

## **KAITLYN MURPHY, BFA**

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## **EDUCATION**

### **University of Central Oklahoma – Edmond, OK**

#### **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Performance, 2023**

- College of Fine Arts & Design Class Marshal
- GPA: 3.95

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Race Dance Collective – Oklahoma City, OK**

#### *Instructor & Performer (2022–Present)*

- Contemporary, Jazz, Jazz Funk, Musical Theatre, Turns & Leaps
- Adult dancers, beginner to professional

### **Movement Innovations (2024–2025)**

#### *Instructor*

- Jazz, Hip Hop, Ballet/Tap (children's), ages 3–18

### **Intent – Edmond, OK**

#### *Masterclass Instructor (2025) – Jazz*

### **Eva Moore's Performing Arts Center – Pleasant Hill, MO**

#### *Masterclass Instructor (2025) – Jazz*

### **Calderon Dance Festival – OKC, OK**

#### *Masterclass Instructor (2025) – Jazz Funk*

### **The Dance Effect Intensives (2023–Present)**

#### *Intensive Instructor – Contemporary, Jazz, Jazz Funk, Musical Theatre*

- Locations: Wichita, Oklahoma, Missouri, Texas

### **Reclaiming Arts – Edmond, OK (2022–2024)**

#### *Instructor, Choreographer, Stage Manager*

- Children's Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Musical Theatre
- Directed Advanced Creative Leaders Academy
- Beginner Aerial Silks
- Ages 3–18, summer camps

### **Motivating Movement Creative Space – Gilbert, AZ (2020–2022)**

*Guest Masterclass Instructor – Jazz, Contemporary, Lyrical*

### **Assistant Teaching**

- The Dance Effect (2020-2023)-Supported multiple lead teachers
  - Michelle Rambo, Lauren Alston, Jessica Connelly, Amy Yarberry, Brooke Gebb, Tracey Boon, Gretchen McCutcheon
- High School Dance Festival (2023): Hui Cha Poos, Tasha Hinex
- High School Day of Dance (2022): Kim Loveridge, Kyera Fitzgerald, Hui Cha Poos

## **PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

### **Then | Now | Next – Race Dance Collective (2025)**

*Performer & Choreographer*

*Choreographers: Jessica Cajina, Alejandro Gonzalez, Latin Fusion OKC, Michelle Rambo, Jeremy Duvall, Ligia Espinosa Martinez, Emma Palma, Sheri Hayden, Brandi Kelly*

*Venue: Oklahoma City Ballet*

### **Miss Gay Oklahoma Newcomers – Tulsa, OK (2025)**

*Backup Dancer for Nova Luxe, Choreography: Luis Rojas*

*Venue: Club Majestic*

### **Caulderon Festival (2025)**

*“Turn Up The Music,” Choreography: Michelle Rambo*

*Race Dance Collective*

*Venue: Myriad Gardens*

### **Oklahoma Contemporary Dance Festival (2025)**

*“Creep,” Performer & Co-Choreographer with Emma Palma*

### **Adele Wolf's Halloween Follies – Civic Center OKC (2024)**

*Backup Dancer for Deonna Marie, Choreography: Adele Wolf*

## **Cure-8 – Oklahoma Contemporary (2024)**

*“Polar Opt,” Choreography: Jessica Cajina*

## **Intimate gestures of dance- Edmond, OK (2022)**

*Directed by Alexander, performed at Milton Gallery*

## **Kaleidoscope Dance Company – Edmond, OK (2020–2022)**

*Performed works by Tina Kambour, Alexander Olivieri, Mike Esperanza, Tiffanie Carson, Christian Von Howard, Robyn Pasternack, Bradley Rapier, Kimberly Loveridge, Sheri Hayden, Hui Cha Poos, Michelle Moeller*

