

# **Madison Palfy**

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## **EDUCATION**

- MFA            Dance and Choreography  
                 University of Colorado Boulder  
                 2022
- BA             Dance, Performance Studies, Queer Theory  
                 Hampshire College/Five College Dance Department  
                 2014
- Bates Dance Festival - Professional Training Program  
                 2014

## **SELECT CHOREOGRAPHY**

- 2022            **Tube Bodies/Trophy Wives.** Collaboration with elle hong  
*FreeForm Dance Festival.* Dairy Arts Center, Boulder CO.
- 2022            **Shoreline.** Collaboration with Olana Flynn  
*DanceBarn Festival.* Battle Lake, MN
- 2022            **Techniques for Possession: Becoming Hole**  
*The Spark Performing Arts Center.* Boulder, CO.
- 2021            **Emotional Unclogging**  
*FRESH Concert at CU Boulder.* Boulder, CO.
- 2021            **Peepshow at the End of the World**  
*LOCULUS Festival.* 10Forward, Greenfield, MA.
- 2021            ~ ~ ~. Collaboration with Olana Flynn.  
*Treiber Farms.* Southold, NY.  
*Northampton Center for the Arts.* Northampton, MA.
- 2021            **Segue.** Collaboration with elle hong.  
*Block 1750.* Boulder, CO.
- 2020            **loops.** Collaboration with Olana Flynn.  
*The Living Gallery.* Brooklyn, NY.  
*GCTV Presents: The Star Show.* Greenfield, MA.
- 2019            **Show Pony.** with elle hong.  
*FRESH Concert at CU Boulder.* Boulder, CO.

- 2019      **weeping cowboy**  
*FRESH Concert at CU Boulder.* Boulder, CO.  
*Rhinoceropolis.* Denver, CO.
- 2019      **we might be shimmering like plants in the night**  
*AS220.* Providence, RI.  
*Flywheel Arts Collective.* Easthampton, MA.
- 2018      **twinghostsister.** Collaboration with Olana Flynn.  
*The Glove,* Brooklyn NY.  
*The Apohadian Theater,* Portland ME.  
*Mascher Space Co-op,* Philadelphia PA.  
*10Forward,* Greenfield MA.
- 2018      **Humming Touch.** Collaboration with Michelle Hueber.  
*Northampton Center for the Arts.* Northampton MA.  
*Greenspace.* Long Island City NY.
- 2017      **The Dance of the Last Horse on Earth**  
*Ponderosa.* Stolzenhagen, Germany.  
*Studio 303.* Montreal, Canada.  
*The School for Contemporary Dance & Thought.* Northampton MA.  
*The Iron Factory.* Philadelphia PA.
- 2016      **golden stag**  
*Florence Civic Center.* Florence, MA.  
*LOCULUS Outdoor Festival,* Hadley MA.
- 2016      **whirl**  
*Hampshire College,* Amherst, MA.
- 2015      **accidents arranged in some order**  
*Paper City Studios,* Holyoke MA.

#### **FILM/NEW MEDIA & MOVEMENT DIRECTION**

- 2022      **The Kate Bush Factor.** with elle hong and a.r. havel  
Premiere: *ATLAS - B2 Center for Media, Arts, and Performance.*  
Additional Screenings: *Art Gym,* Denver CO. *New Media Film Festival,* Los Angeles CA.  
*10Forward,* Greenfield MA.  
Shortlisted: *Free the Kitsch Festival,* Athens Greece.
- 2022      **Petite Garcon**  
 East Coast and West Coast tours stage direction, choreography and design.
- 2021      **High in The Grass**  
 Movement Director for Sleater Kinney music video.  
 Directed by Kelly Sears.

2021 **outer rim: attending to the edges**  
commissioned for *Provincetown Dance Festival*.  
Shown as a part of *Sans Souci Dance Film Festival*, Boulder CO.

### COMMISSIONS

2023 **shout, silence, buzz.** Dance theater piece made with students for *Williston Northampton School Fall Concert*. Easthampton, MA.  
2022 **Four Songs.** with Olana Flynn. Dance theater piece created in collaboration with Pioneer Valley Performing Arts' Catalyst Dance Company members. *Holyoke Media*. Holyoke, MA.  
2021 **outer rim: attending to the edges.** Dance film commissioned for *Provincetown Dance Festival*. Shown as a part of *Sans Souci Dance Film Festival*, Boulder CO.

