Katherine Kiessling

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**EDUCATION GPA: 3.7/4.0**

**University of Michigan** Ann Arbor, MI

*Bachelor of Fine Arts and Bachelor of Engineering* May 2025

* Majors: Dance, Computer Science

**Honors**: Dance Merit Scholarship recipient, 2023; University Honors, 2020-2022; Dean’s List, 2020-2022; William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize (Ranked in top five percent of freshman class), 2020

**PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

* *Father Who Art in Heaven*, Jason Cianciulli, MFA Thesis 2023
* *Apotypoma*, Christina Mertzani, b12 Summer Festival for Contemporary Dance (Berlin) 2023
* *The Universe is Not Static*, Sidra Bell, Power Center Department of Dance Annual Performance 2023
* *Mirror Ritual*, Jillian Hopper, Power Center Department of Dance Annual Performance 2023
* *dim timbre*, Sam Coren, b12 Summer Festival for Contemporary Dance (Berlin) 2022
* *All of the Light*, Vim Vigor, Power Center Department of Dance Annual Performance 2022
* *The Third*, Leah O’Donnell, Detroit Dance Festival 2022

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Dance Arts Academy** Traverse City, MI

*Guest Teacher/Choreographer*  May 2020 – Present

* Designed and taught daily lesson plans for dance students of various levels.
* Supervised and organized auditions while preparing the dance team for competitions by rehearsing and setting choreography.
* Choreographed five solo works for national competitions, earning highest honors.

**TRAINING**

**School of Music, Theater, and Dance (2020 - Present)** Ann Arbor, MI

* *Floorwork, Partnering, Ballet, Humphrey, Dunham, Giordano, Composition*  24 hrs/wk

**Company Dance Traverse/Dance Arts Academy (2010 - 2020)** Traverse City, MI

* *Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Contemporary, Tap, Hip Hop* 20 hrs/wk

**Programs:**

* WHIM W’HIM Winter Intensive 2023
* b12 Summer Festival for Contemporary Dance (4 weeks) 2023
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* Boston Ballet Intensive (5 Weeks) 2019

**ADDITIONAL**

* Social Media Manager for the University of Michigan Department of Dance 2023 – Present