

Jaylen De' Angelo Clay

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Sex: Male - Height: 5'8 - Eye: Brown - Bodytype: Muscular

EDUCATION

- 2018-2021 **M.F.A. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, *Master of Fine Arts degree in Dance Candidate; anticipated completed May 2021; Honor Roll*** Research: Trauma, disability, autobiography, and resilience as it relates to creative movement.
Herbert Schaefer Scholarship Award (2019)
PAGE (Publicly Active Graduate Education) Fellowship (2019)
Dreamer Foundation Fellowship (2019)
Live Mas Scholarship Renewal (2019)
The Graduate Image of Research & People's Choice Award (2019)
- 2015-2018 **B.F.A. The Alabama State University, Montgomery, Alabama**
Bachelors of Fine Arts degree in Dance Class of 2018
Most Outstanding Modern Dancer Award (2018)
Most Outstanding Choreographer Award (2018)
Live Mas Scholarship Recipient (2017)
- 2012-2015 **The University of the Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
Coursework towards candidate for BFA in Dance
National Honors Society for Collegiate Scholarship Program (2014)
National Society of Collegiate Scholars Program Recipient (2014)
Susan B Glazier Scholarship (2013)
- 2012 **The Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts**
Magnet Program: Dance Major - Drama Minor
Tim Redovian Scholarship Recipient (2011)

DANCE TRAINING

Lyra & Trapeze	Aerial Arts ATL	January 2024
Spanish Web	Walt Disney Cruise Line	Dec. 2022 - April 2023
Giordano Dance Chicago	Intensive Technique	Jan. - May 2022
Step Afrika!	Intensive Technique	August 2022
Philadanco!	Summer Intensive	July - August 2021
ABDC (Anthony Burrell Breaking Barriers) Summer Intensive		July 2021
Complexion's	Summer Intensive	August 2021
Dallas Black Dance Theatre	Summer Intensive	July 2020
Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre Summer Intensive		July 2017 - 2019
I Am Phresh Hip-Hop Workshop	Winter Intensive	December 2012 - 2019
Joffrey Ballet School	Summer Intensive	July 2012 -2019
Ballethnic	Youth Ensemble	June 2012 -August '14
The Dance Theatre of Harlem	Summer Intensive	June 2012
Dance Canvas Next	Summer Intensive/Intern.	August 2011- Present
The Nashville Ballet	Summer Intensive	June 2011- August 2012
The Atlanta Ballet	Junior Apprentice	August 2010 - June 2012
Smyrna Ballet	Apprentice Program.	Feb. 2011 - January 2012

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

2024 ***Black Kiss (Still Good) Kebbi Williams + T.Lang Performance Art Project, Atlanta, Georgia, performing guest artist.***

