

Maria White

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Education

PhD in Theatre and Performance Research

Anticipated Graduation May 2030

Florida State University, School of Theatre, Tallahassee FL

MA in Dance in Studio Related Studies

May 2022

Florida State University, School of Dance, Tallahassee FL

BFA in Dance

May 2021

Magna cum laude, Florida State University, School of Dance, Tallahassee FL

Employment and Teaching Experience

Founder

January 2024-Present

Founder of Multifarious Moves LLC.

Responsibilities include: not much, because of the company's recent establishment.

Dance Teacher

May 2023-Present

Contemporary technique teacher at Artistry Dance Alliance.

Responsibilities include: weekly check-ins, building a pedagogy based on floorwork and partnering skills, warming up students, teaching skills and phrases, and cooling down students.

Repertory Workshop Teacher

July 2022

Teacher under Structures for Change (SFC) direct action, dance, song and story collective.

Responsibilities included: schedule and coordinate workshops times and dates, teach Structures for Change repertory to members of theater ensemble Al-Hakawati and others with affiliation to Theater X, report back to SFC collective with workshop findings, document through video workshop sessions.

UBW Video Tech and Social Media Marketing Intern

January 2022- April 2022

Video Tech and Social Media Marketing Intern with Urban Bush Women under Head of Marketing Makeda Smith.

Responsibilities included: Produce clips and videos for press, presenters, grants, website, YouTube, Vimeo or for another Internet usage, create Instagram Reels with clips, assist with inputting data into UBW's newsletter, maintain and update all online postings for UBW events and communication on the UBW Social Media Schedule, check and update information on the UBW website.

Class Demonstrator for DAA 3108-01

August 2021- Sep 2021

Demonstration assistant for Contemporary Level 1A for undergraduate students under Tiffany Rhynard.

Responsibilities included: mastery of concepts covered in class, clear demonstration of movement, build community, mentor students.

621 Gallery Dance Intern

September 2019- February 2020

Dance intern under Executive Director, Lauren Baker through Board Member Dr. Hannah Schwadron.

Responsibilities included: Collaborating with other artists to add dance into the gallery, performing in and promoting shows held at the gallery, organizing a performance or set of performers for every first Friday of the month.

Tampa Bay Dance Academy After School Program Counsellor

August- December 2017

Day Counsellor and Administrative Assistant to Owner and Director Alicia.

Responsibilities included: overseeing the aftercare program for ages 6-13, getting students ready for class, creating afterschool activities, helping students with homework.

Research Experience and Presentations

Mirage: The Cost of Fantasy, Dramaturg, Production Assistant

November 2023-Present

Documentary film with Sisters Unite Productions being filmed in Pensacola, Florida.

Flying Low and Passing Through Intensive

September-October 2022

Studied Flying Low technique and performed the Passing Through Score with/by David Zambrano at TicTac Art Centre in Brussels, Belgium for one month.

Anti-War Protest, Dancer

June 2022

Anti-War Protest with Cultures of Resistance, featuring performances by Theater X, Illuminate Theater and Structures for Change in Berlin, Germany.

Art of Migration, Dancer

June 2022

Performance research project with Structures for Change in collaboration with theater ensemble Al-Hakawati of Theater X performed at Floating University in Berlin, Germany.

Shared Body, Dancer

Spring 2022

Performance research project with Structures for Change, performed at FSU Museum of Fine Arts.

Structures for Change with Dr. Hannah Schwadron

April 2021-Present

Core member of a pandemic direct action dance, song and story collective.

b12 Festival

July 2021 & 2022

Danced in research workshops taught by international artists, in Berlin, Germany for one month.

Cherry Wringing, Dancer

Performed July 2021

Performance research project choreographed by Fleur Darkin through b12 festival.

University Service

FSU School of Dance Volunteer

September 2023 - Present

Assisting with teaching responsibilities for Tiffany Rhynard at the School of Dance.

Responsibilities include: Demonstrating for contemporary technique and contact improvisation, substituting classes, giving feedback to students, and mentoring students.

Student Advisory Council Communications Director

October 2020- May 2021

Part of an undergraduate student council.

