

# AJ SHARP

Dance Educator and Choreographer

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## Education

### California State University Long Beach

*Master of Fine Arts in Dance*  
2021- 2023

### Oakland University

*Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance*  
2009- 2013

## Skills

- Leadership
- Effective student engagement
- Time management
- Organization
- Helping others reach their potential
- Implementing creative solutions

## Awards

### May 2023 | CSULB

Sole Awardee of the Graduate Dean's List

### June 2019 | HOSH Kids

Most Valuable Employee

## References

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## Teaching Experience

### California State University Long Beach | Part-Time Lecturer

2021- 2023 | Long Beach, CA

- Courses taught: DANC 101- Introduction to Modern Dance; 4 Courses
- Classes/Auditions: Taught warm-up, ballet I & IV, contemporary, and dance-making classes to majors for department concerts, department auditions, and high school dance day.

### Success Academy Charter School | Full-Time Dance Instructor

2019 - 2021 | Brooklyn, NY

- Grades K- 4.
- Curated scholar performances twice a year and led staff meetings to delegate duties to supporting staff.
- Provided whole school support with math, reading, and phonics groups that increased test scores.
- Filled in as 2nd grade supporting teacher during Spring 2020 remote instruction.

### Oakland University | Guest Artist in Residence

January 2019 | Rochester, MI

- Facilitated modern/contemporary dance technique, choreography classes, and lectures.
- Choreographed, "Silent Voices", later chosen to represent OU at the American College Dance Festival adjudicated concert.

### Brooklyn Prospect Charter School | After- School Dance & Performance Director

2016 - 2019 | Brooklyn, NY

- Grades 6- 8.
- I ran auditions, wrote scripts, held staff meetings, delegated duties to supporting staff, choreographed for school musicals, created rehearsal schedules, and produced Winter and Spring productions.
- Additionally, I assisted with administration work and the hiring of prospective after-school staff.

### HOSH Kids | After-School Lead Dance Instructor

2015 - 2019 | New York, NY

- Grades K- 5.
- I taught jazz, hip hop, and yoga to students with movement and cognitive learning disabilities.
- In one year, I was promoted to Program Supervisor at PS 120 where I acted as liaison between the school and our program manager, communicated with parents daily, and managed homework help until programming began each day.

### Notes in Motion Dance Theatre | After-School & In-School

#### Resident Lead Dance Instructor

2013 - 2019 | New York, NY

- Grades PreK- 4.
- I taught jazz, hip hop, ballet, creative movement and tap which were showcased in culminating performances each Spring and Winter.
- After-School Program Supervisor for PS 18: I collaborated with the teachers to create a curriculum that incorporated academics into our programming to ensure an enriching experience for the kids.

### Jacob Riis Settlement | Summer Enrichment Dance Instructor

Summer 2016 | Queens, NY

- Grades K- 12.
- I taught jazz, hip hop, ballet, tap, and creative movement.

### Brooklyn Dance Centers | Recreational & Competitive Instructor

2013 - 2016 | Brooklyn, NY

- Ages 3- 18.
- I taught jazz, pre-ballet, ballet, hip hop, modern, and competitive level technique classes to prepare students for competition, holiday shows, and end-of-the-year recital.



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## Choreographed Projects & Research

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### *buckets* | 14 Performers

2023 | Long Beach, CA

- An immersive dance theater social justice work.
  - Gold Mine Gym | Long Beach, CA.

### *guts* | 8 Performers

2021 | Long Beach, CA

- Work-in-progress showcase.
- Site-specific, immersive theater piece.
- Performed outside and in the student dance lounge.
  - California State University Long Beach | Long Beach, CA

### *good. and you?* | 1 Performer

2020 | New York City

- Collaborated with electronic musician, Craig Martinson.
  - Virtually premiered on Halloween 2020

### *Silent Voices* | 11 Performers

2019 | Rochester, MI

- Commissioned for Oakland University pre-professional company.
  - Presented at the American College Dance Festival | Akron, OH.

### *miscellaneous episodes of being alone, together* | 6 Performers

2018 - 2019 | New York City

- Evening length work co-produced with The Creators Collective and supported by Mark Morris Dance Center.
  - Emerging Artists Theatre Spring New Series | New York, NY.
  - Berg'n | Brooklyn, NY.

### *salt for sugar* | 1 Performer

2017 | New York City

- Site-specific solo commissioned work by The Creators Collective.
  - AMPLIFY Artists Gallery. Bushwick, NY.
  - Featured on the AirBnB Experience Page. Brooklyn, NY.

### *shame, shame, shame* | 2 Performers

2017 | New York City

- Site-specific and stage work.
  - WAXworks at Triskelion Arts | Brooklyn, NY.
  - Ready Freddy's | Brooklyn, NY.

### *donna* | 1 Performer

2016 - 2017 | New York City

- Site-adaptive solo presented by The Creators Collective.
  - RESIST ACLU Fundraiser Event | Brooklyn, NY.
  - Site Move Series - The Physical Plant | Queens, NY.
  - Halyards Dance Event | Brooklyn, NY.
  - Artist & Fleas Market | Brooklyn, NY.

### *deep, right field* | 1 Performer

2015 - 2016 | New York City

- Solo created as part of Alexandra Beller's Winter ChoreoLab in 2015.
  - Triskelion Arts Summer Shake-Up | Brooklyn, NY.
  - White Wave Dumbo Dance Festival | Brooklyn, NY.
  - Mark Morris Dance Group | Brooklyn, NY.

### *other worlds* | 6 Performers

2015 | New York City

- Selected as 1 of 10 choreographers by Doug Varone for his Choreographic Intensive Mentorship and curated performance.
  - 92 Y in the Buttenwieser Hall | Manhattan, NY