- 2023 **Academy of Ballet Ensemble Inc - Guest Artist, Atlanta, Georgia**
Danced as Cavalier, Nutcracker and The Snow King, in the *The Nutcracker*.
- 2023 **Techmoja Dance and Theater - Guest Artist, Wilmington, North Carolina**
danced in *Choke the Cape* a multidisciplinary dance and film performance.
- 2023 **Live Theater Productions**
Walt Disney Cruise Line Performer - Dance Artist, Toronto, CA
Stage Director: Sally Bailey Director: Edward N. Whitlow Assistant
Played the role of *Tarzan* and dance aerialist under the direction of Decker Ladouceur.
- Ensemble dancer and choreographer in works of *Cruella*
(Dalmatian dancer) *Friendship* (Woody dancer)
Can you feel the Love lead male dancer, in *The Golden Mickey's*.
Also played the role of the *King* and understudied *Sven*,
in *Frozen: A Musical Spectacular*. Lastly, performed in *Disney Dreams*
as a Kismet in *Aladdin*, Ruffian - Vladimir in *I've Got A Dream* and
The Lion King's - Circle of Life as the lead male dancer.
- 2022 **STEP AFIKA! Soloist - Guest Artist, Washington, D.C.**
Artistic Director: Mfoniso Akpan, Founder: C. Brian Williams
Drumfolk! National Tour, played the lead role Jemmy/ Daniel
- 2021-2022 **Giordano Dance Chicago - Company Member, Chicago, IL**
Artistic Director: Nan Giordano, Associate Artistic Director: Cesar Gerardo,
Performed and toured various works choreographed by Joshua Black Carter,
Autumn Eckman, Ray Leeper, Ray Mercer and Roni Koresh.
- 2018-2021 **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Dance,
Krannert Center for the Performing Arts, Urbana, Illinois**
Deca Dance: November Dance, Choreographers: Omri Drumlevich (2019)
Infinity: Studio 2, Choreographer: Jaylen De' Angelo Clay (2019)
The Absence of We: Studio 2, Choreographer: Roxane D'Orleans Juste (2019)
Flawd'T: Studio 2, Choreographer: Jaylen De' Angelo Clay (2019)
Kueendom of the Shade: February Dance, Choreographers: Endalyn Taylor and A.
Raheim White (2019) *I Wonder....*: February Dance, Choreographer: Kemal Nance
(2019) (also performed at American College of Dance Association Festival, Springfield,
Missouri)
- 2018 **International Association of Blacks in Dance, Los Angeles, California**
In My Absence: Choreographer: Deshonna Pepper

- 2015-2018 **Alabama State University, Department of Dance, Alabama State University
Montgomery, Alabama**
African To America: Perspective, Pride & Power, Artistic Director/Co-Director
Dr. Wendy R. Coleman (2017)
Over My Head: The Alabama Project, Artistic Director/Co-Director
Michael Medcalf (2017)
Telling Our Story: Artistic Director Brian Martin (2017)
In My Absence: The Alabama Project, Choreographer Deshonna Pepper. (2017)
The Pianist (2017): ASU BFA/Dance Fund Concert, Co-Director James Atkison
Purple Rain: Tribute to Prince (2016): Alabama State University Fall Dance
Concert, Artistic Director/Co-Director Michael Medcalf.
Birth of a Nation (2016): Alabama State University Fall Dance Concert, Artistic
Director/Co-Director Michael Medcalf
Sounds of Music & Dance (2016): ASU Dance Fund, Artistic
Director/Co-Director James Atkison.
- 2017 **The NAACP MLK Celebration, Atlanta, Georgia** *What Comes in Shades of
Forgiveness: ATL*, Artistic Director/Co-Director Jeriene Grimes.
- 2016 **Vybez Showcase, Atlanta, Georgia**, Artistic Director/Co-Director D-Ray Colson.
- 2016 **R.A.W Artist of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia**, Artistic Director/Co-Director Renae
Anderson.
- 2016 **NAACP Black Historic Arts, Atlanta, Georgia** Director/Co-Director
Jeriene Grimes.
- 2015 **Dance Canvas Spring Showcase, Atlanta, Georgia**
Artistic Director/Co-Director Angela Harris.
- 2014-2015 **Eleone Dance Company Unlimited Modern, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
Touring Eleone Dance Company (2014-2015)
Carols in Color Eleone Dance Company (2014 – 2015): Artistic Director/
Co-Director. Artistic Director, Shawn-Lamere Williams
Various Performances with the Eleone Dance Touring Company (2014-2015):
Artistic Director/Co-Director. Artistic Director, Shawn-Lamere Williams.
- 2012-2015 **University of the Arts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
Rush Hour (2014): The University of the Arts, choreographer Robert Battle.
Kelly Rowland's Blackout Tour (2013): Director/Co-Director. Artistic Director,
Frank Gatson. Various pieces by Artistic Director/Co-Director Donna Faye.
- 2014 **The Mid-Atlantic Ballet Company, Philadelphia, PA**
The Nutcracker: Artistic Director Sandra Davis
- 2009-2012 **The Cobb County Center for Excellence in the Performing Arts,**

