



## Mijkalena Smith

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### Education

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Temple University – Bachelor of Fine Arts, magna cum laude, Dance 2021  
National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) Graduate  
National Dance Education Organization Member  
West Chester University – Non-degree, Undergraduate, Dance 2016 – 2018

### Training

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I Am Phresh Dance Academy – Training Program 2021  
Antoine Troupe – Philadelphia Troupe Intensive 2021

### Prizes & Awards

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Illuminate the Arts Grant: \$1,000 2022  
Temple University Boyer College Alumni Award: \$200 2021  
Temple University Frances Bowden Award for Excellence in Dance: \$300 2021

### Teaching Experience

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**Dance Instructor:** *Jazz Level 2, Contemporary Level 2, Recreational Dance Team* 2022-present  
Remix Dance Collective, LLC. – Morgantown, PA

**Dance Instructor:** *Lyrical Level 2, Intro to Hip Hop, Hip Hop Level 1, Conditioning, Jazz Level 2, Jazz Level 4, Contemporary Level 3, Turns & Leaps, Company Director - UMDGC Performance Company* 2021-present  
Upper Merion Dance and Gymnastics Center – Upper Merion, PA

**Substitute Dance Instructor:** *Jazz Levels 3 & 4, Ballet Levels 1-3, Hip Hop Level 1, Adult Dance Fusion* 2021-present  
Upper Merion Dance and Gymnastics Center – Upper Merion, PA

**Dance Instructor:** *Fidget Education Program* 2022  
Waldorf School of Philadelphia – Philadelphia, PA

**Dance Instructor:** *Summer Camps* 2021  
Upper Merion Dance and Gymnastics Center – Upper Merion, PA

**Dance Instructor:** *Lyrical Level 1* 2020 – 2021  
Performance Studios – Riverton, NJ

**Substitute Dance Instructor:** *Boys Hip Hop, Jazz Levels 2-4, Contemporary Levels 2 & 3, Lyrical Level 2, Musical Theater Level 3, Composition and Improvisation* 2020 – 2021  
Performance Studios – Riverton, NJ



<b>Substitute Dance Instructor: <i>Turns and Leaps Levels 1 &amp; 2</i></b>	2020
I Am Phresh Dance Academy – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Substitute Dance Instructor: <i>Jazz Levels 1 &amp; 2</i></b>	2020
Rain Dance Studio – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Power Scholars Academy Dance Enrichment Teacher</b>	2019
Oscar Lasko YMCA and Childcare Center – West Chester, PA	
<b>Substitute Dance Instructor: <i>Contemporary Levels 2 &amp; 3, Leaps and Turns Level 3</i></b>	2019
Remix Dance Collective, LLC. – Morgantown, PA	
<b>Substitute Dance Instructor: <i>Ballet Levels 2 &amp; 3</i></b>	2017 – 2019
Remix Dance Collective, LLC. – Morgantown, PA	
<b>Dance Instructor: <i>Contemporary Level 1</i></b>	2017 – 2018
Remix Dance Collective, LLC. – Morgantown, PA	
<b>Assistant Teacher: <i>Contemporary Levels 2 &amp; 3</i></b>	2016 – 2018
Remix Dance Collective, LLC. – Morgantown, PA	
<b>Assistant Teacher: <i>Creative Movement, Jazz Funk 1</i></b>	2017
Remix Dance Collective, LLC. – Morgantown, PA	
<b>Student Teacher: <i>Beginner Ballet, Ballet Level 1</i></b>	2016 – 2017
Remix Dance Collective, LLC. – Morgantown, PA	

## **Choreographic Works**

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Choreography for Upper Merion Dance and Gymnastics Center	2021-present
<i>White Whale</i> (4 min. – 11 dancers)	
Philadelphia Youth Dance Festival – North Wales, PA	
Poetico Collective Showcase, Theatre Horizon – Norristown, PA	
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School – Plymouth Meeting, PA	
<i>Cherry Wine</i> (3 min. – 13 dancers)	
Theatre Horizon – Norristown, PA	
<i>Marietta</i> (3 min. – 5 dancers)	
Theatre Horizon – Norristown, PA	
<i>All the Pretty Girls</i> (3 min. – 7 dancers)	
Theatre Horizon – Norristown, PA	
<i>Golden</i> (3 min. – 5 dancers)	
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School – Plymouth Meeting, PA	
<i>Man in Blue</i> (3 min. – 7 dancers)	
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School – Plymouth Meeting, PA	
<i>Jet Black, Green Onions</i> (3 min. – 9 dancers)	
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School – Plymouth Meeting, PA	
<i>Green Light</i> (3 min. – 2 dancers)	
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School – Plymouth Meeting, PA	
<i>Big Black Car</i> (3 min. – 11 dancers)	
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School – Plymouth Meeting, PA	
<i>The Burden of Two Souls</i> (7 min. – 2 dancers)	2022



