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LIVE/ STAGE PERFORMANCES

South Chicago Dance Theatre | Principal Company Dancer (2021-2025) | Dir./Chor. Kia S. Smith

- Featured Soloist in Premiere Works by Kia S. Smith, Donald Byrd, Stephanie Martinez, Kate Weare, Ron De Jesus, Monique Haley, Crystal Michelle Perkins, Tsai Hsi Hung, Joshua Blake Carter, Wade Schaaf, Frank Chaves

DanceWorks Chicago | Company Dancer (2018-2021) | Dir. Julie Nakagawa

- Featured Repertory by Shannon Alvis, Charissa Lee-Barton, Hanna Bricton, Christian Denice, James Gregg, Ruben Graciani, Harrison McEldowney, Joshua Manculich, Christian Spück, Demis Volpi

- *Germany Tour (2019): Cologne, Bremerhaven, Russelsheim, Friedrichshafen, Oldenburg, Bad Kissingen*

Dance for Life Chicago | Dancer (2020, 2023, 2024) | Choreographers: Hanna Bricton, Kia S. Smith, Frank Chaves

"The Nose" Chicago Opera Theater | Featured Solo Dancer (2023) | Dir. Francesca Zambello, Chor. Kia S. Smith

"Prodigal Son" Collage Dance Collective | Ensemble Dancer (2022) | Dir. Kevin Thomas, Chor. George Balanchine

"Nutcracker" Anaheim Ballet | "Nutcracker Prince" (2015-2018) | Dir. Larry & Sarma Rosenberg

"Chapman Celebrates" Gala Revue Show | Vocal & Dance Ensemble (2014-2017) | Dir. Alicia Guy, Dale Merrill

Chicago Independent Projects:

- "Call & Response" by Brendan Fernandes; Improvisation Ensemble | Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago (2019)
- "Chicago Dances" by The Cambrians | Ben Wardell (2020)
- "Sat in a Boat" by Rebecca Diane Huang (2022)
- "HER" by Faith von Aztigen (2024)

CHOREOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

"TAK-R-EZ" Work in Progress (25 min.) | Chicago Performance Lab Residency | University of Chicago

"My Cup Runneth Over" | Solo | SpARC Dance Festival, Elpis Dance Festival, Second City Dance Ministry

"Last/First Breath" | Solo | Harvest Dance Festival, Trifecta Dance Festival, Second City Dance Ministry

"KAPWA: The Redeeming Heart" | Ensemble | Berrien County Dancers (MI)

"Illuminated Bride" | Ensemble | Zion Dance Project: Summer Series (TX)

"ENOUGH" | Ensemble | Zion Dance Project: Summer Series (TX)

TRAINING

Chapman University, BFA Dance Performance, 2014-2018 (California, USA)

Intensives:

One Body, One Career - Countertechnique (Amsterdam, NL), 2024

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago Summer & Winter Intensives, 2017-2018

San Francisco Conservatory of Dance Summer Intensive, 2016

- Ballet, Modern, Horton, Jazz, Contemporary, Tap, Floorwork, Improvisation, GAGA, Forsythe Technologies

AWARDS/ RECOGNITIONS

2025 - "Players 50: Players Who Really Perform for Chicago" | NewCity Magazine (USA)

2023 - "Top 25 to Watch" | Dance Magazine (USA)

2017 & 2018 - "Outstanding Performance Award" | Chapman University Dance Program

SPECIAL SKILLS

Side Aerial, Handstand Walking, Singing (Tenor-Baritone), Rollerblading, Figure Skating, Biking, Jump rope
