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EDUCATION

California State University, Long Beach

Master of Arts, December 2013 Major in Dance

San Diego State University

Bachelor of Arts, December 2003 Major in Dance

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Grossmont Community College

August 2003 – present Hip Hop 1-4
January 2017 – present History of Hip Hop Culture
Fall 2013 Modern 1-2
Co-Director for student-choreographed concert “Breaking Boundaries”

San Diego Mesa College

August 2004 – present Hip Hop 1-4
August 2007 – present Co-Director for student-choreographed dance concerts

MiraCosta College

August 2015 – June 2019 Hip Hop 1-4

California State University, San Marcos

January 2013 – May 2015 Hip Hop (open level)

MASTER CLASSES

February 2020 California State University, San Marcos
Hip Hop Technique, Open Level

September 2019 Groove On The Green
Stretch and Hip Hop, Open Level

July 2017 MiraCosta College, Oceanside, CA
Summer Intensive, Hip Hop Technique

San Diego Civic Arts Association, San Diego, CA

Master Class - Hip Hop Technique
 Expressions Dance and Movement Center
 Master Class - Hip Hop Technique

2017, 2015
 Rhythmic Dance Inc., Stockton CA
 Master Class - Hip Hop dance technique

2015, 2014, 2013
 San Diego State University, San Diego CA
 Master Class - Hip hop dance technique

January 2015
 University of California, San Diego
 Guest Instructor - Open Level Hip Hop

2016, 2015, 2014, 2013
 Culture Shock Dance Center
 Master Class Series - Hip Hop Technique

June 2011
 Boogiezone Community Dance Workshop, San Diego, CA
 Master Class - Hip hop technique

2007, 2006
 CAPHERD Dance and Movement Workshop, CA
 Master Class - Hip hop technique

June 2007
 Mayvn Entertainment Present, Round II, Fullerton, CA
 Master Class - Hip hop technique

2003 – 2004
 Culture Shock Dance Center, San Diego, CA.
 Hip hop dance instructor

2003-2005
 Point Loma High School, San Diego, CA.
 Dance Team Coach

2003
 Culture Shock Dance Troupe Summer Intensive, Zurich,
 Switzerland
 Master Class - Hip hop technique

2002-2003
 Aztec Recreation Center
 Dance Instructor

TELEVISION AND STAGE PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

STAGE

Jungle Bells at The San Diego Zoo	Performer	Dave Smith, Producer
HalGLOWeen at The San Diego Zoo	Dancer	Dave Smith, Producer
San Diego Convention Center	Dancer	Eddie Gutierrez, dir.
San Diego Women's March	Dancer	Richie Prospal, chore.
Back To Basics	Dancer	Respected Forever
Nighttime Zoo	Dancer	San Diego Zoo
Train Of Thought	Actor	Anna Sarao, dir.
Body Rock	Dancer	Super Galactic Beat Manipulators, dir.

Hip Hop Saved My Life	Dancer	grace jun-mills, chor.
Traffic “Narrative 2”	Dancer	Anna Sarao, dir.
Super Bowl XXXVI w/ No Doubt	Dancer	Rich Taluga, Flii, chor.
Prince Of Qatar Musical	Dancer	Doha, Qatar
Choreographers Carnival	Dancer	Tessandra Chavez, chor.
The Hunks World Tour	Dancer	ABS-CBN
Jordan “Joyride”	Dancer	Darrien Henning, chor.
Heart2Exist “I Wanna See You Sweat”	Dancer	Steve Ewing, dir.
Asia 20 th Anniversary Celebration	Dancer	Asia Entertainment
Matt Showcase	Dancer	Chor. Regina Williams
Teen Expo	Dancer	Maximum Impact

*Active participation in Breaking (breakdancing) battles since 2016

TELEVISION

Krystle Cruz “Do You One Better”	Dancer	ROMIX Productions
Krystle Cruz “Eternity”	Dancer	ROMIX Productions
Taina	Dancer	Nickelodeon/Swoop, chor.
LA Pool Party	Dancer	BBC
2 Skinnee J’s “Grown Up”	Dancer	Micheal Rooney, chor.
Left Eye “The Block Party”	Dancer	Chuck Maldonado, chor.
“Daydream”	Dancer	Richard Jackson, chor.
Sera Lynn “I Don’t Need A Man”	Dancer	Junella Segura, chor.
Athena Cage “In Your Dreams”	Dancer	Fatima Robinson, chor.
Amanda “Everybody Doesn’t”	Principle	Marcus Siege, dir.
Jeff/Dave Mendelson “I’m Under You”	Featured	Marcus Siege, dir.

CHOREOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

Welcome To Atlanta

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego. 2019

YouTube LIVE with Grossmont College

Music by Brown, Jackson. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2019

Baddies

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2019.

Big Bank

Music by various artists. Casa Del Prado Theater, San Diego, CA. 2019.

Never Alone

Music by Lady Antebellum. Private event, San Diego, CA. 2018

HalGLOWeen

Music by various artists. San Diego Zoo, San Diego, CA. 2018

Birthdate: The Musical

Music by Mark Sparro. San Diego Repertory Theater, San Diego, CA. 2018

Big Bank

Music by YG. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2018.

