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EDUCATION

Chapman University - Orange, CA
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance (2002)

TRAINING

Ballet Technique

Kristen Olsen Potts, Hitomi Yamada, Amy Bates, Marnell Himes, Peter Schabel

Modern Technique

Doug Varone, David Parsons, Jennifer Backhaus, Robert Battle, Sean Greene,
Cyrus Parker-Jeannette, Nancy Dickson Lewis, Daniel Charon

Jazz Technique

Tiffany Billings, Alicia Okuchi-Guy, Tina D'Amato, Leann Alduenda, Christine Baltes

Tap Dance

Brandee Williams, Donna Cucunato

Ballroom Dance Technique

Jeff Garza, Jennifer Davis, Audrey Wilson (Lindy Hop)

Hip-hop Dance Technique

Kari Jensen, Tim Stevenson

Acting

Tamiko Washington

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2009-2010	Dmitri Kulev Classical Academy Resident Faculty/Choreographer – Modern	Laguna Niguel, CA
2008-2010	Pacific Coast Academy of Dance Department Director of Contemporary Dance	San Clemente, CA
2006-2009	West Coast Dance Academy Resident Faculty – Modern	Mission Viejo, CA
2004-2006	Saddleback Dance Center Resident Faculty – Jazz, Modern	Mission Viejo, CA
2004	Chapman University Substitute Instructor – Modern & Jazz	Orange, CA
2003	Torrance Civic Center Guest Contemporary Modern Teacher – Advanced Level	Torrance, CA
2003	Dance Masters of America Teaching Assistant for Modern Classes – All Level	Las Vegas, CA
2002 & 2004	Golden State Ballet Summer Intensive Guest Contemporary Modern Teacher – Adv. Intermediate	Mission Viejo, CA

2002	Madrona Dance Studio Guest Jazz Instructor – Intermediate/ Advanced Adult	Seattle, WA
2002	Jimmy Defore Dance Center Substitute Jazz Instructor – Advanced Level	Costa Mesa, CA

CHOREOGRAPHY

Classroom Tango - 2010

Performed at Disneyland, Anaheim, CA.

Il Mondo del Lato - 2009

Performed by TDC of San Jose in San Jose and San Francisco, CA.

Earrach/ Springtime - 2008

Performed by Hannah Schiller at Youth America Grand Prix Los Angeles, USA and Tanzolymp Berlin, Germany.

Red Autumn - 2003

Venues:	Ivar Theatre	May 2004	Hollywood, CA
	<i>Produced by Brockus Project Dance Company</i>		
	North Park Vaudeville Theater	March 2004	San Diego, CA
	<i>Produced by Dunn-Razo Dance Company</i>		
	McCallum Theater	Nov. 2003	Palm Desert, CA
	<i>Finalist of Dance Under the Stars Choreography Festival</i>		

Jolly Lolly Holiday - 2001

Venues:	KCET Public Television	Dec. 2004	Los Angeles, CA
	Dorothy Chandler Pavilion	Dec. 2003	Los Angeles, CA
	<i>Commissioned by Los Angeles County Arts Commission</i>		
	<i>Set on Backhausdance Company</i>		
	Waltmar Theater	Dec 2001	Orange, CA

L'impulsion du Moment - 2003

Venues:	Mt. SAC Performing Arts Center	Oct. 2003	Walnut, CA
	<i>Set on Mt. SAC Dance Ensemble</i>		
	Redlands University Theater	Aug. 2003	Redlands, CA
	<i>Commissioned by Redlands Ballet Festival Company</i>		

Listening Still - 2003

Venues:	Partridge Dance Center	Sept. 2003	Orange, CA
	Martha B. Knoebel Theater	July 2003	Long Beach, CA
	<i>Commissioned by Southern California Dance Theater</i>		

La Lumiere - 2003

Venue:	Partridge Dance Center	Jan. 2003	Orange, CA
	<i>Commissioned by Orange County Regional Ballet</i>		
	<i>Set on Orange County Regional Ballet Company</i>		

