

KARLEY CHILDRESS

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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

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Contemporary and Ballet Faculty at Dance Dynamics	2025-current
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