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DANCE & PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

OPENING, PUNE TIMES FASHION WEEK – 2023
SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE SEASON 18 (TOP 35) – 2023
DANCER FOR TELEVISION SHOW, NEW AMSTERDAM SEASON 5 – 2022
OPENING, NEW YORK FASHION WEEK – 2022
COMPANY DANCER, NAI-NI CHEN DANCE COMPANY, NEW YORK – 2021-2022
Summer Stage NYC Flushing Meadow Park - Jul 2022
Hostos Center for the Arts & Culture, Bronx - Jun 2022
New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC), Newark - May 2022
Reston Community Center - May 2022
Ukraine Benefit Concert - Apr 2022
Chappaqua Performing Arts Center - April 3, 2022
New York Live Arts - Mar 2022
New York City Center APAP Showcase - Jan 2022
Hudson River Front Performing Art Center, Lincoln Harbor Park - Sep 2021
APPRENTICE, BLUE13 DANCE COMPANY, LOS ANGELES – 2019-2021
Terpsichore in Ghungroos, Premiere at Wallis Annenberg - Feb 2020

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Soloist in Hissy Fits (Excerpt) by Dwight Rhoden, Soloist in Enemy in the Figure (Excerpt) by William Forsythe, Disrupt (World Premiere) by Matthew Neenan, Symphony of Psalms by Jiri' Kylian. Monger (Excerpt) by Barak Marshall, Delicate Balance (Excerpt) by Jodie Gates
Understudy: CompanyB by Paul Taylor, Lickety Split by Alejandro Cerrudo, Shark in USC's WestsideStory

DANCER FOR FILM, JAGGA JASOOS – 2017

CHOREOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

WINNING WORKS, JOFFREY BALLET – JAN 2024
DIXON PLACE'S DANCE BLOC NYC – NOV 2023
ROXEY BALLET'S RIVER DANCE FESTIVAL, NEW HOPE – AUG 2023
PLAYDATE RESIDENCY, BLUE13 DANCE COMPANY – JUN 2023

SELF DIRECTED PRODUCTIONS

Ctrl Alt Delete (May 2023), Decoded (Jun 2018), Alankar - The Little Jewels (May 2017), Chimera - A Dream (Jul 2015)

SURATI HOLI & DIWALI FESTIVALS – 2021-2022
QUEENSBORO SUMMER DANCE FESTIVAL, GOTHAM DANCE THEATRE – 2021-2022
PRODUCTION WORKSHOPPING, AATMA PERFORMING ARTS – 2022
BIG WILD MUSIC VIDEO "6'S TO 9'S" – 2019
FALGUNI PATHAK MUSIC VIDEO "JODE RAHEJO RAAJ" 2019
FUN HOME MUSICAL, USC – MAR 2019

COLAB PROJECT, LONDON – 2019

Choreography Residency at Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music and Dance

USC ZEHER, BOLLYWOOD DANCE TEAM 2018-2019

STUDENT PRODUCTIONS, USC

Fanaa- Destroyed in Love (Nov 2018), *Ibaadat-E-Ishq* (USC Kaufman Choreographic Showcase, Feb 2018), *Breathless* (USC Choreographers & Composers, Mar 2019)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Ballet, Contemporary, Indian Semi-Classical/Folk, Street Jazz, Hip Hop, Bollywood

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, ANANT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY – JAN 2024

Teaching Winter Dance Elective "Dancing Through the Lens" that introduces reel versus live stage dancing.

INDIA TOUR – JAN-MARCH 2023

Travelled to 11 cities with a total strength of over 600 students

Mumbai, Pune, Ahmedabad, Vadodara, Surat, Jaipur, Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad

NORTH AMERICA TOUR – 2022-2023

New York, New Jersey, Toronto, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, Austin, Houston, Dallas

DANCE CONVENTIONS – 2023

Desi Dance Network (Jul 2023), Desi Dance Convention (Sept 2023)

DISABILITY SCHOOLS

A Harry Moore School, Jersey City (2021 - 2022)

Regional Day School, Jersey City (March 2022 - June 2022)

Elizabeth Public School, Elizabeth (March 2022 - June 2022)

BOLLYWOOD TEACHER, PS 78, STATEN ISLAND – JUL-AUG 2021

Bollywood Foundations to Grade 1 to 4

GUEST TEACHER, ZHUHAI WUJIU DANCE ACADEMY – JAN, 2020

Teaching Contemporary Ballet, Indian Semi-Classical/Folk & Bollywood Foundations to the students aged 7 & above in Zhuhai, China

TEACHER, USC KAUFMAN CONNECTIONS – 2020

Community Outreach at Los Angeles Public School

CURATOR, AARAMBH DANCE CONVENTION – SEPT 2019

Hosted 10 Choreographers in the University and held the first ever dance convention bringing South Asian artists together

AWARDS & PUBLICATIONS

Discovery Scholars Distinction - 2021

USC Academic Achievement Award (2018-2021)

Distinction, Royal Academy of Dance (2013-2016)

Distinction, Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing (2016)

BBC News Hindi, Good Morning America, ABC News, Hindustan Times, India Times, Official Humans of Bombay, TV Asia USA, Wion News, Elle India, Brut India, Brut America, The Better India, New York Times, Trojan Voice, California, New Jersey Arts and Entertainment, New Jersey, Voyage LA, California, Kaleidoculture Magazine, California, Tribune, India, News 24, France, Suara, Indonesia, Official People of India, She The People, Kannada News, News 18, IB Times, The Jersey Journal,

Kalinga TV, Times Now, TV9 Marathi, Zee News, Abhiyan Magazine, Youth Time Magazine, Voices of Fashion Magazine, Riptide Magazine, Hari Bhoomi, Scoop Whoop, Quint India, PinkVilla, India Today, Mumbai Samachar, Mid-Day, NDTV, Navbharat Times

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GLORYA KAUFMAN SCHOOL OF DANCE
BFA IN DANCE, 2021

SHIAMAK DAVAR INTERNATIONAL 2006-2017

SCHOOL OF CLASSICAL BALLET & WESTERN DANCE 2012-2017

DEBBIE ALLEN SUMMER INTENSIVE - 2015

MASTER CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Azsire Barton, Jon Boogz, Sir Matthew Bourne, Dana Casperson, Hope Boykin, Zippora Karz, Fiona Lummis, Barak Marshall, Emily Molnar, Victor Quijada, Marjani Forte Saunders, Bret Easterling, Niharika Senapati, Silas Riener, Dwight Rhoden, Desmond Richardson, RubberLegz, Jermaine Spivey, Spenser Theberge, Christian Vincent, Teddy Forance, Akram Khan Dance Company, Black Grace Dance Company

BRAND ADVERTISEMENTS

Brooklinen (Back to School Release), Bumble, Dil Mil, Coke Studio Bharat, Maybelline, Art of Living, Colors India, Amazon Fashion India, Sony Music India, Saregama, Zee5 USA, Fast & Up, Trendsetter, Always Raas, Archana Kochhar, Annie Creation

LEADERSHIP

USC Kaufman Student Ambassador, President of FIDAA USC, Member of International Student Committee, Head Boy & Cultural Representative

SKILLS

Creative: Costume Design, Set Design, Event Management, Marketing, Planning, Organizing, Drawing, Painting, Acting

Technical: iMovie, Microsoft Office, GarageBand, Sound Forge Pro, Adobe Photoshop, Mail Chimp, HubSpot, Wordpress, Wix