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Dance Training

USC Glorja Kaufman School of Dance, Los Angeles, CA (08/2023- Present)

- Ballet- Molly Bogunovic, Jackie Kopcsak, Bruce McCormick, Ebony Haswell Frazier
- HipHop- D. Sabela Grimes, Amy O'Neill, Dante Rose
- Modern (Horton and Dunham Techniques) - Shannon Grayson, Sarah Anindo Marshall
- African Dance- Sarah Anindo Marshall
- Vernacular Jazz- Moncell Durden
- Improvisation- Bret Easterling

Frank Sinatra School of the Arts, Astoria, NY (09/2019-07/2023)

- Ballet- Ian DaSilva, Ani Udoviki, Olivier Heuts
- Modern (Horton, Graham, Cunningham, Taylor and Limone Techniques)- Ian DaSilva, Olivier Heuts
- African Dance- Ian DaSilva

Ballet Hispanico (09/2022-04/2023)

- Ballet- Nicole Duffy, Balnca Huertas
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Performance Experience

USC Kaufman School of Dance Works in Fall/Spring Performances (2023-2024) :

- "Balken Beatbox" by Tyce Diorio
- "Playing Perspectives" by Caili Quan
- "Move Ya Body," a Dance for TV/Camera experience directed by Jeff Thacker and Robert Roldan and choreographed by Mandy Moore, Luther Brown, Mandy Korpinen, Elizabeth Pertrin, Koine Iwasaki, Kiki Nyemchek, Robert Roldan
- "Flow Change" by Bruce McCormick

BAMKids Film Festival Solo Performance by Roderick George: 2023

MOVE |NYC| Summer/ Winter Intensive Final Performance: 2022 and 2023 (Solo by Roderick George & ensemble performances by Waverly Fredricks, Shonica Gooden, Lar Lubovitch, Justin Prezcott)

NYCDA Winter Intensive Finale Performance: 2019 (Suzi Taylor, Scott Jovovich)

Summer/Winter Programs

- Study Abroad in Berlin, Germany with Bruce McCormick, Dawn Stoppiello, Kadir "Amigo" Memis, Neil "Storm" Robitzky, Orlando Rodriguez, Pau Aran Gimeno, and Justin Kennedy : May of 2024
 - Artistic Intern at MOVE|NYC| Young Professionals Program Summer Intensive (Chanel DaSilva, Nigel Campbell, Alyssa Myers, Loni Landon, Tamisha Guy) (NY, NY): 2024
 - A.I.M Winter Intensive at USC Glorja Kaufman School of Dance (LA, CA): 2024
 - MOVE|NYC| Young Professionals Program Summer Intensive (NY, NY):2022
 - Storytellers Volume IV (NY, NY):2022
 - NYCDA Winter Ballet Intensive (NY, NY): 2019
 - Joffrey NYC Ballet Summer Intensive (NY,NY) 2017 & 2018
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Awards/Scholarships

- Kaufman Dance Scholarship to USC Glorja Kaufman School of dance
 - Top Scoring soloist and scholarship winner at Jump Dance Convention and 24Seven Dance Convention
 - Full scholarship winner for Norwalk Conservatory for the Arts at Headliners National Competition (2022)
 - Full Scholarship winner of Storytellers Volume IV's Travis Preston Memorial Scholarship
 - NYCDA Scholarship (solo) 2019
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Activities/ Skills

- Member of the inaugural Kaufman Culture Journey Collective which purpose is to uphold Kaufman's initiative of excellence, risk taking, community and integrity through diversity, equity, inclusion and belonging (DEIB).
- Organized student led fundraising showcase for HASC, a program for individuals with developmental
- Acting, singing, tumbling