

# Ally Hwu

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Performance- Chapman University

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## EDUCATION

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- 2023      **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance Performance, Minor in Musical Theatre**  
**Department of Dance, Chapman University Orange, CA**  
4.0 Cumulative GPA  
Thesis: *Ally the Anomaly*  
Ballet: Dwight Rhoden, Lawrence Rosenberg, Charles Maple, Kim Olmos, Liz Curtis  
Jazz: Wilson Mendieta, Steven Sofia, Will Johnston  
Modern: Julianne O'Brien, Jenny Backhaus, Liz Maxwell, Sean Greene  
Hip Hop: Zachary Groenewold  
Tap: Brandee Lara  
Pilates: Kira Bartoli  
Voice: Patricia Gee  
Acting: Amanda Zarr  
**Residencies: Diavolo: Architecture in Motion, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, Ido Tadmor/ Michael Getman**
- 2019      **High School for the Performing and Visual Arts (HSPVA)- Houston, TX**  
**Musical Theatre Major**  
4.0 Cumulative GPA  
Acting: Cynthia Ogden, Stephanie Wachs, Matt Hune, Susan Koozin, Dylan Godwin, Mekeva McNeil  
Voice: Abby Seible, Charles Swan  
Dance: Charles Swan, Shay Rodgers

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATIONS

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2021 - 2023 **Private Voice**  
Melissa Lyons Caldretti- Brea, CA

2020 **Comprehensive Pilates Mat Certification**  
Company: Synergetic Pilates  
Instructors: Robin Kish, Steven Sofia

2017 - 2019 **DanceZone- Houston, TX**  
**Protege Pre-Professional Company**  
Director: Sheila Milner  
Jazz: Sheila Milner  
Hip-Hop: Aaron Medina  
Contemporary: Thomas Porter  
Tap: Tony Merriwether

2016 - 2019 **Private Voice**  
Jack Beetle- Houston, TX

#### MASTERCLASSES/INTENSIVES

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2022 **Steps on Broadway Theatre Jazz Summer Study**  
**New York, NY**  
**Audition Required**  
Choreography: Sarah Meahl, Adrian Lee  
Theatre Jazz: Skye Mattox, Shannon Lewis, Chip Abbott, Amanda LaMotte, Chryssie Whitehead, Steven Blandino  
Ballet: Kurt Froman, Noriko Hara  
Precision Jazz: Kenna Morris Garcia  
Heels/Commercial Jazz: Jason Williams, Courtney Sauls  
Latin Jazz: Sekou McMiller  
Hip-Hop: Yancy Greene  
Voice: Paul Peglar  
Acting: Carl Danielsen

- 2021            **Kristin Chenoweth Masterclass**  
**Selected Soloist: Singer/Dancer**  
Chapman University- Orange, CA, Salmon Recital Hall  
Accompanist: U-Jung Jung
- 2020 - 2021   **Entity Contemporary Dance Summer/Winter Intensives**  
**Los Angeles, CA/Virtual**  
**Audition Required**  
Mentors: Karen Chuang, Diana Schoenfield, Derek Tabada  
Faculty: Marissa Osato, Kent Boyd, Karen Chuang, Emily Crouch, Will Johnston, Shiori  
Kamijo, Angel Mammoliti, Jason Martin, Grayson McGuire, Vickie Roan, Eugenia  
Rodriguez, Diana Schoenfield, Derek Tabada
- 2014 - 2016   **Texas Arts Project**  
**Austin, TX**  
**Audition Required**  
Director: Ginger Morris  
Choreography: Scott Thompson  
Theatre Jazz: Jean Saillard, Barrett Davis, Coy Branscum  
Voice: Marita Stryker  
Acting: Larry Powell

## STAGE PERFORMANCE

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### **Parades:**

- 2022            **Main Street Electrical Parade, Disneyland- Anaheim, CA**  
Role: Character Performer- White Rabbit/Suzy/Perla  
Director: Jeff Duke

### **Commercial Dance:**

- 2022            ***Poker Face***  
Choreography: Taylor Bolger, Taylor Fine  
Chapman Dance Alliance: Chapman University, Memorial Hall
- 2021            ***Silhouette***

Choreography: Lauren Blunt, Meghan Caito  
Chapman Dance Alliance: Chapman University, Memorial Hall

2019 ***Last Dance***

Choreography: Alli Esposito, Maecey Malone  
Chapman Dance Alliance: Chapman University, Memorial Hall

2019 ***Safety Dance***

Choreography: Maddie Miller Lacambra, Taryn Zimmerer  
Chapman Dance Alliance: Chapman University, Memorial Hall

