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Education

2011 M.A. – Performance, Practice, and Research RCSSD, London, UK
2009 B.F.A. – Dance Performance, Conservatory of Music and Dance, UMKC Kansas City, MO

Artist Residency

2023 Bemis Contemporary Arts Center, Omaha, IL
Steppenwolf Theatre, Chicago, IL
2022 Dark Matter Residency, Elastic Arts, Chicago, IL
Dance for Camera Residency, Chicago, IL
Art OMI Residency, Hudson, NY
Pact Zollverein, Tanzlandschaft Ruhr, Germany
CultureHub Residency, LaMama, NY, NY
2021 Links Hall Co-Mission Residency Chicago, IL
2019 Imir Scene Kunst, Stavanger, Norway
2018 High Concept Lab, Performance Art Residency, Chicago, IL
2014 Charlotte St. Foundation, Kansas City, MO
2011 International Festival de Teatro, Carei, Romania

Grants & Awards

2023 Map Fund Micrograntee
2022 Dance/USA Fellowship
Foundation for Contemporary Art Emergency Grant
2021 3Arts Dance Awardee
Chicago Esteemed Artist in dance - DCASE
Chicago Independent Artist Project
2019 Propeller Fund - Andy Warhol Foundation
2017 M-AAA Innovations Grant
Charlotte St Foundation Generative Performance Artist Award
2016 Lighton International Artist Exchange Program
Rocket Grant - Andy Warhol Foundation
2015 Charlotte St Foundation La Esquina Spring Programming
2013 Regional Arts Commission (RAC) Artist Support Grant

Choreography/Multimedia Design

2023 Blk Ark: the Impossible Manifestation (work in progress),
Steppenwolf Theatre, Chicago, IL
Elastic Arts, Chicago, IL
2022 Blk Ark: the Impossible Manifestation (work in progress),
MCA Chicago, Chicago, IL

CultureHub, NY, NY
Links Hall, Chicago, IL

2021 Esentaye (work in progress) Links Hall, Chicago, IL
2019 Loving Each Other, In-Session Program. Three Walls. Chicago, IL
2019 *the solo mixtape series Violent/Break: Vol II*. Imir Scene Kunst. Stavanger, Norway
2018 *the solo mixtape Violent/Break: Vol II*. High Concept Labs. Chicago, IL
2016 *The Floor*. Quilombo Cultural Center. Kansas City, MO
2015 *BAM!*. La Esquina Gallery. Kansas City, MO
2013 *the solo mixtape Violent/Break: Vol I*. Toronto, CA
2011 *the solo mixtape series: Violent/Break Vol I*. Brink Festival. London, England
2010 The Projects, Kansas City Fringe Festival. Kansas City, MO

Film

2023 Blk Ark: Sojourn. Chicago, IL
2022 *Sugar in the Raw*. Chicago, IL
2021 *Colours*. Chicago, IL
2017 *Imprints & Traces*. Kansas City History Museum. Kansas City, MO
Body + Camera Festival, Mana (Jersey City, Miami, Chicago)
2015 *Contracting An Issue*. Kansas City, MO
2008 *Merce/Breaks into Film*. London, England

Street Dance Battle

2021 B-girl City: Open-Style: Final. Houston, TX
Over the Moon: Top 8. NY, NY
House of Dance: Top 8. Minneapolis, Minnesota.
2020 Legitimate Groove: Final 4. Detroit, MI
2018 March Buck Madness 5: Open-Style: Finals. Kansas City, MO
2017 Jit vs House II. House Battle. Winner. Detroit, MI
2016 Hybrid Heroes: House Battle. Cypher Queen Award. Chicago, IL
2015 Slick City II. House/Hip Hop Battle. Top 8. Chicago, IL
2014 King of the North. Cypher Queen Award. Chicago, IL
B-Shown: Beyond the Cypher. Top 8. Chicago, IL

Sonic

2023 Blk Ark: Sonic Sojourn
2019 Violent/Break: the solo mixtape

Dance Training

2008-2009 Ballet Black, Associate Program
Laban Contemporary Dance Certificate Program
2006-2007 Merce Cunningham Professional Training Program
2000-2004 Spirit of Angela/Kumasi Kambeng

Dance Crew

2015 - 2019 Gool Family. (krump) (pseudonym Abstract Black)

1994 - 2002 Gateway City Breakers (hip hop) (pseudonym Culture Freedom)

Fight/Martial Art Training

2016 - 2021 Chen Huixian & Chen Bing. Chen Bing Taiji Academy. Chenjiagou, China

2010 - 2012 Carlos Moreno. Moreno Boxing. London, England

University Presentations

2021 *Somatic Streets: Incursions of Krump and Hip Hop*. University of Chicago

2017 *Avant Garde in Art/Life: Krump - A Radical Somatic Physical Theatre*. Avila University.

2015 *Approaches to Hip-Hop and the Academy: It's a NO from me dawg*. Columbia College.

2014 *Violence: A Contemporary Choreographic Practice*. York University.

Dance Educator

2019 - 2021 Dance Instructor. South Shore Cultural Center. Chicago, IL

2019 - 2021 Interdisciplinary Hip Hop. Beverly Arts Center. Chicago, IL

2016 - 2018 Interdisciplinary Krump. Jackson County Division of Youth Services.

2005 - 2008 Interdisciplinary Hip Hop. Hip Hop Academy. Kansas City, MO