

NICOLE HAGEN

Originally from Rancho Santa Margarita, California, Nicole Hagen graduated from Chapman University with a BFA in Dance Performance and a minor in Business Administration. During her time at Chapman, she has had the opportunity to perform works by Ido Tadmor, Sean Greene, Nancy-Dickson Lewis, and Alicia Guy. At the end of her junior year, Nicole received the Fannie Kalis Award and Scholarship and at the end of her senior year, she won the Donna Cucunato award, both in recognition of her overall contribution and commitment to the Chapman Dance Department. She also received the Nancy-Dickson Lewis Excellence in Choreography award in 2017 for her piece 'Anesthetize'. In July of 2016, she was selected to present her research at the Performing Arts Medical Association Conference in New York City. Nicole loved being highly involved at Chapman by choreographing for several department concerts, serving as the Co-President of Chapman Dance Alliance, being a member of Chapman University Dance Team and performing with Chapman's Dance Touring Ensemble.

Nicole is currently a member of MashUp Contemporary Dance Company and is commercially represented by McDonald/Selznick Associates. She has had the privilege to dance alongside Paramore at the Teen Choice Awards, was featured in Dance Spirit Magazine as a Future Star Award Recipient and has performed at the APAP Showcase in New York City, Carnival Choreographer's Ball, Mix Match Dance Festival, McCallum Choreography Festival, and the Kolowrat Theater in Prague to name a few. Additionally, she has furthered her training by attending several intensives including LA Contemporary Dance, Gaga Los Angeles, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, Alonzo King Lines Ballet, Entity Contemporary Dance, and the Rockettes Pre-Professional Program.

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.