

FIONA ELYSSE SCRUGGS

Resume

As of December 2024

Choreography

Chiaroscuro Enfilade (trio)

- Edith Wharton's The Mount (Lenox, MA) Oct 2024

Gymnopedie No. 1 and No. 2 (solo)

- Choreography on the Edge (Ancram, NY) Aug 2024
- Premiere of Gymnopedie No. 1 at Choreography on the Edge (Ancram, NY) April 2024

Barefoot Dances (quartet)

- Wandering Dance Festival at The Colonial Theater (Pittsfield, MA) Nov 2023
- Premiere at The Foundry (West Stockbridge, MA) Oct 2023

Through the Outside Room (duet)

- Premiere at Chesterwood (Stockbridge, MA) July 2023

The Blue Suit Piece (quartet)

- Premiere at The Foundry (West Stockbridge, MA) April 2023

Chiaroscuro (trio)

- Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival (excerpt) (Becket, MA) Aug 2023
- Evening-length premiere at Chesterwood (Stockbridge, MA) Aug. 2022
- Excerpt at Choreography on the Edge - Arts Society of Kingston (Kingston, NY) July 2022

Qualia (quintet)

- Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival (duet excerpt) (Becket, MA) Aug 2023
- The Foundry (evening-length) (West Stockbridge, MA) April 2022
- 5x5 Dance Festival (West Hartford, CT) Nov 2021
- The Foundry (West Stockbridge, MA) Sept 2021
- Indoors Out! Downtown Pittsfield (Pittsfield, MA) Sept 2021

"La Revue de Josephine Baker: A Contemporary Perspective on the Performer and Activist's Life"

- Radford University, Evening Length Performance Oct 2018

Before the Dust (solo)

- Salzburg International Ballet Academy (SIBA) (Salzburg, Austria) Aug. 2018
- Radford University April 2018

Featured Performances

A Christmas Carol - Ulster Dance Company (NY) December 2024

- Principal Role - Belle

Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival

- *Chiaroscuro (excerpt) - choreography by Fiona Scruggs* Aug 2023

Chesterwood - Spirits of Chesterwood (Stockbridge, MA)

- *Through the Outside Room - choreography by Fiona Scruggs* July 2023

Chesterwood - Chiaroscuro Premiere

- *Chiaroscuro (evening-length) - choreography by Fiona Scruggs* July 2022

Chesterwood - *Spirits of the Forest* (Stockbridge, MA)

- *On Feminine Ground* contemporary choreography by Veronica Bone Oct 2020

The Nutcracker - Radford University - *Clara's Friends, Snow, and Waltz of the Flowers*

- Choreography by Inessa Plekhanova and Aleksey Plekhanov Fall 2018

Oklahoma! - Radford University

- Ensemble Member- Dream Ballet Dancer, featured dancer in "All Er Nuthin" Spring 2018

Chopiniana, Radford University

- Choreography by Inessa Plekhanova & Aleksey Plekhanov, after Mikhail Fokine Fall 2017

The Nutcracker - Radford University - *Clara's Friends, Waltz of the Flowers, Marzipan understudy*

- Choreography by Inessa Plekhanova and Aleksey Plekhanov Fall 2016

Teaching

Berkshire Pulse - Teaching Artist (Massachusetts)

October 2019-present

- Ballet Instructor: Beginning Ballet (Ages 7-10), Level 1 Ballet (Ages 9-11), Level 2-3 Ballet (Ages 10-13), Pre-Pointe, Beginning Pointe, Adult/Teen Community Ballet, Adult Beginning Pointe

Bard College at Simon's Rock - Course Instructor

Sept 2024-present

- First-Year Experience Course

Jacob's Pillow - Substitute Community Ballet Instructor

June 2023

- Bard Academy at Simon's Rock - Course Instructor** January 2023
- January Intersession Course: Martha Graham and Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring"
- Radford University Ballet Youth - Instructor (Virginia)** Sept. 2016- Spring 2019
- Creative dance/pre-ballet for children, beginning ballet, and beginning jazz
- William Fleming High School - Student Teacher (Practicum) (Virginia)** March 2019-May 2019
- Beginner and Intermediate Tap Dance for 9th-12th grade
- Prices Fork Elementary School - Student Teacher (Practicum) (Virginia)** January 2019-March 2019
- Creative Dance in Physical Education for Kindergarten- 5th grade

