# KARLEY **CHILDRESS**

DANCER/CHOREOGRAPHER




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## PROFILE

Versatile dancer and choreographer dedicated to exploring authenticity and intention, creating performances that forge deep emotional connections between dancers and audiences.

## EDUCATION/TRAINING

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS** BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS **(2020-2024)**
DEAN DIRECTORS: SUSAN JAFFE, JARED REDICK, AND ENDALYN TAYLOR

**BALLET MEMPHIS** **(2015-2020)**
DIRECTORS: JANET PARKE, BRANDON AND VIRGINIA RAMEY

**COLLAGE DANCE COLLECTIVE** **(2014-2015)**
DIRECTOR: KEVIN THOMAS

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

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| *Flash Mob* by **Maleek Washington** | 2024 |
| *Untitled work* by **Brandon Alley** | 2024 |
| *Show Me* by **Jim Vincent** | 2024 |
| *Symphony of Cracks* by **Rena Butler** | 2024 |
| *Portals* by **Ashley Lindsey** | 2023 |
| Kwanzaa Traditions by **Dwana Smallwood** | 2023 |
| *Children Uprising* by **Amyia Burrell** | 2023 |
| *Entropy* by **Anthony Lee Bryant** | 2022 |
| *Seven Deadly Sins* by **Gina Patterson** | 2022 |
| *Convergence* by **Ming-Lung Yang** | 2022 |
| *Signs of Life* by **Andrew Harper** | 2021 |
| *Concerto Grosso* by **José Limón** | 2020 |
| *Romeo and Juliet* by **Steven McMahon** | 2019 |
| *Nutcracker* by **Ballet Memphis** | 2015-2020 |

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Contemporary and Ballet Faculty at Dance Dynamics | 2025-2026 |
| Guest faculty and mentor at Ballet Memphis Summer Intensive | 2025 |

## INTENSIVES/ FELLOWSHIPS

- Joffrey Winning Works Choreographer (2025)
- Jacob's Pillow Ann & Weston Hicks Choreography Fellow (2024)
- Dance Theatre of Harlem (2024)
- Salt Link Festival (2024)
- Collage Dance Collective: Raise The Bar (2019)
- Milwaukee Ballet (2017, 2023)
- Summer Dance Sessions (2016)
- Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet (2015)

## CHOREOGRAPHY

- As the Leaves Fall (2025)
- Bereshit (2025)
- (dis) connect (2024)
- Disney cruise/parks audition (2024)
- The Applecalypse (2024)
- The Infinite Ocean: VI (2023)
- Ende (2023)
- Bye, Bye Blackbird (2023)
- Tweet Tweet, Tick-Tock, AHHH (2019)
- Human First (2018)

## SKILLS

- Pointe
- Jazz
- Tap
- Hip hop
- Acro
- Choreography
- Teaching