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What I do:

BodyMeld – Director – since 2007

Create performance, video, photography and produce programs to support the dance community through exchange, performances and workshops. Teach composition, improvisation, and dance on camera locally and abroad.

Dancer – freelance – since 2006

Worked with Boris Charmatz, Eiko & Koma, Sie. Willi Dorner, <fidget>, Lionel Popkin, Idiosyncrazy Productions, Group Motion Dance Theater, Nicole Bindler, Emergent Improvisation Project, and others.

Dance Writer – thinkdance.net - since 2015

Teaching - performance technique, improvisation, dance for camera – since 2011

Temple University and University of The Arts; Jurany Studios at Workshop Foundation, Budapest Hungary; One Dance Week festival, Plovdiv, Bulgaria; Wanted Dance Festival, Rennes; and others.

Sampled performances and improvisations 2010 - Present

2016 – present

[Род и диня не прави Родина \(aka Family and Watermelon ≠ Homeland\)](#) – online performance series supported by National Cultural Fund Bulgaria – March 2021.

[Bolero \(in quarantine\)](#) – Online live performance – January 2021.

[The Future is Here](#) – Online live performance produced by Fidget Space and 4bidden 4fruit, Philadelphia, PA New Years Eve 2020.

[Andromeda](#) - Philadelphia Museum of Art - January 31st, 2020.

[Un-seen](#) – *Etude and Friends Festival*, June 2019, Sofia, Bulgaria. (password: art123matters)

[Explicit Female](#) (*Rocky Award for performance 2017*) The Fidget Space and Vox Populi Gallery, Philadelphia, PA. April. & Sept. 2016 (*note: full nudity, password: artmatters)

2010 - 2015

[Mylar Storms Improvisations](#) – Performed throughout 2015 and 2016 in Philadelphia, PA.

[Dark Matter](#) – Experimental Music Festival at <fidget> Space, Philadelphia - October 2015.

[shatter ::: dawn](#) – Crane Arts Old School, Philadelphia. April 2013. (password: artmatters)

[Paper Duchess](#) – Falls Bridge Festival, Philadelphia, January 2012. Wanted Festival, Rennes, France, July 2012. PARD Performance Series, Philadelphia, May 2012.

[Vertigo](#) – commissioned by Philadelphia Center for the Book with support by New Stages for Dance. Studio34 and Christ Church Neighborhood house, Philadelphia May 2011.

[Experiment 1](#) - Commissioned by the New York Dance Exchange, CEC, Philadelphia, Nov. 2010.

[Sour](#) - commissioned by Performance Mix Festival, Joyce SoHo, NYC, April 2010.

Selected dance films and exhibitions:

[Elsewhere](#) – (2015-2019 – 7m 20s) – world premiere at Etude and Friends Festival, Sofia, Bulgaria, June 2019 | Outlet Dance Film Festival, USA Oct. 2019 | Tipperary Dance on Film Festival, Ireland Oct. 2019.

[Explicit Female](#) – film from *Explicit Female* performance (2016 - 7m 19s) – Salto Independent Film Festival, Uruguay, Oct. 2018 | Short Long World Festival, Argentina, Nov. 2018 | Outlet Dance Project Film Fest at Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, NJ Oct. 2018 | 20/92 Video Festival at Crane Arts, Philadelphia, Mar. 2017. | Къща, screening in Sofia, Bulgaria, June 2017. | Fidget Space, Philadelphia, Apr. 2016. (Password: Explicit123Female)

[Geometries of Time](#) – (2016 - 4m 40s) Detroit Dance Festival | Dance on Screen, Short films at the Roxey Ballet | Mexico City Videodance Festival | Hope Film Awards | Greensboro Dance Film Festival | 2017 Philadelphia Screendance Festival.

[Open Lens II](#) – group photography exhibit (2016)– Da Vinci Art Alliance, Philadelphia, PA.

[Chrysalis](#) – (2015 – 3m 58s) Ozark Shorts Film Festival | CineDance Women – online publication | 2016 Philadelphia Screendance Festival | Outlet Dance Project Dance on Film Festival | Movies by Movers | The Iron Factory Dance on Film Festival | Vox Populi Gallery, AUX Space | International Open Film Festival semi-finalist.

[The Experimental Exhibit for the European Month of Photography 2014](#) – group exhibit at Museum of Sofia, Bulgaria, October, 2014.

Sample Residencies 2010 - present:

Philadelphia: The Iron Factory, Mascher Space Cooperative, <fidget> Space.

US: Bennington College (VT), Black C Gallery (Gainesville, FL).

International: Derida Dance (Sofia Bulgaria), Stary Browar Nowy Taniec (Poznan, Warsaw, Gdansk in Poland), Meet the Next Generation Fellowship - eXplore Dance Festival (Bucharest, Romania) and others.

Sampled Professional Development and Education:

Jeanine Durning – 2020; **Deborah Hay** – 2008, 2011 and 2018; **Nancy Stark-Smith Improvisation; Rosalind Crisp Dance(AUS); Tim Etchels Making work (GB); Luciana Achugar Choreographic Workshop** – all 2015; **Michelle Boule Performance Workshop**, 2013 and 2014; **Fay Driscoll Choreographic Workshop; Falls Bridge Fest** with Ishmael Houston Jones and Yvonne Meier - 2012; **Susan Rethorst making your best work workshop.** - 2010

Headlong Performance Institute, 4-month training, Philadelphia, PA - 2008.

American Dance Festival, Durham, NC - 2005 and 2006.

Bennington College, B.A. in Dance and Sound Design, Bennington, VT - 2006.

Kontakt Budapest International Improvisation Festival, Hungary - 2002, 2003, and 2004.

Supporters and Presenters:

USA: Philadelphia Museum of Art, Phila. | Movement Research, NYC. | Trust for Mutual Understanding | Pew Center for Arts and Culture (previously Dance Advance), Phila. | Pennsylvania Citizens for the Arts, Phila. | CEC new Edge Mix, Phila. | <fidget> space, Phila. | Danspace Project – after school series, NYC | Hight Tide Gallery, Phila. | Hubbard Hall – Vanguard series, NY | Inhale Performance Series, Phila. | Marlboro College - Embodied Learning Symposium, NH | NY Dance Exchange, PA and NYC | Little Berlin Gallery, Phila. | Mascher Space Cooperative, Phila. | New Dance Alliance: Performance Mix Festival, NYC | NEXUS Gallery—Influx Series, Phila. | Philadelphia Live Arts and Philly Fringe, Phila. | Rutgers Camden Center for the Arts, NJ

International: Art Stations Foundation, Poland | Jurany Studios at Workshop Foundation, Hungary | Derida Dance Center, Bulgaria | eXplore Dance Festival, Romania | Wanted Festival, France | One Dance Week Festival, Bulgaria | Къща – Creative HUB, Bulgaria