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# WHITNEY BLACK

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## ARTISTIC STATEMENT

Dance is an escape from the real world. It expresses all that I feel inside. To me, it is a connection between the dancers, the music, and the audience. I dance because I enjoy learning new things and seeing part of others come out through their movement or choreography. I love hard work and feeling it all pay off on stage. I want to continue with dance for as long as I can. I would love to continue performing in a company. Teaching is such an important way to pass on knowledge and passion to other dancers, and teaching would be a wonderful way for me to share what I have learned from many amazing choreographers and teachers. My other passions are makeup, cosmetology, and painting. I want my art to be eye-catching, colorful, strong, and versatile. I want to introduce art to people that are not normally exposed to it. I want to show people that art is for everyone and there is always something out there for you. I want people to be affected by wanting to learn more after they have seen what I do.

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

### **Fusion** – *Academy of the Performing Arts*

January 2020–2022

- Annual show at Huntington Beach High School

### **Synergy** – *Academy of the Performing Arts*

June 2021–2022

- Annual Show at Huntington Beach High School

### **Creative Forces** – *Academy of the Performing Arts*

April 2019–2022

- Annual Student Choreographed and produced show at Huntington Beach High School

### **June Show** – *Clifton Dance Project*

June 2014–2019

- Annual show at Clifton Dance Project

### **Grinch** – *Clifton Dance Project*

December 2013 – 2018

- Annual Christmas show at Clifton Dance Project

### **Nutcracker** – *Studio Fusion*

December 2019

- Annual Christmas show at Studio Fusion

### **Cabrillo** – *Cabrillo High School*

November 2021

- Guests at Cabrillo High School's dance show

### **Trashbag Fashion Show** – *Academy of the Performing Arts*

- Student Choreographed show at Huntington Beach High School

### **Studio Evening** – *Academy of the Performing Arts*

- Annual show at Huntington Beach High School

### **Orange County Dance Festival** *Academy of the Performing Arts*

May 2021, May 2022

- Annual show at Rose Center Theater

### **New Wave** – *Akomi Dance*

April 2022

- Show by Akomi Dance in New York City

## TRAINING

### **Ballet** – 9 years

Clifton Dance Project– Keith Clifton, Linda Clifton

Academy of the Performing Arts– Marie Hoffman, Brande Dunn

Studio Fusion– Brittany Barney

### **Jazz** – 10 years

Clifton Dance Project– Keith Clifton, Stephanie Johnson

Academy of the Performing Arts– Andrea Taylor

### **Modern** – 4 years

Academy of the Performing Arts– Marie Hoffman, AJ Dirickson, Trevin Stephenson

### **Hip Hop** – 2 years

Academy of the Performing Arts– Marissa Skates, Chris Smith

### **Contemporary** - 7 years

Clifton Dance Project- Autumn Clifton

Studio Fusion- Nicole Hogg, Aaron Williams

### **Lyrical** - 7 years

Clifton Dance Project- Autumn Clifton

### **Pointe** - 8 years

Clifton Dance Project- Linda Clifton, Keith Clifton

Studio Fusion- Brittany Barney

### **Lyra**

Elevate- Taylor Cases, Sam

### **Aerial Silks**

Elevate- Taylor Cases

### **Master Teachers/Guest Choreographers/Intensive Guest Teachers**

Matthe Shaffer, Terry Lindholm, Brooke Paulsen, Shelby Tagge, Destany Churchwell, Boroka N., Alex R., Kathryn McCormick, Erica Sobol, Fred Matthews, Gary Masters, Jessie Knox, Riley Roberts