

SAVANNAH E. DUNN - CHOREOGRAPHER

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Education

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago Professional Development Program (2019-2020)

Jordan College of The Arts, Butler University (2012-2016)

Bachelors of Fine Arts in Dance Performance with High Honors/ Magna Cum Laude

Minor in Creative Writing

Honors Thesis “Music and Dance: The Relationship Between Movement and Dance”

Bishop Kelly High School (2008-2012)

Grants, Awards, & Residencies

Surel’s Place - Artist in Residence (*upcoming in 2022*)

Illinois Arts Council: Professional Development Grant (2019)

Hubbard Street Dance Chicago Professional Development Program Scholarship (2019-2020)

Greater Columbus Arts Council: Columbus Dances Fellowship Grant (2019)

Lou Conte Dance Studio Scholarship (2017-2018)

Recipient of Lynnett Jordan Schisla Dance Scholarship (2015)

Butler Dance Department Performance Award (2016 & 2015)

Butler Dance Department Most Improved (2015)

Recipient of Four-Year Academic Scholarship to attend Butler University (2012-2016)

Choreography

Departure (Nov. 2021)

Duet. Performed at “Common Ground” hosted by The Rooted Space. Dance film in progress.

LeGuin (Oct. 2021)

Created for Little Fire and shown at the “Talent Sheaux” hosted by Robyn Mineko Williams +Artists

Something Lost (May 2021)

Quartet. Performed at “Common Ground” hosted by The Rooted Space. Dance film in progress.

Sleepless (Dec/Jan 2020)

Collaboration with film artist Jaryd Jensen and musical artist Aubrey Liston (Xioma). To be screened at Dancecentric Film Festival and Greensboro Dance Film Festival (Sept. 2021 + TBD).

Images (Dec. 2020)

Dance film made in collaboration with musician Xioma, non-profit group The Decay Devils, and Little Fire Artist Collective. Quartet. Premiered at female dance in film festival Take Up Space.

Eve (Dec. 2019)

Created in collaboration with the dancers. Presented at the HSPro’s Semester One Showing at the Studebaker Theater.

she has brought them to her senses (Oct. 2019)

Collaborated in a trio performed to live poetry reading. Presented in-studio at Hubbard Street.

City on a Hill (Jan. 2019)

Created for Columbus Dances Choreography Fellowship with grant funding at Fisher Theater.

Portrait of Fox and Moon (Oct. 2018)

Created for Columbus Dance Theater’s “Dancers Making Dances” at Fisher Theater.

First Blood (May 2018)

A music video created in collaboration with *Negative Scanner* for Trouble In Mind Records.

Algir (Oct.2017)

Created for Dance Chance hosted by DanceWorks Chicago performed at Lou Conte Dance Studio.

Rubik’s (June 2016)

Created for Hubbard Street Choreography Intensive.

Ash Fighting Balance (Mar. 2016)

Honors Thesis in-studio performance presentation. New Composition by Harriet Steinke.

Women (Feb. 2016)

Show in the Schrott Theater as part of an evening of works for the Indianapolis Arts Festival.

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Professional Experience

Little Fire Artist Collective, co-founder and choreographer (2020 - current)
Columbus Dance Theater, company member (2018 - 2019 season)
Chicago Repertory Ballet, performing apprentice (2018 season)
Elements Contemporary Ballet, performing apprentice (2016 season)

Performing Experience

Own Work

Departure - duet performed at "Common Ground" hosted by The Rooted Space
LeGuin - trio performed for "Talent Sheaux" hosted by RMW+Artists
The House - collaborative choreography with Jamie Greco and Isabelle Edgar for film, set to poetry
Sleepless - solo for film, set at home in bathtub
she has brought them to her senses - collaborative trio for in-studio show for HSPRO
City on a Hill - soloist for Columbus Fellowship Grant

Hubbard Street Professional Program (2019-2020 season)

Zoom Performance with Hubbard Street Company - Chor. Peter Chu
Immersive Installation at Logan Center UChicago Campus - Chor. Jenna Pollack & E.LEE
Overture - Chor. Jonathan Alsberry
New Territories - Chor. Rena Butler
Dead Slow Ahead - Ryan Mason
Workshops with Peter Chu, Troy Ogilvie, Adam Burrach, Chelsea Bonosky, Alice and Florian of Flockworks

Columbus Dance Theater (2018-2019 season)

Dancers Making Dances - Chor. varied artists
Matchstick Girl - Chor. Tim Veach - Soloist
Women Leading - Chor. Jan Erkert, Susan Van Pelt Petry, Stella Kane, Laura Wade, Jaime Kotrba - Ensemble
Our Town - Chor. Jaime Kotrba and Seth Williams (For Columbus Art Museum) - Ensemble

Chicago Repertory Ballet (2018 season)

Tree Melody - Chor. Shannon Alvis - Ensemble
Illuminations - Chor. Wade Schaaf - Ensemble

Freelance Contracts (2016 -2017)

Customer Service - Chor. Eliza Woitinek w/ Visceral Dance Chicago - Soloist
Marzipan & Snow - staged by Dolores Long and Birute Barodicaite w/ Ruth-Page - Corpse de ballet
Benign - Chor. Ela Olarte w/ Alluvion Dance - Ensemble
Page & Transit - Chor. Jin Wen-Yu w/ University of Wisconsin Dance Dept. - Ensemble

Elements Contemporary Ballet (2016 season)

Pathos - Chor. Mike Gosney - Ensemble

Butler University (2012-2016)

Swan Lake - Chor. Derek Reid - Big Swan
Anamnesis, Chor. Lesley Telford - Ensemble
The Nutcracker, Chor. Cynthia Pratt - Mirlitons
Streamlines (For the National Science Grant) Chor. Cynthia Pratt - Ensemble
Esmeralda, excerpts - staged by Marek Cholewa & Rossana Ruffo - Pas de Six
Les Sylphides, excerpts - staged by Marek Cholewa & Rossana Ruffo - Coryphée
The Sleeping Beauty, Chor. Michelle Jarvis - Dryad
Truing the Wheel, Chor. Susan McGuire - Soloist (Midwinter Dance Festival)
The Nutcracker, Chor. Stephan Laurent - Snow Ensemble
Don Quixote excerpts, staged by Marek Cholewa & Rossana Ruffo - Grand Pas de Deux
La Bayadere excerpts, staged by Marek Cholewa - Kingdom of the Shades Ensemble
Cinderella, Chor. S. McGuire, C. Pratt & M. Cholewa - Ball Guest
The Other Self, Chor. Marek Cholewa - Ensemble
The Nutcracker, Chor. Cynthia Pratt - Flower Ensemble
The Little Humpbacked Horse excerpts, staged by Rossana Ruffo - Frescos Soloist
Le Corsaire excerpts, staged by Marek Cholewa - First Odalisque
Rituals in a Lavender Haze, Chor. Derek Reid - Ensemble

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