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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Height: 5'6"

Hair: Dark brown

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COMPANY EXPERIENCE

Good Time Entertainment

July 2021- present

Animator/Entertainer/Dancer

Marie-Christine Giordano Dance

2020 – present

Apprentice and Associate Video Artist

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Show	Date	Role/Piece	Choreographer	Location
<i>Michael Jackson Tribute Show</i>	2021	Ensemble Dancer	Good Time Entertainment	Faliraki, Greece
<i>The Reckoning: Why We Vote</i>	2020	“Society Sees Me As...”	Zachary Frazee and dancers, <i>Frazee Feet Dance</i>	Rochester, NY
<i>The Pursuit **</i>	2020	“Fast Forward”	Alexa Lindberg, <i>Rubix Dance Collective</i>	New York, NY
<i>RAW Showcase: STELLAR</i>	2019	“Surrender”	Katie Binder, <i>WellBeing Dance</i>	Queens, NY
<i>Head & Company Fall Showcase</i>	2019	“JANGALA”	Mamiko Nakatsugawa	Brooklyn, NY
<i>Elmwood Arts Festival</i>	2019	“Forward”	Abigail Donegan, <i>Donegan Dance Exploration</i>	Buffalo, NY
<i>Fredonia Dance Ensemble</i>	2019	“Precipice”	Jason Ohlberg	Fredonia, NY
		“They Are Me” (soloist)	Paula J Peters	
		“Gioco Barocco”	Angelika Summerton	
	2018	“Unburying Certitude”	Paula J Peters	
		“With Alligators in the Bayou - You Water Ski Real Good”	Randy James	
		“Breathlessly the Sight”	Sam Kenney/Cast	
	2017	“Leaving”	Sam Kenney	
		“It’s a Jungle Out There”	Helen Myers	
	2016	“On The Streets”	Ann Gavit, Debra Knapp	
		“Pas de Deux a Trois”	Angelika Summerton	
<i>Metamorphosis: BFA Senior Recitals</i>	2019	“A Mirrored Path Leads Me” (soloist)	Zachary Frazee	Fredonia, NY
		“Searching Within”	Josh Ambrose	
<i>Merrins Chamber Series</i>	2018	“Spoke” (soloist)	Sam Kenney	Fredonia, NY

		“order, ?, turbulence, shift, return= Δ ”	Bliss Kohlmyer	
<i>Fringe Festival</i>	2018	“The Painter” “Elemental Enormity”	Corinne Fallone Erin DeLucia-Benson, <i>DeLucia Benson Dance</i>	Rochester, NY
<i>SUNY Impact Foundation Inauguration Dinner</i>	2018	“Just Because”	Paula J Peters	New York, NY
<i>BFA Senior Recitals</i>	2018 2017	“Perception or Intention” “Synthesis”	Rachel Prikazsky Ilana Lieberman	Fredonia, NY
<i>Jazz Dance in America</i>	2017	“Current Times” “60s/70s” “30s/40s”	Paula J Peters	Fredonia, NY
<i>Full Circle: Orchesis Fall Show</i>	2016	“Flirting With Narcissism” “Land of the Free, Home of the Brave”	Tess Grovesnor J. Stefan Uveges	Fredonia, NY

**postponed due to COVID-19

OTHER

Project Name	Project Type	Date	Role	Choreographer	Location
<i>What's On Your Mind</i>	virtual project	2021	Dancer	Rachel Levitt, <i>Dance : Corps</i>	Online
<i>Citizen of the World</i>	virtual project	2021	Dancer, Editor	Marie-Christine Giordano	Online
<i>Superfly</i>	short film	2019	Dancer	Sydney Jennings	New York, NY
<i>SUNY Educational Promo</i>	promo video	2019	Extra	n/a	New York, NY
<i>I Loved You As My Friend</i>	music video	2019	Dancer	Winston Dynamite Brown	New York, NY
<i>Audio Trip Flash Mob</i>	Ad campaign	2019	Dancer	n/a	New York NY
<i>Lucid Intoxication</i>	short film	2019	Director, Choreographer, Dancer, Editor	Vanessa Raffaele	Fredonia, NY

