

# V E R S H A W N S A N D E R S W A R D

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## EDUCATION

### **Master of Fine Arts in Dance, May 2007**

Tisch School of the Arts, Department of Dance, New York University

### **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance, June 2002**

School of Fine & Performing Arts, Department of Dance, Columbia College Chicago

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## AWARDS

2022 Dance USA Artist Fellow

2020 Trillium Arts Inaugural ACE Fellow

2019 Chicago Dancemakers Forum Award

2019 Harvard Business School Club of Chicago-*Community Impact Scholar*

2019, 2018 & 2015- New City Magazine- *Fifty People Who Perform For Chicago*

2017 Dance USA Leadership Fellow

2016 AS220 Residency Fellowship- Providence, RI

2013 3Arts Award- Dance

2009 Harlem Stage Choreographic Commission

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## CERTIFICATIONS

Institute for Dunham Certification (2018- Present)

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## CHOREOGRAPHIC WORKS

**Rest.Rise.Move.Nourish.Heal**, 2023, Grant Park, Chicago, IL

**Harvest, 2022, Spark Plug**, Dance Center of Columbia College

**Reckonings, 2020**, Harold Washington Cultural Center

**Art of Resilience 2.0 (2019)**, DuSable Museum Roundhouse, Chicago, IL

**EKILI MUNDA |What Lies Within (2018)**, Dance Center of Columbia College, Chicago, IL

**Re(SOURCE) (2018)** Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

**Love Letters 2 CHI-IL (2017)** Pritzker Pavilion, Chicago, IL

**The Art of Resilience (2017)** Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL

**Blackbird (2017)** Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL

**FEMME (2017)** Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

**Woman's Work (2017)** Knox College, Galesburg, IL

**Divided States of America (2016)** Columbia College Chicago, IL

**Written on the Flesh (2016)** DuSable Museum, Chicago, IL

**#SayHerName (2015)** Performing Arts Center, Richton Park, IL

**ri'flekSHens in 6 (2015)**, Beverly Arts Center, Chicago, IL

**On Hallowed Ground (2013)** Logan Center for the Arts, Chicago, IL

**Gone 2 Soon (2012)** Kennedy King College Theater, Chicago, IL

**Sistahs (2011)** Harold Washington Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

**New World Afrikan (2010)** Dance Transmissions Festival, Kampala, Uganda

**Dancin' the Skin I'm in (2009)** Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, IL

**Diamond in the RUF (2009)** A.W.A.R.D. Show 2009 Joyce Soho, NYC

**(2007)** Movement for Hope Benefit- Broadway Dance Center, NYC

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## **CHOREOGRAPHIC COMMISSIONS**

### **University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee- Peck School of The Arts (2024)**

Guest Choreographer for Spring Dances Concert

### **University of Chicago (2023)**

Guest Choreographer for Student Professional Concert

### **Northwestern University (2017, 2018)**

Guest Choreographer for Senior Concert (2017) and DanceWorks Spring Concert (2018).

### **Columbia College Chicago (2017)**

Guest Choreographer for Repertory Performance Workshop students. (Spring 2016)

### **Knox College (2014 & 2017)**

Guest Artists in Residence. Set my company work "Gone 2 Soon" and "Diamond in the RUF" on the college's dance department students.

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## **TEACHING**

**Loyola University (2021-present)-** Adjunct Faculty

**University of Chicago (2022,2023)-** Guest Artists, Masterclass

**National Theater of Uganda-(2022)-** Guest Faculty for 4-week professional development series

**University Of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (Summer 2023)-** Guest Faculty, Graduate Dance Program

**Northwestern University (2020)-** Guest Faculty, Graduate Dance Program

**Columbia College Chicago (2019) –** Guest Faculty, Contemporary Technique

**Knox College (2014 & 2017)-** Guest Artists Masterclasses (2 technique classes)

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