

# Anna Taravella

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## Education

Oakland University Bachelor of Fine Arts - Dance Honors (Auburn Hills, MI) (2020-present)

## Employment

Pre Professional and Recreational Instructor - Spotlight Dance Works (2018-present)  
Choreographer's Assistant to Liz Schmidt and Adam McGaw (2018-present)  
Administrative Assistant - Spotlight Dance Works (2020-present)  
Regional Tour Staff - VIP Dance Competition (2021-present)  
Guest Teacher at Various Competitive Studios in Michigan (2022-present)  
Assistant Teacher - Spotlight Dance Works (2015-2020)

## Training

American College Dance Association Conference (Athens, OH) (2022)  
Spotlight Dance Works Pre Professional Summer Intensive (Chesterfield, MI) (2015-2022)  
Acrobatic Arts Module 1 Teaching Certification (Canton, MI) (2021)  
Spotlight Dance Works Pre Professional Company (Chesterfield, MI) (2014-2020)  
Contemporary: Now (Frisco, TX) (2019)  
The Summer Dance Sessions (Charlton, MA) (2017)  
Motor City Tap Fest (Detroit, MI) (2017)  
Complexions Contemporary Ballet Summer Intensive (Detroit, MI) (2016)

## Performance

Take Root (Student Apprentice) (2023-present)  
Oakland Dance Theatre - Oakland University (2020-2023)  
*Performed works by Shannon Gillen, Lauren Anderson, and Stephanie Pizzo*  
Repertory Dance Company - Oakland University (2021-2022)  
*Performed works by Gregory Patterson and Thayer Jonutz*  
Choreography 3 Showings - Oakland University (2022)  
Choreography 2 Showings - Oakland University (2022)  
*The Things We Feel* - Kaitlin Arena (2021)  
Spotlight Dance Works (2015-2020)  
*Performed works by Sonya Tayeh, Lauren Adams, Brooke Pierotti, Liz Schmidt, Adam McGaw, Matt Luck, Danny Lawn, and Jeremy Arnold*

## Concert Choreography

*Held Matters* - Oakland University (2023)  
*trusting trying trusting* - Oakland University (2022)  
*I Don't Feel Like Dancin'* (dance on film) - Oakland University (2022)  
*Resumption* - Oakland University (2022)  
*Conversation 458* - Oakland University (2022)

## Awards and Honors

Oakland University Platinum Presidential Scholar Award (2020-present)  
Oakland University Dance Scholarship (2022)  
National Dance Education Organization NHSDA Award Honorable Mention (2020)