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# **Profile**

Born in Tokyo, Japan in 1984. Curious and active observer of culture, art and people, especially after relocated from Japan to Europe in 2002, which gave a continuous state of adaptation and flexibility through the education and career as a dancer and choreographer across England, France, the Netherlands, Italy, Germany and presently Switzerland, living in intercultural context. Striving to develop work that reflects this ideal through connecting and collaborating with artists and designers from various avenues of creativity. Allowing the possibility for new influence and exchange to direct the creative process experience which construct identities, concepts and experiences to communicate with, to share a mutual appreciation for experimental performative works that bend and challenge genre.

## Prof

Professional Career	
present	Freelance – choreographer / performer / dancer / researcher
2013 – 2016	Ballett Theater Basel - Switzerland
2009 – 2013	Thoss Tanzkompanie – Hessisches Staatstheater Wiesbaden – Wiesbaden – Germany
2005 – 2009	Fondazione Nazionale della Danza Aterballetto - Reggio nell'Emilia - Italy
2002 – 2004	Cannes Jeune Ballet - Cannes - France
Education	
2018 – 2021	Masterstudio — Institute Integrative Design FHNW Academy of Art and Design (Hochschule für Gestaltung und Kunst) — Basel — Switzerland Dissertation: "Have I ever spoken properly?" Mentor: Prof. Armin Blasbichler / Dr. Prof. Michael Leube / Dr. Prof. Jörg Wiesel Degree: Master of Arts in Design — January 2021
2004 – 2006	Codarts — University of Arts – Rotterdam – The Netherlands Degree: Bachelor of Arts in Dance, specialisation as professional dancer – June 2006
2002 – 2004	Ecole Supérieure de Danse de Cannes Rosella Hightower – Cannes – France Certificate: Vocational University of Dance – June 2004
Residency / Grant	
2023	Goethe-Institut - Research Funding - Artistic Research Abroad - Goethe-Institut DE
	Fonds Darstellende Künste – Research Funding – #TakeHeart The Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media DE
	Atelier Mondial - Research Residency Travel Grant CH/FR/DE
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	Fabula Collective Ltd Research Residency - London UK
	Swiss Cultural Fund UK - Project Funding - Embassy of Switzerland - London UK
	<b>DIS-TANZEN</b> – NEUSTART KULTUR – Research Funding – Dachverband Tanz Deutschland The Federal Government Commissioner for Culture and the Media DE
2021	Kultur Zeiter*innen – Funding – Frankfurt am Main DE
2020	ROXY Birsfelden – Production Residency – Basel CH
	Abteilung Kultur Basel Stadt - Production Funding - Basel DE

Stiftung Wolf - Production Funding - Basel CH

Scheidegger-Thommen Stiftung - Production Funding - Basel CH

BLKB-Stiftung für Kultur und Bildung - Production Funding - Basel CH

Hessische Kultur Stiftung - Funding - State of Hesse DE

Kultur Zeiter\*innen - Funding - Frankfurt am Main DE

2019 Frankfurt LAB - Choreographic Research Residency - Frankfurt am Main DE

Japan Foundation - Production Funding - London UK

Daiwa Anglo Japanese Foundation - Production Funding - London UK

2018 Goethe-Institut - Choreographic Research Residency - Montreal CA

fabrik Potsdam - Choreographic Research Residency - Potsdam DE

Conseil des arts et des lettres du Québec - Montreal CA

Braswell Arts Center - Choreographic Research Residency - Basel CH

Residenz Darmstadt - Hessisches Staatsballett - Research Residency - Darmstadt DE

Works KIHAKO NARISAWA

### 2023 screening invisibilities

collaboration as a performer with the direction by Zino Wey (CH)

Kaserne – Basel – Switzerland / Premiered on 4 March

#### 2022 TRAJECTORY

artistic direction / concept / choreography / text / performance Sadler's Wells – London – England / Premiered on 17 September

#### **UP-CYCLING**

as a collective as artistic direction / concept / choreography

Tanzfest Basel – Basel – Switzerland / Premiered on 13 May

#### 2021 The Sun Died

as choreographic assistant for the direction by Jeremy Nedd (CH / USA)

Theater Oberhausen – Oberhausen – Germany / Premiered on 9 October

#### **WONDERUNG**

as dancer / collaborator for the direction by Nicole Morel (CH)

Theatre Nuithonie – Fribourg – Switzerland / Premiered on 23 June

### 2020 Have I ever spoken properly?

artistic direction / concept / choreography / text / performance ROXY Birsfelden – Basel – Switzerland / Premiered on 24 October

#### Star Magnolia

as dancer / collaborator for the direction by Jeremy Nedd (CH / USA)

Theatre Neumarkt – Zürich – Switzerland / Premiered on 8 October

### 2019 wonderland

artistic direction / concept / choreography / text / performance
Frankfurt LAB – Frankfurt am Main – Germany / Premiered on 21 December

## a.é.p.s

artistic direction / concept / co-choreography / text / performance guest artist for a mixed-bill programme 'Ley Line' by Fabula Collective Ltd. (UK) Lilian Baylis Sadler's Wells – London – England / Premiered on 8 October

### **BETA**

artistic direction / concept / choreography / text Voltahalle – Basel – Switzerland / Premiered on 5 July

### The Ecstatic

as choreographic assistant for the direction by Jeremy Nedd (CH / USA) Kaserne – Basel – Switzerland / Premiered on 4 May

### 2018 **ONE AT A TIME**

as choreographic assistant for the direction by Alessandro Schiattarella (CH / IT)

Dampfzentrale – Bern – Switzerland / Premiered on 12 October

#### re/cognition

artistic direction / concept / choreography / text / performance Circuit-Est centre chorégraphique – Montréal – Canada / Premiered on 20 September

## within arm's length

artistic direction / concept / choreography

Kupferschmiede - Stadttheater Gießen - Gießen - Germany / Premiered on 19 May

### An Homage

as choreographic assistant for the direction by Jeremy Nedd (CH / USA)

Palais de Tokyo – Paris – France / Premiered on 6 April

# into the why

artistic direction / concept / choreography / text / performance

Braswell Arts Centre – Basel – Switzerland / Premiered on 12 October

### 2017 **STRANO**

as dancer / collaborator for the direction by Alessandro Schiattarella (CH / IT) ROXY Birsfelden – Basel – Switzerland / Premiered on 14 March

## 2015 phóné phainó phoney

co-artistic direction / concept / choreography in collaboration with Jeremy Nedd (CH / USA) ROXY Birsfelden – Basel – Switzerland / Premiered on 14 March

### P.S.

artistic direction / concept / choreography / text / performance Theater Basel – Basel – Switzerland / Premiered on 3 June