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EXPERIENCE

Dance Teaching Faculty - Hip Hop D177

Portland Community College: Sylvania Campus

1/27/2014 - present

Teaching Artist - Dance, Musical Theater

PHAME: Adults with developmental disabilities

4/2016 - present

Teacher Artist/Choreographer

Multnomah Athletic Club

2/2017 - present

Youth Facilitator & Choreographer

Joy Now Arts Project

7/2015 - present

Teaching Artist in Residence

Vancouver School District: district wide dance teaching artist in residence

2017-2019

Teacher & Program Manager

Sunday Street Dance: Adult class series. Pilogarobic

11/1/2014 - 5/1/2016

Percussion Arts Facilitator

Culture Jam: PYE model teen empowerment camp, Veneta, OR

8/1 - 8/8/2015

Independent Private Instructor - drum set, percussion, piano

1/2017 - present

Instructor - drum set, percussion, body percussion, piano

Ethos Music Center (and SUN collaborations), Portland, OR

1/22/2014 - 3/2017

- ages 5 - adult; camps & after school programming for disadvantaged youth

STAGE

Dancer/Choreographer: *Rejoice! Diaspora Dance Theater*

4/2015 - present

HIGHLIGHTS: TEDxMtHood, Oregon Shakespeare Festival

PRODUCTIONS: Icons; Ancestry in Motion; Alegria; Uprise; MidSummer Night at the Savoy

Musical Director/Percussionist: *POPgoji*

11/2013 - present

HIGHLIGHTS: Stevie Wonder Tribute, What The Festival, MAI Fest, Doe Bay Fest, Oregon Country Fair,

PICA's TBA Fest, Travel Portland Awards Show, Music on Main

Artistic Director/Percussionist/Dancer: *Boomshine*

1/2017 - present

HIGHLIGHTS: Portland Winter Light Festival

Pianist: *Grupo Masato*

5/2018 - present

Actor/Dancer: *Made to Dance in Burning Buildings*

1/2017

Dancer: *Aline Valentim Afro Dance Co (Rio de Janeiro)*

1/2012 - 4/2012

Dancer/Drummer: *Rio Maracatu (Rio de Janeiro)*

1/2012 - 4/2012

Dancer/Choreographer: *JAW Festival* - Portland Center Stage

2017, 2018

CHOREOGRAPHY

'Funky Drummer' & 'Migration Story' - from *A MidSummer Night at the Savoy*- performed by Rejoice! 2018-19

'A Light of Hope' New Expressive Works, 5/2017

'Growing Pains' performed by Rejoice! Diaspora Dance Theater, 1/2016

'Uptown Funk' solo, OR Shakespeare Festival, 6/2016

'Small Kingdom' film duet - Small Kingdom Dance, 8/2011

'Seated' - Assistant Choreographer, duet performed by Small Kingdom Dance, 8/2011

FILM

OR Lottery - 'Precious Metals' commercial. Actor/Dancer 3/2017

Esperanza's Turn - indie short film:Choreographer & Dancer 2017

Comedy Central - Kurt Braunohler CC Special: Choreographer, Dancer 9/24/2016

Portlandia - Season 6 Episode 3, IFC: Actor 2/2016

OHSU - Youth Workers Safety Video: Dancer 11/2015

LensBaby - commercial: Dancer 7/2014

Microsoft Zune - commercial: Dancer

CHOREOGRAPHY COMISSIONS

Kaleidoscope Dance Company 2019
Multnomah Athletic Club dance team 2017
Roosevelt HS dance team, 8/2015 - 2/2016
Lincoln HS drum line, 4/2014
 Body percussion & bucket drumming performance
Camp Fire Columbia, After-school program, 3/2013
 Step/Body Percussion show for middle schoolers
March 4th, National Act, 2/2013
 'Marionette 2' dance piece for dancers and stilt performers

MUSIC RECORDING

Drumset: <i>Shvvvr</i>	<i>released 2019</i>
Drumset: <i>Milk Bandits</i>	<i>unreleased</i>
Percussion/Arrangement: <i>POPgoji EP</i>	<i>released 2018</i>
Percussion/Arrangement: <i>Hans Barklis</i>	<i>released 2019</i>
Percussion: <i>Bloco Alegria</i>	<i>released 2017</i>
Percussion: <i>King Black Acid</i>	<i>released 2016</i>
Drumset/Composition/Production: <i>FRIZZ EP</i>	<i>released 2013</i>

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Massamba Diop (Baaba Maal; Black Panther): Wolof Drumming Apprenticeship in Senegal	1/2019
Funded in part by Regional Arts and Culture Council - Professional Development Grant	
Bakalama: Contemporary Sabar dance apprenticeship	1/2019
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Ronald K Brown: Evidence summer workshop series	8/2017
Beth Young Scholarship recipient	
Silvestre Afro-Modern Dance Technique Intensive (Salvador, Brazil)	1/2012
University of Oregon B.S. in Economics w/ honors	6/2009
Minor in Jazz Music Performance	
SIT Study Abroad: Ghana. Thesis: Ethnomusicological Study of Ewe Drumming	9-12/2008
Oregon Gymnastics Academy	
10 years Competitive Gymnast	
Portland Community Media	3/2013
Course & Certification: Multimedia Journalism - Field Based Production	

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Regional Arts and Culture Council - Professional Development Grant	1/2019
Multnomah County Cultural Coalition - Choreographic Commission for Rejoice! Diaspora Dance Theater	2018
Regional Arts and Culture Council - Project Grant for productions with Rejoice! Diaspora Dance Theater	2017-2019
New Expressive Works Residency - Choreography creation and production	1-4/2017
Beth Young Scholarship - Ronald K Brown's Evidence Dance Co intensive	8/2017