



Melissa Kieffer

Dancer with Sasha Waltz & Guests, Victor Rottier, Mirjam Gurtner and others

Teacher, Choreographer

Instagram

Nationality

Date of birth

E-Mail

Languages

Extra skills

Height

Education

I am deeply convinced that movement expresses our deepest nature, for which we sometimes have no words. Dance expresses that creatively. As a dancer, I strive to find ways to express from the inside out. In my personal dance practice, I am looking for self surprising moments, diversity of bodily expressed motives, dreams and codes of human life - containing the narrative but not forgetting about the strong physicality. I am interested in dangerous and tamed movement, sometimes delightful but determined, mysterious but still accessible.

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German, living in Berlin

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German, English, French

Tango, Kung Fu, Sopran

172 cm

2013-2014: Tanzfabrik, Berlin. Dance Intensive

2015-2018: La Manufacture, Lausanne. Bachelor in contemporary dance, creation/choreography option, artistic director: Thomas Hauert

- 2018: Manufactured, Fabrice Mazliah, STEPS Tour, Switzerland
- 2018: Subject to change, Michael Schumacher, STEPS TOUR, Switzerland
- 2018: Living Room, Zoe Poluch, Lausanne, Geneva, Zurich
- 2017: Time...two, Jeremy Nelson, Lausanne, Geneva
- 2017: Drumming Repertoire, Taka Shamoto, Cie. Rosas,
- 2016: Re/Rosas, Théâtre Vidy, fête de la danse, Lausanne
- 2016: Divan, Cie. 7273, Lausanne, Geneva

Feb. 2021- July 2021: University of the arts & Tanztangente, Berlin, "Creating Dance in Art and Education"

Selected
Performance
Experiences

- From 2024: Spiegelneuronen, <u>Sasha Waltz & Guests & Rimini</u> <u>Protokoll</u>, Salzburger Festspiele and Tour onwards
- -2024: Echoes of Applause, <u>Victor Rottier</u>, Bern Switzerland + USA Tour 2025
- March May 2024: My Muses Take Care Of Me, <u>Fleur Darkin</u>, Dundee + Touring, Scotland
- March June 2023: PLAY IV, <u>Mirjam Gurtner</u>, (Performing Arts Festival Berlin / 48h Neukölln, Berlin)
- -December 2022 July 2024: greywax 140, <u>Victor Rottier,</u> Bern, Switzerland
- From September 2022 2024: "In C", <u>Sasha Waltz&Guests</u>, Touring in Italy and Germany, Berlin
- May 2022: Residency with Sebastian Zuber, St Gallen
- March August 2022: Time Gestures, in collaboration with Lauren Rae Mace (Staatstheater Kassel)
- March May 2022: PLAY, <u>Mirjam Gurtner</u> (Swiss Tour May 2022)
- 2020 2023: Ode to Phanes, <u>Alma Edelstein-Feinsilber</u>, Berlin
 (MasDanza Extension Tour, Canary Islands), Quintett, <u>Hermesdance</u>
 (Bern), Durch Hilma, <u>Breeanne Saxton</u> (Berlin + Sweden), Cherry
 Wringing, <u>Fleur Darkin</u> (Scottish Dance Theatre)
- 2019: Mercury Rising, Michael Schumacher, Amsterdam
- 2018: Solarstorm, Johannes Wieland, Berlin

Choreography and artistic management

- 2023: Artificial Horizon, in collaboration with Danceworks Berlin and JTW Spandau, Berlin
- 2022: Enjoying the cold of the marble, in collaboration with DIE ETAGE, piece for 11 dancers, JTW Spandau
- 2021: NEO, piece for 13 performers, DIE ETAGE, JTW Spandau
- 2020: Expal, final project Seneca e.V. students, Berlin
- 2019: Speechless, creation JTW Spandau, Berlin
- 2018: Solo Memphis Belle, La Manufacture, Lausanne

Teaching

From 2019 until today - professional classes and educational (and amateur) settings: DART Studios, Scottish Dance Theatre, Danceworks Berlin, Marameo Berlin, Dock11 Berlin, 4fürTanz Leipzig, Tanznetz Freiburg, LafdK Bremen, Tanzhalle Berlin, Seneca Intensiv Programs, Die Etage contemporary dance, Jugendtheaterwerkstatt Spandau, The Practice Berlin

Other Education

Courses in Osteopathy, Fascia as an emotional organ, Brainscience, Embryology, Somatic Experiencing, Social Presencing Theatre

Stipends/ Fundings

GVL Stipend, Fonds Darstellende Künste #takeheart (in cooperation with OFF Bühne Komplex Chemnitz, WIESE eV Hamburg), Distanzsolo Dachverband Tanz

Coproductions/ Residencies

Tanzhaus Zürich, Volksbühne Kaulenberg, Gula Villan Sweden, OFF Bühne Komplex Chemnitz, WIESE eV Hamburg