Certifications

ABT® Certified Teacher in Pre-Primary through Level 5 of the ABT® National Training Curriculum.
Virginia Board of Education Professional License: Dance Arts PreK-12

Fellowships

- Massachusetts Cultural Council - Creative Youth Development Teaching Artist Fellowship** Oct. 2021-May 2023
- Two-year fellowship
- The Legacy of Josephine Baker: Performer and Activist**
- **Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Awardee** (Radford University) 2018
 - **Scholar Citizen in Action (SCiA) Grant Awardee** (Radford University) 2018
 - **McGlothlin Award (International Education Center) Awardee** (Radford University) 2018
 - Archival research in France (Château des Milandes, Musée de Montmartre, Paris Opéra, Moulin Rouge)
 - Choreographed original dance performance about Josephine Baker 2018

Administration

- Bard College at Simon's Rock - Director of Communications and Marketing** Oct. 2022-present
- Leads a team of four and collaborates with campus partners to develop and implement strategic and integrated marketing and communications plans for admission, advancement, and public relations purposes
- Bard College at Simon's Rock - Co-Chair Staff Leadership Committee** June 2024-present
- Approves and manages the Staff Professional Development Fund, Hybrid Work Process, and additional initiatives to support staff development and workplace improvements
- Bard College at Simon's Rock - Writer & Digital Content Producer** Jan. 2022-Oct 2022
- Writes news articles and press releases, develops written and digital content for admission & advancement
- Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival - School Programs Coordinator** Sept. 2019-Jan. 2022
- Manages School Application process, Alumni Council, Program Recruitment Master Classes, & Programs
- Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival - School Programs Intern** May-August 2019
- Managed Contemporary Ballet Program & Tap Program in The School at Jacob's Pillow
- Radford University Ballet Youth - Administrative Assistant** Sept. 2017-December 2018
- Managed enrollment, registration, and communication; 30-student program directed by Inessa Plekhanova
 - Coordinated student rehearsals and parent involvement for Radford University's "The Nutcracker" Fall 2018
- Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts - Dance Counselor** June 2016, '17, '18
- Supervised students, assistant stage manager, rehearsal assistant, and daily camp/office operations

Research, Conference Presentation, & Writing

Berkshire Edge

- Paul Taylor Dance Company Review, PS:21 - Chatham, NY July 2022 & August 2024
- Ballet Hispanico Review, The Mahaiwe - Great Barrington, MA March 2024
- Vertigo Dance Company Review, PS:21 - Chatham, NY August 2022
- Parsons Dance Company Preview and Review, The Mahaiwe - Great Barrington, MA July 2022

The Legacy of Josephine Baker: Performer and Activist

- Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC) Conference - Memphis, TN, USA March 2019
- Southern Regional Honors Council (SRHC) Conference - Washington D.C., USA March 2018

Education

- Radford University - B.S. in Dance Education with Teacher Licensure (K-12), *summa cum laude*** 2015-2019
- Vaganova method (4 years)
 - Trained with Inessa Plekhanova, Aleksey Plekhanov, Deborah McLaughlin, and Amy VanKirk
- Salzburg International Ballet Academy (SIBA) - Vaganova method (summer intensive)** Summer 2018
- Trained with Amelia Wanderlingh, Janos Misurak, & Ildiko Pongor
- Next Generation Ballet - Summer Intensive** Summer 2016

Radford University Ballet Youth - Summer Intensive
Tennessee Governor's School for the Arts- Summer Intensive
Louisville Ballet - Summer Intensive

Summer 2015
Summer 2013
Summer 2012

Honors

Dance Scholar Award (Radford University) May 2019
Dean's List (Radford University) Fall 2015 through Spring 2019
Pegeen H. & David L. Albig Dance Scholarship (Radford University) Awarded for 2018-2019
Horth Scholarship for Summer Dance Study (Radford University) Summer '16, Summer '17, and Summer '18
Anna and Ruth Cronise Scholarship (Radford University) Awarded for 2015-2016, '16-'17, '17-'18 and '18-'19

Skills and Interests:

French Language (B1, basic conversational), German Language (minor from Radford University), Google Suite, Accepd, Asana, Emma Email, Sound Editing, USA Driver's License, Piano, Theatre, Writing, and Research.