



ABDIEL FIGUEROA REYES

Abdiel Figueroa Reyes (He/They) was born and raised in Guaynabo, Puerto Rico, before moving to the United States in 2011. He graduated from the Las Vegas Academy of the Arts with a Dance Major in 2016, after beginning his professional dance training as a studio company member at The Rock Center for Dance. Figueroa's relationship with the Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) began in 2015, culminating in a first-place win in the contemporary division in San Francisco, followed by participation in the finals in 2016 and 2017. He then joined Contemporary West Dance Theater as an apprentice and later entered Hubbard Street's Professional Program, where he refined his skills under esteemed mentors. In 2019, he became a company member of Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, where he continued to develop his artistry until 2024. Figueroa's achievements include being named one of the "Top 25 to Watch" by Dance Magazine in 2020 and one of four Latinx dancers breaking boundaries that year.

He was awarded the Princess Grace Award in 2022, recognizing his exceptional talent and contributions to the field. Recently, he was featured in Forbes 30 Under 30 Local Chicago for his commitment to innovative therapeutic dance and has plans to pursue a Master's degree. He is also embarking on a choreography journey, creating works for various collectives, such as BOYKIN TWO and Hubbard Street Dance Chicago's Inside/Out, with a forthcoming commission from the University of Chicago TAPS program in 2025. Figueroa aims to highlight his queer Latin American experience through innovative narrative choreography, aspiring to challenge the boundaries of traditional concert dance.