

KELLY ASHTON TODD

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Kelly Ashton Todd is an award-winning director, choreographer, performing artist, and environmental activist who makes work for both live theater and film. With over a decade of performing and creating in immersive theater, her works center the audience while creating heightened emotional experiences steeped in environmental advocacy.

AWARDS

2022 Emerging Choreographer Springboard Danse Montréal
2021 Global Leadership Impact Artist
2021 New Vision Award International Wildlife Film Festival
2020 Jerome Hill Artist Fellowship Finalist
2019 NYSCA/NYFA Artist Fellowship in Choreography

THEATER DIRECTING & CHOREOGRAPHY

2024	What's in the soil?	Ballare Carmel (CA)
2024	the pain of my erosion	Texas Christian University (TX)
2024	Endangered Species	Gibney Dance Center (NYC)
2022	5 billion years	Usine C (Montreal, Canada)
2022	nest, act II	92Y Kauffman Theater (NYC)
2021	nest, act II	NOoSPHERE Arts (NYC)
2021	Riding Red	Arts On Site (NYC)
2020	nest, act I	NOoSPHERE Arts (NYC)

IMMERSIVE THEATER DIRECTING & CHOREOGRAPHY

2022	Sleep No More (Lady Macduff Solo)	McKittrick Hotel (NYC)
2019	Under Review: Gold Butte	Governors Island (NYC)
2019	Summer in the Multiverse	Meow Wolf (Santa Fe, NM)
2019	VORTEX Music Festival	Meow Wolf (Taos, NM)

FILM DIRECTING & CHOREOGRAPHY

2024	Under Review: Conservation	(currently in pre-production)
2022	L'Oréal Paris Creative Project	Sustainability Campaign
2021	Under Review: Katahdin	The United Nations, International Wildlife Film Festival, Crested Butte Film Festival, Portland Dance Film Festival, Dance Camera West, Eugene Environmental Film Festival
2019	Under Review: Gold Butte	Maine Museum of Photography, Jacksonville Dance Film Festival, Colorado Environmental Film Festival, Shorts Night NYC

RESIDENCIES

2023	Baryshnikov Arts Center	NYC
2023	Wildacres Environmental Artist	North Carolina
2019	LEIMAY Fellowship	NYC
2019	Keshet Maker's Space	New Mexico

ADVOCACY SPEAKING

2023	The United Nations - Panelist for Women at the Intersection of Technology and the Environment	NYC
2021	Arizona State University - the Intersection of Public Lands and Art	AZ
2021	Texas Christian University - Using Advocacy in Art	TX

GRANTS

2022	Brooklyn Arts Fund
2021	NYSC - Media
2020	Brooklyn Arts Fund
2019	Brooklyn Arts Fund
2019	Puffin Foundation
2019	Walmart E-commerce

TEACHING

2024	NYU - Playwrights Horizon	NYC
2024	Texas Christian University	TX
2024	Sam Houston State University	TX
2024	University Texas Austin	TX
2024	University of North Texas	TX
2023-Present	Gibney Dance Center	NYC
2015-2022	Sleep No More	NYC
2019	Meow Wolf	NM

PERFORMANCE

2015-2022	Sleep No More	NYC
2018	Johannes Wieland	Germany
2016	Peter Pan, Broadway Asia	NYC
2012	zoeljuniper	TX

EDUCATION

William Esper School, 2-Year Program, 2023

Arizona State University, Master's in Sustainability Leadership, 2021

Texas Christian University, BFA Modern Dance and Double Minor in Environmental Science and Biology, 2011