### PERFORMANCES

2023	<i>Skin in the Game</i> ; Lailye Weidman	Northampton, MA
	<i>Long &amp; Wild</i> ; Anya Cloud and Makisig Akin	Berlin, Germany
2022	<i>everything deserves to breathe</i> , Anya Cloud	Boulder, CO
2020	<i>cave urn us ovum</i> ; Lailye Weidman	Northampton, MA
2019	<i>Noké</i> ; Kelley Ann Walsh	Boulder, CO
2018	<i>you are gone</i> ; Nikki Lee	Northampton, MA
2017	<i>sourcing the stream</i> ; Wendy Woodson	Amherst, MA
	<i>imprinting</i> ; Lailye Weidman	Northampton, MA
2016	<i>You Name It</i> ; Kate Seethaler	Northampton, MA
	<i>They Call These Sea Stacks</i> , Olana Flynn	New York City, NY
2015	<i>Oblique Renderings</i> ; Katie Martin	Northampton, MA
2014	<i>Show Stoppers</i> , Paul Matteson	South Hadley, MA
	<i>How Did We Get Here?</i> , Chris Aiken	Boston, MA
2013	<i>Ouroboros 9</i> , Kathleen Hermesdorf	Northampton, MA
	<i>Spring/Made</i> , Angie Hauser	Plainfield, MA

### GRANTS / AWARDS / SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 Northampton Cultural Council, grant for LOCULUS Festival  
Greenfield Cultural Council, grant for LOCULUS Festival  
2022 University of Colorado Boulder, Beverly Sears Grant  
2021 University of Colorado Boulder, MFA Excellence in Research Grant  
University of Colorado Boulder, Arts & Cultural Enrichment Grant  
University of Colorado Boulder, Graduate Research in Dance Grant  
2016 Northampton Cultural Council, BJ Goodwin Grant  
2015 Northampton Cultural Council, ArtsEZ Grant for LOCULUS Journal  
2010 Hampshire College, Non Satis Scire Scholarship

## **RESIDENCIES**

- 2021 B2 Center for Media, Arts, and Performance  
ATLAS Institute  
University of Colorado Boulder
- 2021 Trieber Farms / Cooler Gallery  
Southold, NY
- 2020 Bodies in Motion Festival Resident Artist  
33 Hawley Street, Northampton MA
- 2018 The School for Contemporary Dance and Thought  
Northampton, MA
- 2016 2x3 Generative Artwork Residency  
A.P.E. Gallery, Northampton MA

## **ACADEMIC TEACHING**

### **UNDERGRADUATE**

- 2020 - **University of Colorado Boulder**, Boulder CO. Instructor of Record.  
2022 DNCE 1000 - Beginning Contemporary Dance Technique  
DNCE 3001 - Int/Adv Contemporary Dance Technique
- 2019 **University of Colorado Boulder**, Boulder CO. Teaching Assistant and Guest Lecturer.  
DNCE 1017 - Dance in Popular Culture and Media
- 2019 **Amherst College**, Amherst MA. Guest Artist.  
Dance Improvisation Ensemble. *University masterclass utilizing improvisational techniques to develop ensemble awareness and compositional skills.*
- 2019 **Hampshire College**, Amherst MA. Guest Artist.  
Contemporary Dance Technique II. *Masterclass in dance technique and improvisation skills.*
- 2018 **Keene State College**, Keene, NH. Guest Artist.  
Advanced Modern Dance Technique. *Masterclass in advanced modern and contemporary dance techniques.*
- 2014 **Hampshire College**, Amherst, MA. Teaching Assistant.  
Choreography in the 21st Century (*with Constance Valis Hill*)

### **HIGH SCHOOL**

- 2022 - **Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter School**, South Hadley MA. Instructor.  
2023 Dance Technique I  
Dance Technique II  
Choreography Lab  
Catalyst Dance Company  
Jazz Dance

## **MIDDLE SCHOOL**

2022 - **Pioneer Valley Performing Arts Charter School**, South Hadley MA. Instructor.  
2023 Dance Technique and Choreography  
Street Dance History and Practice\*  
*\*course that I created and developed*

## **PUBLIC TEACHING**

2023 - **Berkshire Pulse**, Great Barrington, MA. In-School Teaching Artist and Faculty Member.  
Hip Hop and House Dance Class. *Weekly class for middle school and teens.*  
Open Level Contemporary Dance. *Community class.*

2023 **Rooted Essence Dance & Healing Arts**, Springfield, MA. In-School Teaching Artist.  
Afro-House. *Weekly class for middle school students.*

2023 **Pathlight - Whole Children**, Northampton, MA. Lead Instructor.  
*Dance classes for children and adults with disabilities.*

2022 **Migrant Education Program**, Springfield, MA. Lead Teacher.  
*Worked with the Collaborative for Educational Services to provide arts enrichment programming including dance and visual art.*

2021 - **Ape Co**, Boulder and Denver CO. Lead Teacher.  
2022 Ido Portal Method Levels 1 and 2. *Daily classes that covered strength training, mobility, injury prevention and rehabilitation, hand balancing, acrobatics, floorwork, etc.*

2022 **Ape Co**, Boulder and Denver CO. Guest Teacher.  
*Improvisation. Series of four masterclasses that explored various entry points into dance improvisation.*

2021 **Block 1750**, Boulder, CO. Guest Teacher.  
*Beginning Contemporary Dance Intensive. A four week beginning contemporary dance intensive.*

2019 **The Spark Performing Arts Center**. Boulder CO. Instructor.  
*Modern II for Teens. Weekly class.*  
*Choreography and Composition for Teens. Weekly class.*

2018 - **Northampton Center for the Arts**, Northampton, MA. Instructor.  
2019 *Contemporary Dance Fundamentals for Adults. Weekly classes for adult beginners.*

2018 **Moving Target**, Portland, ME. Guest Artist.  
*Contemporary Dance Technique. Masterclass that explored disorientation, partnering, and perception as well as set material.*

2018 **Earthdance Workshop and Retreat Center**, Plainfield, MA. Guest Artist.  
*Composition and Contact Improvisation. Masterclass in improvisation, contact, and composition.*

2016 - **The School for Contemporary Dance and Thought**, Northampton MA. Instructor.  
2019 Beginning Contemporary Technique for Adults. *Weekly class*.  
Beginning Modern Technique for Teens. *Weekly class*.

