



Mikaela Debela

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Photo via Mea Birch

Mikaela Debela is a creative practitioner in the final year of her Bachelor of Dance Studies at the University of Auckland. Previously based in Wellington, Mikaela holds community and building connections at the centre of her practice. Mikaela is interested in exploring and blurring genre lines in dance through collaboration, as well as investigating different forms of creative practice. She aspires to work in live performance spaces, both onstage and off.

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CHOREOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE

- 2024** Co-choreographed a group piece to present at Dulwich College Singapore
- 2024** Co-choreographed a duet to present at Dulwich College Singapore
- 2023** Co-choreographed a duet with Laura Giffels for the University of Auckland's Dance Studies second year showcase, performed at the Mangere Arts Centre
- 2023** Choreographed and performed a set of short phrases to be filmed for a stage lighting resource designed for high school students by Northern Dance Network
- 2022** Co-choreographed a group piece for the University of Auckland's Dance Studies first year showcase, performed at the Kenneth Myers Centre
- 2022** Choreographed a solo for the University of Auckland's Dance Studies first year showcase, performed at the Kenneth Myers Centre

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2024** Performed at Dulwich College Singapore
- 2023** Performed in the University of Auckland's Dance Studies second year showcase
- 2022** Performed in the University of Auckland's Dance Studies first year showcase

PRODUCING EXPERIENCE

- 2024** Production week with Footnote
- 2023/2024** Producer mentorship programme with Foster Group
- 2023** Student producer for the University of Auckland's Dance Studies second and third year performances series


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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Dance Studies, University of Auckland. Expected in 2024.

2023/2024 University of Auckland's Dance Studies Asia Tour

Creation and implementation of lesson plans across ages and styles

Hosting workshops and performing work at Dulwich College Singapore

Networking and sharing work with students at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts

2024 Choreography and Performance, Dance Technique Stage 3, Professional Practices, Contemporary Indigenous Practices o te Moana Nui a Kiwa, Dance and Technology, Dance in Aotearoa/New Zealand, Dance Education Research, Contemporary Dance and Choreography Stage 3

2023 Dance Technique Stage 2, Community Dance, Dance and Interdisciplinarity, Introductory Italian Language, Youthwork: Understanding New Zealand Youth, Safe Dance Practices, New Zealand Dance Contexts and History, Contemporary Dance and Choreography Stage 2

2022 Dance Technique Stage 1, Dance Education, Pacific Music and Dance, Kapa Haka, Dance History and Context, Dance Writing, Dance Kinesiology, Contemporary Dance and Choreography Stage 1

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024 Masterclass with Peeping Tom, Diptych

2024 Masterclass with Stephanie Lake, Manifesto

2024 Masterclass with Footnote, IYKYK

2024 Secondment with Footnote

2023 Producing 101 Workshop with Zoë Nicholson

2023 Attended workshop hosted by the University of Auckland's Dance Studies Tuakana

2022 Assistant stage managed for The Dance Well Centre's end of year show

2022 Attended wananga hosted by the University of Auckland's Dance Studies Tuakana

2022 Attended workshop hosted by the University of Auckland's Dance Studies Tuakana

2020 Attended workshop hosted by FlexN

LEADERSHIP

UNIVERSITY AMBASSADOR

Representing and promoting the Creative Arts and Industries faculty, and the Dance Studies department at events within and outside of the University of Auckland

2023 Facilitated workshops at the Dance Studies auditions


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- 2023** Participated in the creation of promotional materials for the Dance Studies department
- 2023** Participated in the creation of a dance education resource for YouDance
- 2023** Helped facilitate and usher YouDance event
- 2023** Participated in the creation of a dance education resource for Te Kura
- 2022/2023** Operated the Dance Studies stall at the University of Auckland's open day

CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

- 2023** Contemporary Dance and Choreography Stage 2
- 2022** Pacific Music and Dance

AWARDS & PUBLICATIONS

- 2022** First in course award for Dance Kinesiology
- 2022** First in course award for Dance Writing
- 2021** Published in the New Zealand Poetry Society's Anthology
- 2020** Published in the New Zealand Poetry Society's Anthology
- 2019** Published in the New Zealand Poetry Society's Anthology

OTHER SKILLS

- ★ Working proficiency of French
- ★ Knitting
- ★ Sewing, with access to a sewing machine
- ★ Proficient knowledge of pattern drafting & fabric draping

REFEREES

Available upon request