

TARA LEIGH BURGAT

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2025-2027 Studio Resident Artist with Charlotte Street
2025 Brosseau Creativity Award in Diverse Media by Spencer Museum of Art
Professional Certification in Intimacy Choreography for Live Performance (ICLP)

CHOREOGRAPHER / DIRECTOR / PRODUCER:

REGIONAL WORK

"Serendipity"	CHOREOGRAPHER	KCYB - Kansas City Ballet - 2025
"Choices?"	CHOREOGRAPHER, DIRECTOR	Spencer Museum of Art - 2024
Summer Intensive Showcases	CHOREOGRAPHER	Kansas City Ballet School – 2018 - Current
Bound	PRODUCER, CHOREO., DANCER	Illuminate Dance Collective - 2017
Annual Dance Carnival	CHOREOGRAPHER, DANCER	Art In Motion Dance Company – 2011 - 2016
Jayhawk Performance Lab	PRODUCER, CHOREO.	University of Kansas – 2022 - 2024
The SpongeBob Musical	CHOREOGRAPHER	The Theatre In the Park - 2022
Matilda, The Musical	CHOREOGRAPHER	The White Theater - 2022
Little Shop of Horrors	CHOREOGRAPHER	The Theatre In the Park - 2023

SCHOOLS/EDUCATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WORK

Milking Christmas, A New Musical	CHOREOGRAPHER	University of Kansas - 2023
Cabaret	ASSOC. CHOREOGRAPHER	University of Kansas - 2023
All Shook Up	CHOREOGRAPHER	Shawnee Mission North High School - 2020
Sound of Music	CHOREOGRAPHER	Notre Dame de Sion High School - 2020
The Librarian	DIRECTOR	University of Kansas - 2024
Wizard of Oz	CHOREOGRAPHER	Notre Dame de Sion High School - 2025
Freaky Friday	CHOREOGRAPHER	Blue Valley Northwest High School - 2021
Descendants, The Musical	DIRECTOR/CHOREO.	Madison Avenue Performing Arts - 2021

PERFORMER:

West Side Story, Minnie	PERFORMER	Lyric Opera of Kansas City
Pippin	ENSEMBLE	University of Kansas
After Hours at the Towers	DANCER	Starlight Theatre
Jazoo	PERFORMER	That's Entertainment
Otra Vez	DANCER	Dr. Michelle Heffner-Hayes
An Encounter with Blackness	DANCER	Dr. Webster McDonald
Art In Motion Dance Company	COMPANY MEMBER, 6 Seasons	
B Moved, phoBia, Caste Tea Room	Series, SheLived, etc., Choreography and Direction by Cathy Patterson	
Gurukul Indian Dance Troupe	COMPANY MEMBER, 1 Season	
Born Equal, Quest of the Godhead,	Colors of India, Choreography and Direction by Samarpita Bajpai	

FILM/VIDEO:

Hue & Me Dance Film	DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, CHOREOGRAPHER	Independent Project
Mr. Vampire Wants Me Every Day	INTIMACY COORDINATOR	MJC Billion Productions
A Freaky Exchange	INTIMACY COORDINATOR	9:16 Productions
Have You Beat	CHOREOGRAPHER, DANCER	Mt. Asher

AWARDS:

- Inaugural Emerging Choreographer, Emerging Theatre Professional Initiative, Kansas City Region
- Commendation for Choreography in Milking Christmas, Kennedy Center American College Theatre Fest. (Reg5)
- Department of Theatre and Dance Scholarship, University of Kansas
- Jump Start Award, University of Kansas Dance Faculty

EDUCATOR:

Kansas City Ballet School
Dance, Fit, Flow
Point B Dance
Platinum Performance Plus

INSTRUCTOR
INSTRUCTOR
INSTRUCTOR, CHOREOGRAPHER
COMPETITION JUDGE

EDUCATION/TRAINING:

University of Kansas
Intimacy Professionals Association
Kansas City Ballet School
Point B Dance
Empire Dance Academy
Edge Performing Arts Center
Gary Green

B.F.A. DANCE, DESIGN; MINORS: THEATRE, LEADERSHIP STUDIES
Intimacy Choreography for Live Performance Certification (ICLP)
BALLET, CONTEMPORARY, JAZZ FUNK, HIP-HOP
BALLET, CONTEMPORARY, JAZZ, HIP-HOP, MUSICAL THEATER
MUSICAL THEATER, HIP-HOP, CONTEMPORARY, JAZZ
JAZZ, HIP-HOP, CONTEMPORARY
VOCAL COACH

OTHER SKILLS: Traditional Indian Dancing, Live Event Production, Costume Production, Event Management