## **Perspectives Dance Company – Embrace (2021)**

*Choreographers: Kaitlyn Murphy, Kimberly Loveridge, Kelsey Chapuis*

*Venue: Reclaiming Arts*

## **Oklahoma Youth Ballet: The Nutcracker – OKC, OK (2022)**

*Role: Rat King, Director: Joshua Brooksher*

*Venue: Oklahoma Christian University*

## **ACDA- Marshall, MO (2022)**

*“War Paint,” Choreography by: Jules Straughn*

*“Love Lockdown,” Choreography by Mike Esperanza*

## **At The Movies –OKC, OK (2023,2025)**

*“Be Our Guest,” Choreography by Jules Straughn and Jessica Cajina*

*“Defying Gravity,” Danced and Co-Choreographed with Emma Palma*

*Venue: Life Church*

## **Easter Sunday- Edmond, OK (2022)**

*Performed improv number and piece by Shelby Huckleberry*

*Venue: Victory Church*

## **Glorify – Edmond, OK (2022)**

*Performed: Oceans, You Are Enough, Anxious, At the Table, Run to You*

*Choreographers: Myself, Lyanna Saito, Morgan Truitt, Shelby Huckleberry*

*Venue: Reclaiming Arts*

***Embrace- Edmond, OK (2021)***

*Company show for Perspectives Dance Company*

*Choreographers: myself, Kimberly Loveridge, Kelsey Chapuis, Mia Jensen, Susan Geasland*

*Venue: Reclaiming Arts*

**CHOREOGRAPHY**

**Be More – Contemporary Solo (2025)**

*Race Dance Collective at Then | Now | Next*

**Defying Gravity – Contemporary Duet (2025)**

*Life Church At The Movies*

**Creep – Contemporary Duet (2025)**

*Oklahoma Contemporary Dance Festival*

**The First Thorn – Modern/Contemporary/Aerial (2024)**

*Co-Choreographed Full-Length Production – Creative Leaders Academy*

**Two's A Party – Hip Hop Duet (2024)**

*Earthshakers, Reclaiming Arts, The Dance Effect*

**Sing, Sing, Sing – Jazz/Musical Theatre (2023–2024)**

*Small Group – Earthshakers, Reclaiming Arts*

**Created For This – Open Large Group (2023–2024)**

*Dance Revolution, Earthshakers, Reclaiming Arts*

**Come With Me – Modern/Contemporary (2023)**

*Senior Capstone Showcase – UCO Fall Concert*

**Blessed Life – Hip Hop Duet (2023)**

*Earthshakers, Peppers Ranch, Nursing Homes, CLA, Reclaiming Arts*

**Dive – Contemporary (2022–2023)**

*Various competitions and community venues*

**Bereavement** – Modern/Contemporary Duet (2022)

*UCO Student Choreography Showcase, Senior Capstone*

**Oceans** – Contemporary/Hip Hop (2022)

*Reclaim Dance Company*

**Selah** – Contemporary/Modern Duet (2021)

*Co-Choreographed with Susan Geasland – Perspectives Dance Company*

**I Will Praise You** – Contemporary Solo/Dance Film (2021)

*Music by Thembi Joy – Filmed by Kelsey Chapuis*

**La Loba** – Modern Group (2021)

*UCO Spring Student Choreography*

**You Broke Me First** – Contemporary Solo (2020)

*Tate Mcrae “You Broke Me First” Capezio Creates contest- top 18 finalist*

## **DANCE FILMS**

**Back Again/st** – Choreographer, Dancer

Choreographer Jules Straughn

**Cube of Light** – Performer

Choreographer Tina Kambour

**Welcome to Wonderland** – Performer

Choreographer Jules Straughn

**War Paint** – Performer

Choreographer Jules Straughn

**I Will Praise You** –

Choreographer, Dancer, Music Video by Kelsey Chapuis

**Don't Look Down** – Performer

Director Courtney Skye, Music Artist Oona Ruin

**The Visit**- Assistant Director

Film by Jules Straughn

## **Film/Commercial Work:**

### **OKC Lottery- SAXUM (2025)**

Choreographers: Sheri Hayden and Kyera Fitzgerald

Director- Mark Steele

Role: Lead Dancer

### **NEW YEARS REV- Freihofer (2025)**

Role: Soccer Girl

## **MODELING & PHOTOGRAPHY**

- Luboos Shoe Brand Model (2025)
- Clara Foster Photography Ambassador (2022)
- Harper Digital Ambassador (2021)
- Photography Assistant for Jules Straughn (2023–Present)

