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PROFESSIONAL DANCE CREDITS

*Named “25 to Watch” by Dance Magazine (USA), 2023

*Named “Players 50” by NewCity Magazine (Chicago), 2025

<i>South Chicago Dance Theatre</i> (2021-Present)	Soloist/ Company Dancer	AD Kia S. Smith
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jacob’s Pillow Dance Festival, 2024 Seoul International Dance Festival, 2024 Harris and Auditorium Theater, 2022-24• Giordano Dance Chicago collaboration 2023 Opera Laguna’s “Messiah,” 2024 WGN-TV Chicago Features, 2023-24		
<i>Chicago Opera Theater’s “The Nose”</i> (2023)	Soloist/ Dancer w/ SCDT	Director Francesca Zambello
<i>Collage Dance Collective</i> “ <i>Prodigal Son</i> ” (2022)	Guest Artist	AD Kevin Thomas
<i>DanceWorks Chicago</i> (2018-2021)	Soloist/ Company Dancer	AD Julie Nakagawa
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 10-city Germany Tour, 2019 Dance St. Louis’ Spring to Dance Festival, 2019, 2021 Social Media Assistant & Peer Mentor		
<i>Anaheim Ballet</i> (2015-2018)	Guest Artist/ The Nutcracker	Directors Larry & Sarma Rosenburg

FEATURED IN WORKS BY

Shannon Alvis, **Charissa Lee-Barton**, George Balanchine, Hanna Britson, Donald Byrd, Frank Chaves, Joshua Blake Carter, Christian Denice, James Gregg, Ruben Graciani, **Vincent Hardy (4 works)**, Monique Haley, **Tsai Hsi Hung**, **Ohad Naharin**, Harrison McEldowney, **Joshua Manculich (4 works)**, Crystal Michelle Perkins, **Ron De Jesus**, Bobbi Jene Smith, **Ido Tadmor (3 works)**, Alex Ketley, **Stephanie Martinez**, Wade Schaaf, **Kia S. Smith (Multiple)**, Christian Spück, Demis Volpi

EDUCATION/ TRAINING

<i>Chapman University, California, % 2018</i>	BFA, Dance Performance	Dir. Julianne O’Brien Pedersen
<i>San Francisco Conservatory of Dance</i>	(2016)	Dir. Summer Lee Rhatigan
<i>Hubbard Street Dance Chicago Intensives</i>	(2017- 2018)	Dir. Jessica Tong, Meredith Dincolo
<i>Zion Dance Project: Summer Series, Dallas, TX</i>	(2022- 2024)	Dir. Vincent & Abigail Hardy
<i>Countertechnique, One Body One Career Intensive</i>	(2024)	Dir. Anouk van Dijk (Amsterdam)

Ballet - Julie Nakagawa, Ido Tadmor, Terry Marling, Meredith Dincolo, Larry Rosenburg, Patrick Simoniello, Sarah Schafer, Summer Lee Rhatigan, Christian Burns, Jonathan Alsbery, Charles Maple, Jessica M. Tomlinson, Laura Wade

Modern/ Contemporary - Sean Greene, Jenny Backhaus, Hanna Britson, Ronald K. Brown, Ben Wardell, James Vu Pham, Linda-Denise Fisher Harrell, Ethan Kirschbaum, Maggie Vannucci, Bobbi Jene Smith, Danielle Agami, Niharika Senapati

ADDITIONAL CREATIVE WORK

Guest Teacher- James Madison University, Northern Illinois University, Common Conservatory, University of Michigan, Western Michigan University, **University of Chicago**, Chicago Movement Collective, Chapman University, Southeast Missouri State University, DanceWorks Chicago Dance360, South Chicago Dance Theatre, **Zion Dance Project**

Choreographer- Chapman University (4 works), Zion Dance Project (2 works), Loyola University Chicago (2 Solos), South Chicago Dance Theatre (Solo), Harvest Chicago Dance Festival, Mobile Dance Film Festival (4xs. Official Selections)