

RILEY TIARKS

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EDUCATION

Wayne State University – Detroit, MI (2019-2023)

- Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Performance & Choreography
- Instructors include Dr. Biba Bell, Meg Paul, Brandon Koepsell, Hannah Andersen, Bryan and Shania Baira, Dr. Douglas Risner, Jessica Rajko, Dr. RAS Mikey Courtney, Lisa Lamare, Karen Prall, Jessica Thomas.

Wayne State University-Detroit, MI (2019-2023)

- Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology
- Related Coursework: First aid & CPR, Exercise physiology, Cultural foundations of kinesiology, Nutrition and health education, Lifespan growth and development

PERFORMANCES [Wayne State University]

2023

- *On the Horizon* Spring Dance Concert
 - "How to stay soft in a world that hardens" by Madi Hicks
 - "When You See" by Brandon Koepsell
- *Cabaret* Spring Musical
 - Helga and Dance Captain
 - Directed by Michael Barnes, Choreography by Jill Cassidy
- *Adjust Your Focus* Senior Capstone Showcase
 - "I can remember when" by Cody Swain
 - "The eyes are blue" by Hannah Brown

2022

- *Spring Dance Concert*
 - "I'm in here somewhere" by Mallory Marshall
- *Head Over Heels* Spring Musical
 - Dance Chorus
 - Directed by Jill Dion, Choreography by Lisa Lamare
- *Making Our Mark* Senior Capstone Showcase
 - "Circle back, there is so much to see" by Kayla Gonzalez
 - "I'm in here somewhere" by Mallory Marshall
 - "Forgotten Promise, Dreamt Remembrance" by Olivia Kimes

2021

- *Populous*
“Can I walk away?” by Riley Tiarks and Mallory Marshall
- “...A Sensible Groove” by Monique Haley
December Dance Concert and Oakland Dance Festival
- “Wavelength” by Hannah Andersen
Spring Dance Concer

2020

- *Spring Dance Concert*
“Frequency” by Marc Spaulding
- “Dear Mind” by Hanna Bricston
December Dance Concert, Company One Noel Night, toured to K-12 schools.
- “See me, see us” by Kendall Burks
Company One Noel Night, toured to K-12 schools.
- “This far no further” by Christina Chammas
Company One Noel Night, toured to K-12 schools.

2019

- December Dance Concert
“Soulty” by Bossmat Nossan

CHOREOGRAPHY

- “If beginning is...” (2023)
Adjust Your Focus Senior Capstone Showcase, Allesse Dance Theatre
American College Dance Festival (Athens, Ohio) & Featured work for
incoming freshman department auditions
- “The vision is clear with a lens that is not mine.” (2022)
Senior Capstone Solo Showcase
- “Intuition” (2021)
Screen Dance
- “Hurry up, We’re Dreaming” (2020)
Screen Dance
- “Dear Mind” (2020)
In collaboration with Hannah Brown and Natalie Garban
Company One Noel Night

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Institute of Dance Arts (2022-2023)
Ferndale, MI
Jazz, Musical Theatre, Hip-Hop, Contemporary/Modern
- Cutting Edge Dance Center (2015-2019)
Columbus, Ohio
Technique, Ballet, Pointe, Musical Theatre, Hip-Hop,
Contemporary/Modern

CONFERENCES & FESTIVALS

- National Dance Education Organization
“Wellness can empower: working together to create an accessible
screening tool” Speaker alongside Hannah Andersen

VIDEO WORK

- *Motor City Christmas* Holiday Special with Karen Newman
Detroit, MI