

**Melissa Kieffer** Dancer with Sasha Waltz & Guests, Victor Rottier, Mirjam Gurtner

**Teacher**, Choreographer

## Web

Instagram Nationality Date of birth E-Mail Languages Extra skills

## Education



I am deeply convinced that movement expresses our deepest nature, for which we sometimes have no words. Dance expresses that creatively. As a dancer, I strive to find ways to express from the inside out. In my personal dance practice, I am looking for self surprising moments, diversity of bodily expressed motives, dreams and codes of human life - containing the narrative but not forgetting about the strong physicality. I am interested in dangerous and tamed movement, sometimes delightful but determined, mysterious but still accessible.

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2013-2014: Tanzfabrik, Berlin. Dance Intensive

**2015-2018:** La Manufacture, Lausanne. Bachelor in contemporary dance, creation/choreography option, artistic director: Thomas Hauert

- 2018: Manufactured, Fabrice Mazliah, STEPS Tour, Switzerland
- 2018: Subject to change, Michael Schumacher, STEPS TOUR, Switzerland
- 2018: Living Room, Zoe Poluch, Lausanne, Geneva, Zurich
- 2017: Time...two, Jeremy Nelson, Lausanne, Geneva
  2017: Drumming Repertoire, Taka Shamoto, Cie. Rosas,
- Lausanne
- 2016: Re/Rosas, Théâtre Vidy, fête de la danse, Lausanne
  2016: Divan, Cie. 7273, Lausanne, Geneva

**Feb. 2021- July 2021:** University of the arts & Tanztangente, Berlin, "Creating Dance in Art and Education"

March 2019 - May 2022: Permanent Online Training with Shai Faran

Performance	- Planned for 2024: New production with <b>Sasha Waltz &amp; Guests, Victor</b> Rottier and Mirjam Gurtner
	- March - June 2023: PLAY IV (Performing Arts Festival Berlin / 48h Neukölln, Berlin), <u>Mirjam Gurtner</u>
	-December 2022 - Feb. 2023: greywax 140, Bern, Switzerland, <u>Victor</u> <u>Rottier</u>
	- From September 2022 - now: "In C" (Touring in Italy and Germany), <u>Sasha Waltz&amp;Guests</u> , Berlin
	- May 2022: Residency with <u>Sebastian Zuber</u> , St Gallen
	- March - August 2022: Time Gestures, in collaboration with Lauren Rae Mace (Staatstheater Kassel)
	- March - May 2022: PLAY, <u>Mirjam Gurtner</u> (Swiss Tour May 2022)
	- 2021/22: Durch Hilma, <u>Breeanne Saxton</u> , Berlin, Sweden
	- July 2021: Cherry Wringing, <u>Fleur Darkin (Scottish Dance</u> <u>Theatre)</u> , Berlin
	- April - June 2021: Quintett, <u>Hermesdance</u> , Bern, Switzerland
	- 2020: Ode to Phanes, <u>Alma Edelstein-Feinsilber</u> , Berlin (MasDanza Extension Tour, Canary Islands)
	- 2019: White Light, <u>Cie LeLokart</u> , Neuchatel
	- 2019: Mercury Rising, <b>Michael Schumacher</b> , Amsterdam
	- 2019: Decidophobia, <u>Sacha Vera</u> , Utrecht
	- 2018: Solarstorm, <b>Johannes Wieland</b> , Berlin
Choreography and artistic	- 2023: Artificial Horizon, in collaboration with Danceworks Berlin and JTW Spandau, Berlin
management	- 2022: Enjoying the cold of the marble, in collaboration with DIE ETAGE, piece for 11 dancers, JTW Spandau
	- 2021: NEO, piece for 13 performers, JTW Spandau
	- 2020: Expal, final project Seneca e.V. students, Berlin
	- 2019: Speechless, creation JTW Spandau, Berlin
	- 2018: Solo Memphis Belle, La Manufacture, Lausanne
Teaching	From 2019 until today - professional classes and educational (and amateur) settings: Scottish Dance Theatre, Danceworks Berlin, Marameo Berlin, Dock11 Berlin, 4fürTanz Leipzig, Tanznetz Freiburg, LafdK Bremen, Tanzhalle Berlin, Seneca Intensiv Programs, Die Etage contemporary dance, Jugendtheaterwerkstatt Spandau, The Practice Berlin
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**Stipends/Fundings** 

Residencies

**Coproductions**/

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