2019 ***Tourists in Paradise***

Choreography: Amy Magsam  
Chapman Dance Alliance: Chapman University, Memorial Hall

2019 ***Respect***

Choreography: Brandee Lara  
Chapman Celebrates: Chapman University, Musco Center for the Arts

2018 ***Gold***

Choreographer: Sheila Milner  
I Am Blake McGrath Concert- Houston, TX

**Concert Dance:**

2022 ***Flair***

Choreography: Dwight Rhoden  
Fall Faculty Dance Concert: Chapman University, Musco Center for the Arts

2022 ***Wandering***

Choreography: Bethany Violett  
Mainstage Dance Concert: Chapman University, Musco Center for the Arts

2022 ***Entwined***

Choreography: Alana Gregory  
Intime Dance Concert: Chapman University, Waltmar Theatre

2022 ***Created For***

Choreography: Katie Cleek  
Intime Dance Concert: Chapman University, Waltmar Theatre

2021 ***Tears of a Clown***

Choreography: Olivia Liberati  
Intime Dance Concert: Chapman University, Waltmar Theatre

- 2021        ***Redivider***  
Choreography: Meghan Caito  
Intime Dance Concert: Chapman University, Waltmar Theatre
- 2020        ***Continual***  
Choreography: Taryn Zimmerer  
Works in Progress Dance Concert: Chapman University, Waltmar Theatre

**Theatrical Performances:**

- 2019        ***The Wolves by Sarah DeLappe***  
Role: #8  
Director: Mekeva McNeil
- 2019        ***Jersey Boys: Musical Review arranged by Charles Swan***  
Role: Featured Ensemble  
Director: Charles Swan
- 2018        ***The Scavengers by Lucas Baisch***  
Role: Iris  
Directors: Susan Koozin, Dylan Godwin
- 2017        ***Urinetown by Greg Kotis***  
Role: Showgirl  
Director: Charles Swan
- 2017        ***Picnic by William Inge***  
Role: Helen Potts  
Director: Cynthia Ogden
- 2016        ***Crazy for You by Ken Ludwig***  
Role: Follies Girl  
Director: Dana Lewis

FILM PERFORMANCE

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- 2022        ***An Ocean Apart***  
Choreographer: Ashton Titus  
Dancer in Chapman University Dodge College of Media and Arts Senior Thesis
- 2022        ***YMCA Parody***  
Role: Vocal Track

- Ingram Micro's Trust X Alliance Annual Event
- 2021 ***Gasoline***  
Choreographer: Kai Hazelwood  
Dancer in VATTICA Rock Band Music Video
- 2021 ***Getting Back to It***  
Choreography: Alie Kryder  
Chapman Dance Alliance: Chapman University, Virtual Show
- 2020 ***Ride My Wave***  
Choreography: Alexis Roberts  
Team Shaka Music Video with Roisee, the singer
- 2018 ***Whole Lotta Love***  
Ruben Moreno Music Video Dancer  
Bashtown Music Group

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2023 **Chapman Dance Alliance, Community Class**  
Style: Theatre Jazz  
Co-taught choreography to collegiate dance students

## CHOREOGRAPHY

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- 2021 ***One Night in New York***  
Chapman Dance Alliance Showcase  
Style: Jazz Funk
- 2021 ***Fashion***  
Chapman Dance Alliance Virtual Show  
Style: Jazz
- 2021 ***Trapped in Time***  
Works In Progress Virtual Show  
Style: Contemporary

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- 2019 - 2023 **Chapman Dance Alliance Member**  
student run organization on college campus
- 2020 - 2023 **Kappa Kappa Gamma**  
social sorority on college campus
- 2019 - 2020 **Team Shaka**  
Chapman University hip-hop club
- 2015 - 2019 **Super Bowl of Caring Local Youth Advisory Board**  
food drive to end hunger in the Houston, TX area
- 2015 - 2019 **Casa de Esperanza Teen Advisory Board**  
planned and participated in activities for foster children in the Houston, TX area

## AWARDS

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- 2023 **Graduated Summa Cum Laude**  
Chapman University- Orange, CA
- 2021 **“Excellence in Choreography” Award**  
Chapman University Dance Department- Orange, CA
- 2019 **Academic Scholarship**  
Chapman University- Orange, CA
- 2017 - 2019 **“Most Friendly” and “Most Dedicated” Awards**  
DanceZone end of year awards- Houston, TX
- 2016 **“Best Musical Theatre Female”**  
Texas Arts Project- Austin, TX
- 2015 **“Best Actress” Award**  
UIL Theatre Competition- Houston, TX