### **RELEVANT EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

2023 - **Serious Play Theater**, Social Media and Publicity Coordinator  
2023 - **The ArtSalon**, Communications Coordinator and Administrator.  
2022 - 2023 **Pioneer Valley Performing Arts**, Catalyst Dance Company Director  
2019 - 2020 **CU Presents**, House Manager, Boulder CO.  
2017 - 2019 **Contact Quarterly**, Ads and Marketing Director, Florence MA.  
2017 **FRESH Festival**, Assistant Production Manager, San Francisco CA.  
2016 - 2019 **The School for Contemporary Dance & Thought**, Works in Progress Series  
Curator, Northampton MA.  
2012 **Kunst-Stoff Arts**, Administrative Intern, San Francisco CA.  
2012 **THEOFFCENTER**, Media Intern, San Francisco CA.  
2012 **New England Bicycle Dance Troupe**, Performer/Teaching Artist, VT.  
2010 **Bread and Puppet Theater**, Apprentice, Glover, VT.  
2010 **Links Hall**, Intern, Chicago, IL.

### **CERTIFICATIONS**

2024 *Comprehensive Pilates Certification (anticipated)*  
2023 Level 1 Fascial Flossing Method™ Teaching Certification

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING / PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

2023 **Fascial Flossing Method™ Training**. *with Bonnie Crotzer*. New York City, NY.  
2023 **MELT at Movement Research**. *Intensives with Vicky Shick and Sara Shelton Mann*.  
New York City, NY  
2023 **36 Chambaz of Style**. *Street Dance Intensive (House, Hip Hop) with pioneers Caleaf, King Charles, Mamson, Tony Ray, Sekou, Buddha Stretch, Link, etc.* New York City, NY  
2023 **BDF/Gibney Connect**. *Masterclasses with Kyle Marshall, Kendra Portier, Gerald Casel, Molly Leiber & Eleanor Smith, Kimani Fowlin*. New York City, NY  
2021 **Rennie Harris University Winter Cypher**. *House, Hip-Hop, Funk, Popping, Afro-Fusion with: Rennie Harris, Larry Southall, Constance Harris, Leigh Foaad aka Breeze-Lee, Jackie Lopez aka Miss Funk, Brandyn Harris aka Boog, Olivia O'Hare, Emily Pietruszka*  
2020 - **Body-Mind Centering**. *Ongoing lessons and mentorship with Erika Berland*.  
2019 - **University of Colorado Boulder**. MFA in Choreography (*Composition, Curation, Dance Technique [Hip-Hop, House, West African, Jazz, Transnational Fusion, Modern], Performance Studies, Somatics*): Nada Diachenko, Michelle Ellsworth, Rennie Harris, Donna Mejia, Erika Randall, Larry Southall, Nii Armah Sowa, Marcos Davi Silva Steurnagel, Helanius J. Wilkins, Anya Cloud, Chrissy Nelson. Boulder, CO

- 2019 - **Boulder Movement Collective.** *Ido Portal Method with Liav Baron, Zack Finer, Grilo Preto, and Matt Bernstein.* Boulder and Denver, CO
- 2019 **“Moving with Relational Intelligence”** *workshop with Nita Little.* Earthdance Workshop and Retreat Center
- 2019 **CI Ground Research.** *A gathering of experienced CI dancers to experiment, facilitated by Aaron Brando.* Peaceable Barn, CT
- 2018 **Lion’s Jaw Festival.** *Participated in a four day intensive with Kirstie Simson. Classes with Anya Cloud, Thomas DeFrantz, Abby Crain, and Peter Schmitz.*
- 2018 **Axis Syllabus Nomadic College.** *Classes with Ruth Douthwright, Kira Kirsch, Kelly Keenan, Kevin O’Connor, and Frey Faust.* Earthdance Workshop and Retreat Center
- 2018 **Movement Archery Intensive.** *Four day intensive with Tom Weksler.* Boston, MA
- 2017 **MELT at Movement Research.** *Intensives with Luciana Achugar, Jimena Paz, and Donna Uchizona.* New York City, NY
- 2017 **Practicing Presence Festival.** *Workshops with Paul Matteson, Jen Polins, and Peter Schmitz.* Northampton, MA
- 2017 **FRESH FESTIVAL.** *Intensives with Kathleen Hermesdorf, Sara Shelton Mann, Jess Curtis, Chrysa Parkinson, Larry Arrington, Sherwood Chen, Keith Hennessey, and Abby Crain.* San Francisco, CA
- 2015 **MELT at Movement Research.** *Intensives with Roseanne Spradlin, Neil Greenberg, and Hristoula Harakas.* New York City, NY