

NICOLE HAGEN

Originally from Rancho Santa Margarita, California, Nicole Hagen grew up training and competing at South County Dance under the direction of Clarisse Takemoto. Here, she fostered her undeniable passion, curiosity, and enthusiasm for dance, which led her to Chapman University where she graduated with a BFA in Dance Performance and a minor in Business Administration. During her time at Chapman, she had the opportunity to perform works by Ido Tadmor, Sean Greene, Nancy-Dickson Lewis, and Alicia Guy and present her own research at the Performing Arts Medical Association conference in New York City. She is grateful to have received the Fannie Kalis and Donna Cucunato awards and scholarships in recognition for her outstanding contribution and achievement in dance as a junior and senior at Chapman.

In addition to her passion to perform, Nicole has enjoyed diving into the world of choreography. While at Chapman, she began exercising her choreographic voice and received the Nancy-Dickson Lewis Excellence in Choreography award. Since then, she has been featured as a two-time finalist at the McCallum Choreography festival in Palm Desert and has set her work at Mt. San Antonio College for their Fall Repertory Concert.

As a current resident of Los Angeles, Nicole is currently a member of LA Contemporary Dance Company, MashUp Contemporary Dance Company and is a member of SAG-AFTRA. She has had the privilege to dance alongside Paramore at the Teen Choice Awards, in episodes of 'This Is Us', the Netflix Series 'Dear White People', a Banks music video, with the Anaheim Ballet, and the LA Follies. Additionally, she has furthered her training by attending several intensives including LA Contemporary Dance, Gaga Los Angeles, Body Traffic, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, Alonzo King Lines Ballet, Entity Contemporary Dance, and the Rockettes.

As a long-time resident of Southern California, Nicole has been exposed to a wide variety of artists who have helped shape her own distinct and expansive artistic vocabulary. Nicole is thrilled to share her passion and knowledge for dance with all of her students here at South County Dance.