

RILEY TIARKS

DANCE PERFORMER, CHOREOGRAPHER & EDUCATOR

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts | Dance 2019–2023

Wayne State University | Detroit, MI

Performances: *Cabaret* (2023), *Head Over Heels* (2022), Annual Dance Concerts (performed choreographies by Madi Hicks, Marc Spaulding, Hanna Bricston, Mallory Marshall, Brandon Koepsell)

Bachelor of Science | Kinesiology 2019–2023

Wayne State University | Detroit, MI

Related Coursework: First aid & CPR, Exercise physiology, Cultural foundations of kinesiology, Nutrition and health education, Lifespan growth and development.

Other WSU Roles: Student choreographer, Research assistant, Company One Member (performer and choreographer), Dance Captain for *Cabaret*, Student Class Representative.

PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE

Motor City Christmas Karen Newman Christmas Special (Detroit, MI) 2023

CHOREOGRAPHY HIGHLIGHTS

If beginning is... 2023

Presented at American College Dance Association, WSU Faculty Spring Dance Concert

Intuition 2021

Screen dance; presented at WSU Choreography 2 Showcase

TEACHING HIGHLIGHTS

Institute of Dance Arts (Ferndale, MI) May 2022–May 2023

- Musical Theatre, Hip-Hop, Contemporary/Modern, Jazz, Stretch and Strengthen
- Students ages 8–64

Guest Instructor (Michigan & Ohio) May 2022– August 2023

- Contemporary, Jazz, Musical Theatre
- Guest Instructor at various K–12 studios in the Metro–Detroit and Metro–Columbus area

Cutting Edge Dance Center (Columbus, OH) August 2015– May 2019

- Ballet, Pointe, Musical Theatre, Hip-Hop, Contemporary/Modern, Jazz, Leaps and Turns
- Students ages 3–18