Kun-Yang Lin & Dancers Inhale Performance Series – Philadelphia, PA Theatre Horizon – Norristown, PA	
<i>Sparrow</i> (6 min. – 1 dancer) Dance Film – Philadelphia, PA	2021
<i>When the Light Fades</i> (9 min. – 5 dancers) Dance Film – Philadelphia, PA	2021
<i>quarantine: bath routine</i> (3 min. – 1 dancer) Dance Film – Philadelphia, PA Dance Now Screendance Showcase – New York, NY	2021
<i>Reluctant Deference</i> (7 min. – 3 dancers) Performance Garage – Philadelphia, PA World Water Day at Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA Student Dance Concert at Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA	2020
<i>High Tide</i> (5 min. – 3 dancers) Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA Penn State University – Abington, PA	2019
<i>Nothing's Over</i> (3 min. – 4 dancers) Inferno Dance Competition – Baltimore, MD True Dance Challenge – Fort Washington, PA Twin Valley Middle School – Morgantown, PA	2018
<i>Enough</i> (3 min. – 1 dancer) Inferno Dance Competition – Baltimore, MD True Dance Challenge – Fort Washington, PA Twin Valley Middle School – Morgantown, PA	2018

## Performed Works

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<b>Company Dancer:</b> <i>Academy of Phresh Performance Company</i> <i>12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Showcase</i> , Mark and Shanika Boston Philadelphia, PA	2021
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>The Meadow</i> , Crux Dance Film – Philadelphia, PA	2021
<b>Dancer and Choreographer:</b> <i>Sparrow</i> Dance Film – Philadelphia, PA	2021
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>nothing, together</i> , Rachel DeForrest Repinz Dance Film – Philadelphia, PA	2021
<b>Dancer and Choreographer:</b> <i>quarantine: bath routine</i> Dance Film – Philadelphia, PA	2021
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>ReVive</i> , Jillian Harris Dance Film – Philadelphia, PA	2020
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>All You Can Eat!</i> , Rachel DeForrest Repinz Dance Film – Philadelphia, PA	2020
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>The Alt.terre</i> , Megan Bridge	2020



Maryland Hall Residency – Annapolis, MD	
Dance Film – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>Eat!</i> , Rachel DeForrest Repinz	2019-2020
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA	
Mark DeGarmo Dance Salon Performance Series – New York, NY	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>Catharsis Reimagined</i> , Enya-kalia Jordan	2019-2020
Penn State University – Abington, PA	
“Stone Soup Showcase” at Cora Dance – Brooklyn, NY	
Performance Garage – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Dancer and Choreographer:</b> <i>High Tide</i>	2019
Penn State University – Abington, PA	
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>Find Your Voice</i> , Keri Lusheski	2019
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>Through Darkness, To The Stars</i> , Julia Jennings	2019
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>kNotes &amp; Nests</i> , Marion Ramirez	2019
Conwell Dancer Theater – Philadelphia, PA	
Temple University, Tyler School of Art – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>Malo</i> , Megan Bridge	2019
Grounds that Shout! curated by Reggie Wilson – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Soloist and Choreographer:</b> <i>High Tide</i>	2019
Penn State University – Abington, PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>Please Hold</i> , Rachel DeForrest Repinz	2019
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>ENDOLVE: her subtle bodies</i> , Marion Ramirez	2019
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>The Hourglass</i> , Riley Marx	2019
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>Escape</i> , Scott Park	2019
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>Harbin, My Refuge</i> , Alissa Elegant	2019
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Dancer:</b> <i>...What Happens When We Get To One?</i> , Tori Sexsmith	2018
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA	
<b>Company Dancer:</b> <i>West Chester University Dance Company</i>	2017-2018
<i>Ambiguous Paths</i> , Akasha Alvarez	
ACDA Mid-Atlantic North Conference – West Chester, PA	
Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre – West Chester, PA	
<i>[hyper]vigilance</i> , Elise Alvarez	
Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre – West Chester, PA	
<i>Undercurrent</i> , Bethany Formica	
Madeleine Wing Adler Theatre – West Chester, PA	



## Administrative Experience

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**Company Director:** Upper Merion Dance and Gymnastics Performance Company 2022-present  
**Administrative Assistant:** Great Marsh Institute 2020 – present  
**Community Engagement and Space Coordinator:** Fidget 2021 – 2022  
**Administrative Assistant:** Fidget 2019 – 2021  
**Social Media Intern:** Enya Kalia Creations 2019 – 2020

## Production Experience

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**Backstage Crew:** *Colors in Motion*, Upper Merion Dance and Gymnastics Center 2022  
Plymouth Whitemarsh High School – Plymouth Meeting, PA

**Lighting Designer:**  *Holding Me*, Emma Sue Ewing 2022  
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA

**Production Coordinator:** Rigor Samsa (BFA II Showcase) 2021  
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

**Production Coordinator:** UN's World Water Day 2021  
Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

**Lighting and Technical Support:** *Happy Belated*, Fidget and Crux 2021  
The Fidget Space – Philadelphia, PA

**Backstage Crew:** Annual Spring Dance Concert 2019  
First Position Dance Arts, LLC. – Ardmore, PA

**Backstage Crew:** *Move Your Body*, Remix Dance Collective LLC. 2019  
Twin Valley Middle School – Morgantown, PA

**Lighting Designer:** *Self-Love Study: Stage 1: Frustration*, Quaneesha Sullivan 2019  
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA

**Backstage Crew:** *Beneath the Surface*, Dara Meredith 2018  
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA

**Sound Crew:** Dance Alumni Showcase 2018  
Conwell Dance Theater – Philadelphia, PA