

Rachel Male

Dance Teaching, Choreography, & Performance

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Education & Training

August 2019-May 2023

Slippery Rock University, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania | GPA: 4.0
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Performance & Choreography
Summa Cum Laude with Presidential Scholarship

Relevant Coursework (in addition to technique class): Principles of Dance Production (DANC 216), Dance Technology (DANC 271), Improvisation (DANC 224-HIPR), Music for Dance (DANC 324), Teaching of Dance (DANC 323), Dance Composition (DANC 200 & 300), Contemporary Partnering (DANC 424), Wellness for Dancers (DANC 101 - Wellness, Anatomy, & Yoga), Dance Kinesiology (DANC 326), Dance: Art and Culture (DANC 100), Dance in Contemporary Times (DANC 419), Society and Social Dance (DANC 305), Creative Dance for Children (DANC 223), Sel Topic: World Dance (DANC 298), LMA/Performance Techniques (DANC 199)

Additional coursework: Digital Design (COMM 235), Graphic Design (Art 213), Communication Concepts (Comm 110), Video Production (COMM 254), Communication Research Methods (COMM 310), Gender Studies (GNDR 115)

Master Classes: Helen Simoneau, Ann Cooper Albright, Kyle Abraham, Cameron McKinney, Teena Custer, Cesar Valentino (Zoom), Archie Burnett (Zoom), Staycee Pearl, Chitra Subramanian, Grady Bowman

August 2015-May 2019

Hempfield Highschool, Landisville, Pennsylvania | GPA: 4.0
General Education Diploma in top 4% of graduating class

2008-2019

Susquehanna Dance Center, Mountville, Pennsylvania
COBALT Dance Company

Awards & Scholarship

2023	Outstanding Research Award - Slippery Rock University Department of Dance
2023	Slippery Rock University Presidential Scholar (Awarded to the top 20 students in the graduating senior class)
2023	Summa Cum Laude
2019-2023	Dean's List
2019-2023	Slippery Rock Honors College
2019-2023	Slippery Rock University Academic Merit Scholarship
2019-2023	Distinguished Honors Scholarship at Slippery Rock University
2021	Lucy Isacco Sack Spring Scholarship at SRU Department of Dance
2020	Rising Sophomore Scholarship at SRU Department of Dance
2019	Farmdale Scholarship
2019	Pat Kautter Dance Award/Scholarship
2018-19	National Honor Society at Hempfield High School

Dance Performance Experience

2026	<i>Rekindle</i>	Lily Wernoch	The Trust Dance Festival, PA
2024	<i>Off the Yellow Brick Road</i>	Cody Smith	Prima Theatre, Lancaster, PA
2024	<i>Bring in the Clowns</i>	Cody Smith	The Trust Dance Festival, PA
2024	<i>All For Us</i>	Rachel Male	The Trust Dance Festival, PA
2023	<i>Playing the Game</i>	Elisa Aleio	Slippery Rock University, PA
2023	<i>Untethered</i>	Rachel Male	Slippery Rock University, PA
2022	<i>ROVE</i>	Ryan McMullen	Slippery Rock University, PA
2022	<i>Estrangement</i>	Kaitlin Halushka	Slippery Rock University, PA
2022	<i>Exile</i>	Austin Shauffer	Slippery Rock University, PA
2021	<i>Shine Your Light on the World</i>	Ursula Payne	Slippery Rock University, PA
2021	<i>Mosaic</i>	Bethany Joyce	Slippery Rock University, PA
2020	<i>Vary</i>	Riley Smith	Slippery Rock University, PA
2020	<i>Split Together</i>	Kari Hoglund	Succop Theater, Butler, PA
2020	<i>Linked</i>	Chitra Subramanian	Slippery Rock University, PA
2020	<i>Wild in the Box</i>	Bethany Joyce	Succop Theater, Butler, PA
2019	<i>Waltz of the Flowers</i>	Lindsay Viatori	Slippery Rock University, PA
2019	<i>Nature's Finest</i>	Kari Hoglund	Slippery Rock University, PA
2019	<i>A Lamp in a Dark Room</i>	Laura Ardner	Slippery Rock University, PA
2019	<i>Who We Is</i>	Grady Bowman	Succop Theater, Butler, PA
'09-19	Multiple Performances	Cobalt Dance Co.	Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Theatre Performance Experience

2024	<i>Off the Yellow Brick Road</i>	Dancer	Prima Theatre, Lancaster, PA
2019	<i>Legacy</i>	Principle Dancer	Hempfield High School, PA
2019	<i>Mary Poppins</i>	Emergency Swing	Hempfield High School, PA
2018	<i>The Body Electric</i>	Principle Dancer	Hempfield High School, PA
2017	<i>A Night in the Museum</i>	Principle Dancer	Hempfield High School, PA
2016	<i>Imaginarium</i>	Principle Dancer	Hempfield High School, PA