DANCE TRAINING

Peridance Center – International Dance School: Dance Studies Program 2019 – 2020

Instructors: Steven Blandino, Igal Perry, Vivake Khamsingsavath, Elisabetta Minutoli,
Brice Mousset, Laura Bernasconi, Guanglei Hui, Billy Blanken

Fredonia State University – BFA Dance 2015 – 2019

Professors: Paula J Peters, Sam Kenney, Angelika Summerton, Helen Myers,
Angela Di Fiore, Terri Beck

Ballet Prestige 2013 – 2015

Instructors: Katherine Johnson, Julianne Deming, Janet Wentling, Zachary Frazee
Classes: Ballet, Pointe, Contemporary

Hochstein School of Music and Dance 2012 – 2013

Instructors: Diane Lewis, Christopher Morrison

Classes: Ballet, Pointe, Modern	
Croatian National Theatre “Ivan Zajc” (Croatia)	2004 – 2006
Instructors: Oksana Brandibura	
Classes: Ballet, Pointe	
Dance Club (Italy)	2000 – 2012
Instructors: Eliana Oriano	
Classes: Ballet, Jazz	

INTENSIVES, WORKSHOPS AND MASTER CLASSES

American College Dance Association (ACDA)

2019 North-East Conference: SUNY Brockport, Brockport NY

Performer: “Searching Within” - Josh Ambrose

2018 North-East Conference: Montclair State University, Montclair NJ

Performer: “Unburying Certitude” - Paula J Peters, “Perception or Intention” - Rachel Prikazsky

2017 East-Central Conference: Kent State University, Kent OH

Performer: “Synthesis” - Ilana Lieberman

2016 East-Central Conference: Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo MI

Understudy: “Orion I” - Sam Kenney

Arch Contemporary Ballet, Summer Intensive	2018
Broadway Dance Center, Summer Intensive	2018
Sheila Barker, Karla Puno Garcia, Michael Cusumano, Stacie Webster	
Callan Bergmann, Richard Hinds, Betsy Struxness (Musical Theatre)	2018
Catherine Cabeen (Contemporary), James Levy (Hip-hop), 10 Hairy Legs, Randy James	2017
Lehrer Dance, Jon Lehrer	2015-2018
Joffrey Ballet School, NYC Ballet Intensive	2016
Point Park University, International Summer Dance	2016
Susan Stowe, Ben Belhumeur, Kiki Lucas, Keleigh Williams	
Taylor II, Ruth Andrien	2016
Rochester Broadway Theatre League, Summer Stars	2012
Nikki Snelson, David Raimo, Jessica Dillan	

TEACHING

House of the Roses	2019-present
Job: Teacher Assistant (Volunteer)	
Class: after school movement class	
Eclectic Dance Company	2018
Job: Guest Teacher	
Classes: Junior ballet, Senior baller, Pointe	

SPECIAL SKILLS

Fredonia State University – BS Video Production (Film Concentration)	2015 – 2019
Italian Native Speaker	
Experience with singing and playing the piano	
Web Design, photography, videography, video editing	

OTHER

Zumba Licensed Instructor	2021
Certified Mat Pilates Instructor	2020
Member of the Fredonia Dance Team	2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019 season
Social Media Intern for the Department of Theatre and Dance, SUNY Fredonia	2017 – 2019
Front Desk Receptionist, Balanced Pilates NYC	2020

Awards:

Dance Merit Scholarship at Hochstein School of Music and Dance
Carnahan-Jackson Dance Scholarship
1929 Ballet Fund
Merrins Theatre and Dance Endowment
Fiat Lux: Let There Be Light Scholarship
John L. Cogdill Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Golden Key Scholarship