## **ADDITIONAL DANCE TRAINING**

- **Houston Contemporary Dance Company Summer Intensive** (2024)
- **Circus Arts Institute** – Beginner Aerial Silks Teacher Training (2024)
- **Race Dance Collective Training** (2022–Present)
- **University of Central Oklahoma – Kaleidoscope Dance Company** (2020–2022)
- Intent Masterclasses
- **Michelle Rambo Rose Mentorship** (2021–Present)
- **The Dance Effect Assistant Program** (2020–2022)
- **Courtney Skye Concepts Company** (2018–2020)
- **Master Ballet Academy** (2019–2020)
- **The Dance Loft** (2011–2020)
- **Broadway Bound – OCU** (2019)
- **Perry High School Choreography Class** (2018–2019)
- **Steps a Dance Studio** (2003–2011)

Training:

Sheri Hayden, Mike Esperanza, Hui Cha Poos, Ashley Moffitt, Hilary McAllister, Amy Pollard Yarberry, Jessica Connelly, Emily Kelly, Alyssa Vacco Daniello, Harper Jewel Harris, Jessica Cajina, Kyera Fitzgerald, Slawek Wozniak, Robyn Pasternack, Jeremy Lindberg, Kim Loveridge, Amy Neivus, Alana

Murray, Tina Kambour, Michelle Moeller, Courtney Skye, Jose Soto, Jackie Nowicki, Jessica Vierkoetter, Sandee Walker, Tony Elliot, Marcus Jones, Jenna Lyn, Brandi Kelly, Luis Rojas

Masterclasses:

Jeremy Duvall, Bubba Carr, Tiffanie Carson, Terrell Mitchell, George Staib, Larry Keigwan, Christian Von Howard, Sienna Lyons, Sam Chavez, Dante Harper, Abstrackt Mindz, Tasha Hinex, Nate Taylor, Austin Neieves, Amy Griffith, Sabrina Biddle, Gretchen McCutcheon, Jesse Zarritt, Brooke Gebb, Paul Gebb, Tracey Boon, Ray “Vendetta” Batten, Rickey Maalouf, Ashley Dawson, David Moore, Teddy Forance, Cat Cagliandro, Kayla Igo, Yukina Saito, Andrew Wass, Bradley Rapier, Alex Little, Kelly Allen, Michael McCrary, Brittney Cherry, Adrian Hoffman, Danny Shak

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

- **Class Marshal – UCO College of Fine Arts and Design (2023)**
- **Capezio Creates Finalist – “You Broke Me First” (Top 18, 2020)**
- **Senior Female Jump VIP Winner (2019–2020)**
- **Brian Friedman’s Choice Artist Award – Radix (2020)**
- **Academic Scholarships – UCO (2020–2023)**
- **Kaleidoscope Tuition Waiver – UCO (2020–2022)**

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Gravit8 Dance Competition:** Admin Assistant, Tabulator (2023–Present)

**The Dance Effect:** Judge, Backstage Manager (2021–2023)

**Reclaiming Arts:** Stage Manager, Admin Assistant (2022–2024)

**UCO:** Stage Manager – Refraction (Senior Capstone Show), Lighting Designer – Aroma Dance Co.

**Classic Charm Boutique, Indy Clover:** Sales Associate (2024- Current)

**Indy Clover:** Sales Associate (2023-2024)

**Six10 Nutrition:** Team Member (2023)

**Victor Events Center:** Events (2022-2023)

**Frontier City:** Admissions and Customer Service (2021)

**Blissful Bride LLC:** Assistant Wedding Coordinator (2021-2023)

## **SKILLS**

Stage Management & Lighting, Music Editing (GarageBand), Social Media Content Creation, Curriculum Development, Aerial Dance Instruction, Basic Sign Language, Photography (Basic), Swimming, Child Engagement, Emcee & Hosting, Rehearsal Directing, Customer Service & Leadership, Valid Driver's License & Passport, Acrobatics: Cartwheel, Kip-Up

## REFERENCES

**Alexander Olivieri** – Professor, UCO Dance

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