Responsibilities included: providing student support, creating and sending surveys to student body, help connect students with faculty, resource.

Anti-Racist Collective

July 2020- December 2020

Collective member bringing a student perspective.

Responsibilities included: connecting with students, organizing for anti-racist goals, hearing perspectives and ideas from students and faculty, support for other collective members.

Performance and Artistic Experience

Live Feedback, Collaborator, Dancer

November 2023- Present

Performance facilitated by Tiffany Rhynard, in collaboration with Farai Malianga, Chris Cameron, and I for Florida State University's Days of Dance Concert in Tallahassee, Florida.

Invitation Provocateur, Dancer

October 2023

Solo performance by Maria White as part of Florida State University's 90/60/20 Celebration in Tallahassee, Florida.

Leave No One Behind, Dancer, Actor

May 2023

Short film by Fox from Theater X in collaboration with SFC in Berlin, Germany.

Anti-lap dance, Dancer

October 2022

Solo performance by Maria White as part of Tic Tac Art Center's Crude Saturdays in Brussels, Belgium.

Glass. Einstein. Joints., Dancer

August 2022

Performance of a selection of fragments from the opera Einstein on the beach produced by the Initium Foundation and choreographed by Aigars Larionovs in Riga, Latvia.

The Dying Mermaid of Madison Blue Springs, Performer April 2022

Solo performance directed, created, and performed by Maria White through National Water Dance.

Shared Space Shared History, Performer April 2022

Performance exhibit by Tiffany Rhynard at the Accelerate Festival through Smithsonian's American History Museum.

HomeBody, Performer, Choreographer March 2022

Solo performance for MA Capstone directed and choreographed by Maria White through Florida State University.

What a Horse!, Dancer Performed November 2021

Evening of Dance concert piece, Florida State University, School of Dance, directed and re-staged by Gwen Welliver.

Cherry Wringing, Dancer Performed July 2021

Performance project choreographed by Fleur Darkin through b12 festival.

The River Cabaret, Dancer March 2021-August 2021

Monthly performances at The Warrior on the River with The River Cabaret choreographed by Isais Villafane and Brittany Badia.

A Ritual For Clarity, Dancer Performed July 2021

Solo performance iteration directed and choreographed by Maria White through Florida State University.

CREATIVation, Dancer Performed April 2021

A night of celebration, creative expression and collaboration at the TCC Innovation Hub curated by Millicient Johnnie, Shakeil Jones, and Tiffany Rhynard.

Scary Fairies, Dancer/Collaborator Performed April 2021

MA Concert of Scott Lindenberg, Florida State University, School of Dance, directed and choreographed by Scott Lindenberg.

Rules of Engagement 2.0, Dancer Performed February 2020

MFA Concert of Aigars Larionovs, Florida State University, School of Dance, directed and choreographed by Aigars Larionovs.

Brella and the Old Red Bag, Dancer Performed November 2019

Evening of Dance concert piece, Florida State University, School of Dance, conceived, directed and choreographed by Tim Glenn.

This...End, Dancer Performed April 2019

Days of Dance concert piece, Florida State University, School of Dance, directed and choreographed by Sydney Parker.

One Thing After the Other, Dancer

Performed September 2018

Evening of Dance concert piece, Florida State University, School of Dance, directed and choreographed by Dan Wagoner, restaged by Rachel Hunter.

FSU Promo Commercial, Dancer

Performed September 2018

Promo Commercial, Florida State University, directed by Robyn Peters and choreographed by Rachel Hunter.

Honors and Awards

Florida State University's President's List

August 2018- May 2022

Florida State University's President's List is bestowed every semester on students who have maintained a GPA of 4.0 for that semester.

Friends of Dance Scholarship Recipient

December 2018

Friends of Dance is a local organization that partners with the School of Dance at FSU to provide young artists of promise scholarships for their educations or other artistic endeavors.

Walker's Rising Star Scholarship Recipient

May 2017

Walker's Rising Star is a local scholarship organization designed to honor the top students in Pinellas County across 4 different arts categories.

References

Tiffany Rhynard, Professor of Dance

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