Mon Prison Ma Chambre - 2002

Venues:	McCallum Theater	Nov. 2002	Palm Desert, CA
	<i>Received the Engman Award from the Dance Under the Stars Choreography Festival</i>		
	Waltmar Theater	April 2002	Orange, CA

Nostalgie - 2001

Venue:	Wilkinson Theater	Oct. 2001	Orange, CA
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Ultimate Breath - 2001

Venue: Waltmar Theater April 2001 Orange, CA
Received Chapman University Best Choreography Award

University of California, Irvine Culture Night - 2000

Venue: Irvine Barclay Theater May 2000 Irvine, CA
Commissioned by the Chinese Association at University of California in Irvine

PERFORMING EXPERIENCE

COMPANY:

- 2003 – 2010 **Backhausdance** *Company Member*
Artistic Director: Jennifer Backhaus
- 2009 **Helios Dance Theater** *Company Member*
Artistic Director: Laura Gorenstein Miller
- 2002 – 2003 **Regina Klenjoski Dance Company** *Company Member*
Artistic Director: Regina Klenjoski
- 2001 – 2003 **Orange County Regional Ballet** *Guest Artist*
Artistic Director: Kristen Olsen Potts

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE:

- 2004 ***Sitting on January*** - Principal
Choreographer: **Jennifer Backhaus**
Venues: Alex Theater, Glendale, CA; McCallum Theatre, Palm Desert, CA
- 2003 ***Where's Romeo?*** - Soloist
Choreographer: **Spencer Gavin** of Maximum Ballet
Venue: Redlands Ballet Festival Company Concert, Redlands, CA
- 2003 ***Midsummer Night's Dream*** - Puck
Produced by **Orange County Regional Ballet**
Venue: Forum Theater, Yorba Linda, CA
- 2002 ***Blind Faith*** - Lead
Choreographer: **Tiffany Billings**
Venue: Waltmar Theater, Orange, CA
- 2002 ***Disintegration*** - Principal
Choreographer: **Jennifer Backhaus**
Venue: John F. Kennedy Center, Washington, D.C.
- 2001 ***Bachianna***
Choreographer: **David Parsons**
Venue: Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 2000 ***Democracy***
Choreographer: **Doug Varone**
Venue: SUNY, Purchase, NY
- 2000 ***Second Hurricane*** - Principal
Choreographer: **Maria Taggart**
Venue: Lobero Theater, Santa Barbara, CA
Thousand Oaks Civic Center, Thousand Oaks, CA

INDUSTRIAL/ OTHER:

2004	Yo-yo Ma's video	Lead Dancer	Sony Classical
2003	Nike Town San Francisco	Dancer	San Francisco, CA
2002	<i>Don't Quit Your Night Job</i>	Dancer/ Moving Art	New Port Beach, CA
1999	Disneyland's Christmas Parade	Dancer	Anaheim, CA

AWARDS/ SCHOLARSHIPS

2007,2008	Lester Horton Awards Best performance in a duet
2005	Lester Horton Nominations Best Performance by a Male Dancer & Best Performance by a Company
2004, 2007	Nomination for Best Male Dancer of the Year Nominated by Beverly Hills Outlook Biweekly Review
2002	The Engman Award Best Choreography in the Professional Division Awarded by Dance Under the Stars Choreography Festival
2002	Fannie Kalis Award Recipient 4-Year Overall Contribution in Dance Awarded by Chapman University
2002	Outstanding Senior Choreographer Awarded by Chapman University
2002	Student Choice Best Choreographer of the Year Awarded by Performing Arts Society at Chapman
2001	Outstanding Performance in Dance Awarded by Chapman University
2000	1st Place American Style Ballroom Awards American Rhythm and Smooth Ballroom Styles Awarded by South Bay Ballroom Championship
2001-2002	Chapman University Liturgical Scholarship
1998-2002	Chapman University Dance Department Talent Scholarship

OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Cinematography, Non-Linear Video Editing, Audio Design, Web Design, Graphic Design