Choreography Experience

2026	Upcoming VYIBA Recital Dances	Multiple Styles	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>Lucerne</i> (VYIBA)	Int. Modern	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>Bottle Rocket</i> (VYIBA)	Adv. Modern	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>HOPE</i> (VYIBA)	Adv. Contemporary	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>Selfish Soul</i> (VYIBA)	Int. Contemporary	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>I Want It All</i> (VYIBA)	Elementary Jazz	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>A Million Dreams</i> (VYIBA)	(Ages 5 & 6)	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>Better When I'm Dancin'</i> (VYIBA)	(Ages 3 & 4)	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>GIRLS</i> (VYIBA)	Senior Company	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>Popular</i> (VYIBA)	Junior Company	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>Iron</i> (VYIBA)	Junior Company	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>Her</i> (VYIBA)	Junior Company	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>We No Speak Americano</i> (VYIBA)	Junior Company	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>Someone in the Crowd</i> (VYIBA)	Adv. Musical Theatre	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>Perm Poppin'</i> (VYIBA)	Elementary Hip Hop	Lancaster, PA
2025	<i>I THINK</i> (VYIBA)	Adv. Hip Hop	Lancaster, PA
2024	<i>My Power</i> (VYIBA)	Senior Company	Lancaster, PA
2024	<i>What Was I Made For?</i> (VYIBA)	Junior Company	Lancaster, PA
2024	<i>Vaudeville</i> (VYIBA)	Junior Company	Lancaster, PA
2024	<i>Dance the Night Away</i> (VYIBA)	Junior Company	Lancaster, PA
2024	<i>Angels Sing</i> (VYIBA)	Junior Company	Lancaster, PA
2024	<i>Breaking My Fall</i> (VYIBA)	Adv. Contemporary	Lancaster, PA
2024	<i>Shake It Out</i> (VYIBA)	Int. Contemporary	Lancaster, PA
2024	<i>They Won't Understand</i> (VYIBA)	Int. Modern	Lancaster, PA
2024	<i>Smile</i> (VYIBA)	Elementary Modern	Lancaster, PA
2024	Trust Dance Festival (<i>All for Love</i>)	Trio	The Trust, Lancaster, PA
2023	<i>Untethered</i>	Personal Solo	Stoner Studio Theater
2023	<i>It's All So Incredibly Loud</i>	Group	Stoner Studio Theater
2022	Singing For Starkey Alpha Xi Delta	Small Group	Slippery Rock, PA

2021	<i>Fleeting</i>	Small Group	Slippery Rock, PA
2021	Composition 2 Solo	Personal Solo	Slippery Rock, PA
2021	Partita	Personal Solo	Slippery Rock, PA
2021	60x60x60	Personal Solo	Slippery Rock, PA
2021	Greek Sing Alpha Xi Delta	Large Group	Slippery Rock, PA
2020	<i>Curiouser</i> (Film)	Personal Solo	Slippery Rock, PA
2018	Senior Girls Dance	Large Group	Hempfield High School, PA
2018	<i>Angels</i> , Pat Kautter Tribute	Small Group	Hempfield High School, PA

Work & Teaching Experience

2026	Studio Experience & Operations Manager (Promotion)		Susquehanna Dance Center
2025	Season 5 Assistant		LUNA Dance Company
2024-2026	Administrative Assistant		Susquehanna Dance Center
2024-Present	Year-Round Dance Teacher		Susquehanna Dance Center
2023-Present	Year-Round Dance Teacher		VYIBA (Viktor Yeliohin)
2023-24	Substitute K-12 Teacher		Hempfield School District
2023-25	Florals Assistant & Social Media		Laura of Lauxmont
2023	Summer Dance Intensive Teacher		VYIBA (Viktor Yeliohin)
2023	Dance Theatre Assistant		Hempfield High School, PA
2022-23	Summer Dance Intensive Teacher		Susquehanna Dance Center
2021-23	Recreation Attendant		Eden Resorts & Suites
2020	Server		John Wright Restaurant
2019	Hostess		John Wright Restaurant
2018	Children's Lab Instructor		Turkey Hill Experience

Leadership Experience

2021-22	President	NHSDA	Slippery Rock, PA
2020-22	Freshman/Transfer Student Mentor	NHSDA	Slippery Rock, PA
2022	Recruitment Events Director	Alpha Xi Delta	Slippery Rock, PA
2020-21	PR Chair	NHSDA	Slippery Rock, PA
2021	External Marketing Director	Alpha Xi Delta	Slippery Rock, PA

Internship Experience

2019	Hempfield Dance Theatre	Cody Smith	Landisville, PA
2018	Teaching Assistant	Kristin Pontz	Elizabethtown College, PA

Production, Crew, & Community Service Experience

2022	Dancing with the SRU Stars	Stage Manager	Slippery Rock, PA
2022	Hempfield Dance Theatre	Rehearsal Assistant	Landisville, PA
2021	Dance Dept. Annual Newsletter	Designer & Editor	Slippery Rock, PA
2020	HIPR Improvisation Mentor	Writing Mentor	Slippery Rock, PA
2019-20	Dance Department Events	Setup and Strike	Slippery Rock, PA

Research & Writing

2023	Senior Independent Study: I researched the use of graphic design in dance (logos, posters, promotional materials) and how effective design can enhance a dance organization's outreach to audience members, grant organizations, and donors.
2022	<i>Dance as Communication: Accessing the Deeply Communicative Abilities of Dance to Foster Universal Empathy</i> examines the empirical support for the powerful expressions of the human condition that dance evokes within performers and audience members.
2022	<i>The Teaching of Jazz Techniques: Authentically Representing Jazz History Within a Studio Context</i> examines often overlooked jazz history, the technical components that constitute authentic jazz dance, and the benefits of a comprehensive jazz education to make pedagogical suggestions for jazz dance education in the studio context.
2021	<i>Hip Hop Dance: The Forgotten Narrative</i> examines the turbulent history and passionate expression that hip hop dance and culture was born out of, recognizing the style as one worth of homage and prestige.
2020	<i>Seeking Truth in the Movement</i> looks into the Buddhist and contemplative practices and ideology that dancer Barbara Dilley uses to guide her artistic process.

Technical Skills

Studio Pro, Canva, Instagram Reels, TikTok, Social Media Posts and Advertising, basic dance crew & production, dance teaching, choreography, & performance, contemporary partnering

References

Viktor Yeliohin, VYIBA Dance Studio Owner (Boss): VYBallet@gmail.com
Isabella Williams, SDC Dance Studio School Director (Boss): IsabellaWilliams76@gmail.com
Cody Smith, Dance Colleague: CodyDSmith@yahoo.com