

BRIANNA MIMS

ARTIST - ABOLITIONIST - FACILITATOR

EDUCATION

BFA in Dance **2019**
Studied Dance / NGOs and Social Change
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

EXPERIENCE

Californians United for a Responsible Budget **PRESENT**
Advocacy Support Staff

Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB) is a statewide coalition of 70 grassroots organizations that is reducing the number of people in prisons and jails, shrinking the imprisonment system, and shifting public spending from corrections and policing to human services.

#jailbeddrop **2019 - PRESENT**
Director, Curator, Performer

This iteration of #jailbeddrop consists of a performance and interactive installation rooted in challenging our inherent notion between "crime" and punishment. The work contextualizes and facilitates a space to explore interpersonal accountability and reflect those values back on our "criminal justice system." This project is an extension of the #jailbeddrop art series created by Patrisse Cullors and Cecilia Sweet-Coll through Justice LA in 2017.

APRIL 2019 California African American Museum in partnership w/ USC Arts and Action and BLM LA

NOV 2019 Reform LA Jails Day Party

JAN 2020 Martin Luther King Festival

FEB 2020 Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) Geffen at For Freedoms Congress

JUNE 2020 South LA Contemporary

S.A.R.A.H.'S Foundation Inc. **2014 - PRESENT**
Founder

A movement and self - reflection program that utilizes movement practices as a catalyst for our healing process. Collaborations include Resources for Human Development, Stepping Stones Children's Partial Program (Philadelphia, PA), Salvation Army (Jacksonville, FL), Union Rescue Mission (Los Angeles, CA), Malabar St Elementary (Los Angeles, CA), Crete Academy (Los Angeles, CA).

Reform LA Jails **2019 - 2020**
Artist in Residence

Reform L.A. Jails is a committee formed to support a 2020 county-wide ballot initiative to grant the L.A. County Sheriff's Department Civilian Oversight Commission with subpoena power to effectively and independently investigate misconduct and to develop a plan to reduce jail populations and to redirect the cost savings into alternatives to incarceration.

ARTIST & ORGANIZER RESIDENCY / WOMEN'S CENTER FOR CREATIVE WORK
OCT & NOV 2020

RADICAL BLACK FEMME PROJECT RESIDENCY
DEC 2020

TOULMIN FELLOW / NYU CENTER FOR BALLET AND THE ARTS X NATIONAL SAWDUST
CURRENT

MODELING & COMMERCIAL WORK

Featured in Janelle Monae's "Turn Tables" Music Video **2020**
Ceres Sportswear Video Campaign **2020**
Converse All Star Campaign **2020**
Converse Renew Campaign **2020**
Capricorn by Martine Syms **2019**
Featured in L'Officiel USA Magazine and Frieze Art Fair London
Athleta "Power of She" Campaign **2019**
Yes To Campaign **2019**
Paris Fashion Week Ellae' Lisque' **2017**
Discover LA Paper Planes Commercial **2017**
Herbal Essence Campaign - Hair Story **2017**
Discover LA National Commercial (dancer) **2017**
Sai Suman "The Queen in Me" Fall/Winter **2017**
LA Fashion Week - Art Hearts Fashion **2017**
NY Fashion Week - Art Hearts Fashion **2017**

PERFORMANCES

The Music Center: For the Love of LA **2020**
Visions and Voices Foresight 2020 **2020**
New Leaders Now: Artist Advancing Racial Justice
NoSesso Fashion Week **2020**
Phlemuns Fashion Show **2019**
Works by d. Sabela grimes **2018 - 2019**
Electrogynous and Dark Matter Messages
Works by Patrisse Cullors **2018 - 2019**
"Where will you go?" and Hair Wash
Coachella 2018 with Sudan Archives **2018**
Bill T. Jones - USC Visions & Voices
USC Kaufman & Hubbard Street 2 at USC Fisher Museum **2015**
NAACP 49th Annual Freedom Fund Award Dinner **2014**
National NAACP ACT-SO **2014**

GRANTS / AWARDS

USC Levan Institute of Humanities and Ethics Grant
Black Artist Grant
2014 National NAACP ACT-SO Gold Medal Winner, Dance Category
City of Los Angeles Recognition of Service
from Councilmember Herb J. Wesson, Jr., July 2018
Converse All-Stars Member
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LANGUAGES

Elementary Proficiency in Arabic (Modern Standard Arabic)
Studied at USC and Strommen Language Institute, currently studying at Qasid Arabic Institute

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