	Ryan Mekenian	2008

PLAYS

<i>Production</i>	<i>Producer / Venue</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Year</i>
Dancing with Aurora Borealis	Acadiana Center for the Arts	Clare Cook (Dir/Chor)	2017
By the Way, Meet Vera Stark	LSU Swine Palace Theatre	Pirronne Yousefzadeh	2016
What Happened to Bill Viola?	Ars Nova	Pirronne Yousefzadeh	2012
Walkabout Yeohla	Columbia Stages	Kon Yi	2010
4:48 Psychosis	New School for Drama	Mason Beggs	2009
Big Love	Columbia Stages	Pirronne Yousefzadeh	2008

OPERA

<i>Production</i>	<i>Producer / Venue</i>	<i>Director</i>	<i>Year</i>
The Road Between the Desert and the Ocean	NYU Center for Ballet and The Arts (developmental workshop)		2018
Eugene Onegin	Opera Slavica	Kara-Lynn Vaeni	2013
Rusalka	Opera Slavica	Kara-Lynn Vaeni	2011

Selected Dance Performance Credits:

<i>Piece title</i>	<i>Choreographer/Company</i>	<i>Venue</i>	<i>Year</i>
A Song of Visions	Paige Barnett	St. John's, Washington, La	2021
Full Head of Hair	Elana Jacobs / CabinFever Live Art	Marigny Opera House	2021
Ground Fine	Sharon Leahy / Rhythm in Shoes	Dance Film	2017
Rapture of the Heroine (Gurr!)	ChristinaNoel & The Creature	Teatro La Tea, NYC	2013
There's A Beast in Me	ChristinaNoel & The Creature	Dixon Place, NYC	2013
Rock OM	expandance/ Rachel Wynne	Café Oberon, Boston	2012
Get Me Out of Here	Yin Yue Dance	DanceNow Festival, NYC	2010
Purple Waves (fading red)	colectivodoszeta/ Carlos Cruz	Joyce Soho, NYC	2009
Persona	Yin Yue Dance	Danspace Project, NYC	2009
NYU Collaboration Project	Ivy Baldwin Dance	La Mama Moves, NYC	2008
Voyage of the Hui Corra	Christopher Williams	2nd Avenue Dance Co.	2008
Cangelosi Dance Project Company Dancer	Kris Cangelosi	Baton Rouge, La	2004-2006

Selected Teaching Credits

<i>Year</i>	<i>Details</i>
2023	Contemporary Dance Master Class, NOLA International Dance Festival at Tulane University
2023	PACE Educational Teaching Artist Dance Workshop, Lafayette, La
2023	Acadiana Center for the Arts Staff Movement Workshop, Lafayette, La
2023, 2022, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016	Acadiana CARES Healing Movement Workshop for adult addiction recovery clients, Lafayette, La
2021-2023	Basin Arts Modern Movers Youth Dance Curriculum Director and Instructor with ongoing modern classes at Lafayette Ballet Theatre, The Movement Dance Academy, and Bluebirds Ballet Academy, Lafayette, La
2021	Regional Dance America Contemporary Dance Master Class, Baton Rouge Ballet Theatre, Baton Rouge, La
2021	Of Moving Colors Professional Dance Ensemble Contemporary Dance Master Class, Baton Rouge, La
2017-2019	Modern Dance Adjunct Faculty, University of Louisiana-Lafayette Performing Arts College, Lafayette, La
2015-2020	Ongoing Healing Dance classes at Miles Perret Cancer Center and The Blake Assisted Living & Memory Care facilities, Lafayette, La
2015-2016	Musical Theater Teaching Artist and National Audition Facilitator, Open Jar Institute, NYC
2011 - 2014	Teaching Artist and Movement Curriculum Specialist, Metropolitan Opera Guild, NYC
2010-2014	Pilates for Dancers Adjunct Faculty, NYU Tisch School of the Arts Dance Department, NYC
2010	Modern Dance Adjunct Faculty, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, La
2008-2010	Teaching Assistant to Pilates Master Teacher, Kathy Grant, NYU Tisch School of the Arts Dance Department, NYC

References available on request