



# McKinley Danielle Willis

**Dancer, Choreographer and Creative Director**

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## DANCE PERFORMANCE

### B. Moore Dance

*The Heart & Soul of Donny Hathaway* | chor. Bridget Moore

2024 - Present

### Dallas Black Dance Theatre\*

*Vespers* | chor. Ulysses Dove  
*Odetta* | chor. Matthew Rushing  
*Absolute Rule* | chor. Elisa Monte  
*On. Toward. Press.* | chor. Hope Boykin  
*Essence* | chor. Christopher Huggins  
*Bounce* | chor. Stephen Mills  
*I Am Large* | chor. Joshua L. Peugh  
*Face What's Facing You!* | chor. Claude Alexander III

2015 - 2023

### Bruce Wood Dance Project

*Requiem* | chor. Bruce Wood  
*Happy Feet* | chor. Bruce Wood

2011, 2015

### \*National & International Tours:

The Joyce Theatre	New York, NY
<i>American Dance Platform</i>	
Macedonia National Theater	Skopje, North Macedonia
Ailey Citigroup Theatre	New York, NY
Battery Dance Festival	New York, NY
Publick Playhouse	Cheverly, MD
Dorothy Chandler Pavillion	Los Angeles, CA

## TEACHING & CURRICULUM BUILDING

*Ballet | Modern (Horton) | Jazz | Contemporary*

Kitty Carter's Dance Factory  
Dallas Black Dance Academy  
Ozsoy's School of Ballet  
Appex Dance & Performing Arts

2022 - 2023  
2011 - 2020  
2016 - 2019  
2018 - 2019

## CHOREOGRAPHY

***This Could've Been An Email...***  
***hRevitni***  
***Sock-Hop Sonata***  
***Smile***  
***Nadine***  
***Gus***  
***Black & Blue***  
***The Experience: Love, Life, Light***  
***Not Buying It:***  
*A Benefit Concert  
for Victims of Human Trafficking*

Ballet North Texas	November 2024
Mutual Dance Theater	June 2024
Houston Contemporary Dance	June 2024
Dallas Black Dance Theatre	May 2023
Various Artists	2018
McKinley Danielle Willis	September 2017
DBDT & DBDT: Encore!	December 2016
University of Oklahoma	May 2015
University of Oklahoma	November 2014

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

BFA, Modern Dance Performance - University of Oklahoma  
Booker T. Washington High School for the Performing & Visual Arts

Dallas Black Dance Academy	Ozsoy's School of Ballet	Summer Intensive, Lines Ballet
American Dance Festival	Bates Dance Festival	Summer Intensive, The Ailey School

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Texas Young Masters Scholarship | Tom Adams Scholarship | South Dallas Dance Festival Scholarship



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Pointe Work

Spoken Word/Poetry

## **SPECIAL SKILLS**

Creative Writing

Choreography