Digital Stage 3.0

Music by various artists. Casa Del Prado Theater, San Diego, CA. 2018.

Bayside Finesse

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2018.

All Nite

Music by Jackson. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2018.

Digital Stage

Music by various artists. The Prado Theater, San Diego, CA. 2018.

Supersonic

Music by JJ Fad. Town and Country Convention Center, San Diego, CA. 2017.

Thank You, Mr. Dynamite: A Tribute To James Brown

Music by Brown, Stubblefield. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2017.

6juan9

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2017.

Quattro Respirato

Music by Azzurro. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2017.

Livin' Life

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2016.

How To Be Famous on YouTube

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2016.

We Came To Dance

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2016.

How To Be Famous on YouTube

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2016.

We <3 JANet

Music by Jackson. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2015.

Gonna Make You Sweat

Music by Drowning Pool, Williams, Cole. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2015

Cock Block Tango

Music by Ronson, Bhasker, Lawrence, Bruno Mars. California Center for the Arts, Escondido, San Diego, CA. 2015.

Cock Block Tango

Music by Ronson, Bhasker, Lawrence, Bruno Mars. Diversionary Theater, San Diego, CA. 2015

Gonna Make You Sweat

Music by Drowning Pool, Williams, Cole. Diversionary Theater, San Diego, CA. 2015

MOVEfest Gala

Music by Jackson and Jones. Town and Country Convention Center, San Diego, CA. 2014.

Gonna Make You Sweat

Music by Drowning Pool, Williams, Cole. White Box Live Arts, San Diego, CA. 2014.

Viralnova

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2014.

#itsfriday

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2014.

The Dating Game

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2014.

Digital Stage Version 2.0

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2014.

Women Who Drink Milk

Accompaniment by Blair Robert Nelson. Lyceum Theater, San Diego, CA. 2013

Digital Stage

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA. 2013

In The Wild

Music by T.C. Zwane. The Neurosciences Institute, La Jolla, CA. 2012

Do You One Better

Music by Krystle Cruz. Video directed by Rommel Andaya. San Diego, CA. 2011

Loveplay

Music composed by Kris Apple. Accompaniment by Jarel Paguio. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego CA. 2011.

Eternity

Music by Krystle Cruz. Video directed by Rommel Andaya. San Diego, CA. 2010

Teenage Love Affair

Music by Alicia Keys. David and Dorothea Garfield Theater, La Jolla, CA. 2010.

Matata

Music by T.C. Zwane. David and Dorothea Garfield Theater, La Jolla, CA. 2010.

Dancedance

Music by various artists. David and Dorothea Garfield Theater, La Jolla, CA. 2010.

In Honor

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego CA. 2009.

Lucky Star

Music by Bassment Jaxx. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego CA. 2008.

A Hard Knock Love

Music by various artists. San Diego Lyceum Theater, San Diego CA. 2005.

An Emotional Affair

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego CA. 2006.

A Funky Love

Music by various artists. Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego CA. 2005.

DIRECTOR/PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

2019

Director, *Ladies of San Diego*. Coronado Ferry Landing, San Diego. CA.

2018.

Co-Producer, *Synthesis*. Dance For 2, San Diego, CA.

2017.

Artistic Director, Producer, *HIP HOP cabHOORAY*. RAW Dance Space, San Diego, CA.

2016.

Artistic Director, Producer, *MELshake*. White Box Space, San Diego, CA.

2015

Artistic Director, Producer, *HIP HOP cabHOORAY*. RAW Dance Space, San Diego, CA.

2014

Artistic Director, *MOVEfest*, an inaugural program of the 15th Annual San Diego Asian Film Festival, San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, CA.

Artistic Director, *Dance For A Wish*, an event benefiting Make-A-Wish, San Diego Chapter, Culture Shock Dance Center, San Diego, CA.

2012

Co-Director, *Entrances and Exits*, Grossmont Faculty Dance Concert, Joan Kroc Theater, San Diego, CA,

2009- 2013

Co-Artistic Director, *Dance For A Wish*, an event benefiting Make-A-Wish, San Diego Chapter, San Diego, CA.

2007 – present

Co-Artistic Director of student-choreographed dance concerts at San Diego Mesa College

2007

Co-Coordinator, *Grass Roots* hosted by Super Galactic Beat Manipulators, Jabbawookeez, and UNIV, San Diego, CA.

2004 - 2005

Artistic Director, *Full Out*, Poway Center For the Arts, Poway, CA. 2005

ADDITIONAL DANCE TRAINING

California State University, Long Beach, Masters Program
2011-2013 Modern dance technique: Susan McLain, Andy Vaca

2006 - present Hip hop: Culture Shock Dance Center, Studio FX, Millennium Dance Complex, Debbie Reynolds Dance Studio, Movement Lifestyle, Evolution Dance Studio
Modern dance technique: San Diego Dance Theater, Malashock Dance Theater, Blythe Barton, Faith Jensen Ismay, grace jun-mills, Khamla Somphanh (Horton based)

San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, Undergraduate
Modern dance technique: Melissa Nunn, Patricia Sandback, Mary Reich
Jazz dance technique: Faith Jensen-Ismay

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