Mableton, Georgia: Magnet Program, Dance Major, Drama Minor
Artistic Director: Frank Timmerman / Director of Dance: Denise Reeves

TEACHING - DIRECTING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 2018-Present **DREEAM House, Director of Dance Champaign, Illinois**
Created a dance program that allows at-risk youth who are impacted by trauma and disability to map their histories through creative dance movements and practices.
- 2024 **Carrollton Academy of Dance Carrollton, Georgia**
Instructor & Choreographer: Modern, Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Conditioning Classes
- 2023 **The Atlanta Dance Academy Atlanta, Georgia**
Instructor & Choreographer: Ballet, Hip-hop Jazz, Conditioning Classes
- 2023 **Carrollton Academy of Dance Carrollton, Georgia**
Instructor & Choreographer: Modern, Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Conditioning Classes
- 2022 **Inspire Dance Studios Atlanta, Georgia**
Instructor & Choreographer: Contemporary Jazz, Modern, African
- 2022 - 2023 **Movement Performing Arts Center, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
Instructor & Choreographer: Modern, Ballet, Jazz, African, Tap
- 2019-2022 **Urbana Dance Company, Director of Dance, Urbana, Illinois**
Instructor & Choreographer: Contemporary-Jazz, Hiphop
- 2018-2021 **University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Illinois**
Faculty: Teaching/Graduate Assistant Online & In - Person: DANCE 100, Modern 101 Beginning & Intermediate Level, Jazz - Beginning - Intermediate & Advanced Level
- 2019 **Joffrey Ballet School NYC Jazz and Contemporary Summer Intensive New York, New York**
Assistant Teacher: Contemporary and Jazz
- 2018 **American College Dance Association, NFP, Rockville, Maryland**
Faculty: Intermediate & Advanced Jazz, Heels & Feels Technique
- Alvin Ailey Summer Intensive, New York, New York**
Assistant Teacher Contemporary Jazz
- 2015-2018 **Dance It Off Studio, Sandy Springs, Georgia**
Instructor and Choreographer: Contemporary Ballet and Jazz

- 2017 **Education Thru Dance, Mableton, Georgia**
Instructor: Modern, Jazz Technique
- 2015-2017 **Dance Stars of Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia**
Instructor and Choreographer: Contemporary, Ballet, Jazz
- 2016 **North Atlanta High School, Atlanta, Georgia**
Guest Artist: Hip hop, Contemporary Modern
- 2015 **Millennium Dance Complex Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**
Instructor: Hip hop, Jazz, Heels

CERTIFICATIONS

- 2022 **Nan Giordano Certification Program®** Chicago, Illinois
Basic - Beginning - Intermediate & Advance Level Training.
- 2021 **Adaptive Dance Technique Certification**, Boston, MA
- 2020 **Progressive Contemporary Ballet Technique Certification**, New York, New York
- 2019 **Progressive Ballet Technique Certification**, New York, New York

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

- 2020 **IABD International Association of Blacks in Dance Conference**, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Committee Member, Assisted dance workshops on mental health and wellness within the black dance community.
- 2018-Present **DREEAM House, Director of Dance** Champaign, Illinois
Created a dance program that allows at-risk youth who are impacted by trauma and disability to map their histories through creative dance movements and Practices
- 2019 **Imagining America Conference**, Albuquerque, New Mexico
Participated in a conference and ongoing collaboration as a PAGE fellow addressing issues of equity in and through higher education institution.
- Cuba Outreach Program- Ook’ot Festival Internacional de Danza**
Led a workshop and presentation for children with disabilities and their siblings focusing on silence through dance looking at how physical and emotional investigations open our ability to listen to our mythic inner world.
- 2016 **Givan You Steps**, Montgomery, Alabama
Founding Instructor and Choreographer of a community dance program providing advanced workshops and performance opportunities to individuals within the Montgomery, Alabama community.