

# CHARLIE NESHYBA HODGES

With a scientist's mind, a poet's heart, and a child's eyes, I straddle the line between Dance and Design seeing volume, play, momentum, proportion, and purpose. I have learned the best plan is to dive in head-first and see what becomes of natural talent and a will to survive.

## PORTFOLIO

My company: [archamelia.com](http://archamelia.com)

Personal: [charliehodges.design](http://charliehodges.design)

## EDUCATION

### ArtCenter College of Design

#### Valedictorian - 2018

B. S. Product Design  
Minor in Sustainability  
and Social Impact

### University of Washington

#### Summa Cum Laude - 2009

B.F.A Dance  
Minor in Architecture

## CURRENT EXPERIENCE

### the DESIGN LAB at NASA's JPL (JET PROPULSION LAB) *Pasadena, California*

#### Senior Designer for Art and Installation *Fall 2018 - Present*

- Responsible for the creation of various installations on lab for NISAR, a new climate change satellite, to teach the public, impress important visitors, and motivate engineers.
  - Designed, Installed a Trophy wall that celebrates the engineers of the mission,
  - Designed, Manufactured, Installed “**Changes Over Time**,” 12 custom clocks that represent NISAR's observations against impacts caused by climate change.
  - Designed, Manufactured “Spinners,” hand-held conversation “ice-breakers” for the public during JPL's Open House.
  - Designed, Manufactured, Installed a 12' sculpture that greets new guests and explains what NISAR does, how it does it, and why it matters.
  - Designed, Manufactured 16' posters seamlessly collaging 300+ images into a perpetual loop to contrast Earth's natural beauty against climate change.

### ARCHAMELIA *Inglewood, California*

#### Founder et al *Summer 2016 - Present*

- Launched a company for a sustainable, gender neutral toy that offers nutritious play through construction, make-believe, craft activities, and illustrative scavenger hunts.
- Create Structural Designs, Build and Playtest Prototypes, Create Artwork and Gamefied Illustrations, Design and Update Website and Digital Content, Execute Manufacturing, Assembly, and Distribution.

#### Awards and Recognition for Archamelia

- **Podcast Feature on “Wasted”**, NPR and KCRW. Host Frances Anderton. Jan. '21
- Bixel StartUp Recipient, SBDC. Apr. '19
- **IDesignAwards Gold Winner** for “Best Design in Toys and Products.” Feb. '19
- LaunchLab Entrepreneurial Incubator Award Recipient. Jan. '19
- Published in “Designing for Kids” as an example of Gender Neutral Design. Aug '19
- **IDEA Gold Winner**, for “Best Student Design”. Sponsored by IDSA. Sept. '18
- **Denhart Sustainability Award** for “Special Recognition.” Spring '18
- Podcast Feature on “Genesis of Creativity.” Host Lorne Buchman. Aug '18
- Panel Speaker at “Leadership in the 21st Century.” Host BOLD Symposium.

### ARTCENTER COLLEGE of DESIGN *Pasadena, California*

#### Adjunct Faculty *Fall 2020 - Present*

- Lead the 3rd term Product Design studio course, which focuses on User Interaction in Research and Design.
- Created the course “Design Autopsy” that helps students uncover how to increase the odds of a successful outcome within their own design process.

### L.A. DANCE PROJECT *Los Angeles, California*

#### Rehearsal Director *Summer 2012 - Present*

- Oversee scheduling for 10 dancers in an international touring company. Responsible for time-management, and directing rehearsals of a dozen different choreographic works. Teach daily company class to maintain skills and peak conditioning.
- Make in-the-moment decisions to adapt to constantly changing conditions in order to mount a successful performance to as many as 2000 audience members.

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## CONTACT

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## PASSION SKILLS

Data Visualization  
Generative Research  
Analysis and Insights  
Concept Development  
Prototyping  
Storytelling  
Sustainability  
Organization  
Time Management  
Presentation

## PROJECT SKILLS

Beginning to End of Design:  
Research, Ideation, Sketching,  
Development, Prototyping,  
Sourcing, Manufacturing,  
Testing, and Installation.  
Leadership, Communication,  
Time Management, and  
Presentation.

## SOFTWARE SKILLS

Photoshop ●●●●○	Keyshot ●●●●○
Illustrator ●●●●●	Microsoft Word ●●●●●
InDesign ●●●○○	Excel ●●●○○
AfterEffects ●●●●○	SolidWorks ●●●●○

## PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

### DESIGN and ARCHITECTURE

#### Los Angeles, CA and New York, NY

- Design Intern at Boombang, Inc. (CA). Redesigned headphones for medical devices. Research/Development of anti-plastic packaging solutions for tamper-resistant, easy-to-use drug testing kits for Major League Baseball. Designed packaging solutions for a new line of pet-care products.
- Junior draftsman for Architecture firm ODA (NY), a firm specializing in highend residential renovations. Drafted floor plans and elevations, sourced fixtures, and pushed permits through processing and approval.

### DESIGN AWARDS and RECOGNITION

- **Graduated Valedictorian** and **with Distinction** - ArtCenter College of Design.
- Leadership Nominee at ArtCenter College of Design.
- WantedDesign ArtCenter Representative at NYC Design Week.
- **IDSA Student Merit Award Winner** for **Western District** and the **Regional Conference**.
- Williamson Gallery Showcase:
  - *Kodak MARK* - Packaging Design
  - *Urbanette* - Toy Design
  - *Trash to Treasure* - Product Design
  - *reLAX Pass* - Product Design
  - *Pirate Pachinko* - Toy Design
  - *Paper Architecture* - Stage Design
- ArtCenter Best Design - 3rd Place in the Toy Car Showcase.
- 4-time recipient of the Elise Mudd Marvin Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

### PROFESSIONAL DANCER

#### Twyla Tharp, L.A. Dance Project, Broadway, and More. *Fall 1998 - Summer 2018*

From ballet to Broadway, I danced professionally across 33 nations. Primary collaboration with Twyla Tharp as dancer, assistant, archivist, repetiteur, and creator. Notable collaborations with Frank Stella, Richard Avedon, Bob Dylan, Billy Joel, Jon-Michel Othoniel, the Sinatra Family, Rodarte, Christopher Wool, and Barbara Kruger.

#### Dance Awards and Recognition

- LA Weekly's 2014 **Person of the Year** for Contributions to Dance and Dance Education.
- **TEDx Speaker** at "Learning From The Fall."
- Recipient of the 2010 Fred Astaire Award for **Best Male Dancer on Broadway**.
- Recipient of the 2003 European Critic's Choice Award for **Best Male Dancer of the Year**.
- **Mary Gates Research Scholar**. Thesis: "How a Dancer's Mind Works."

### ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Faculty

- The Colburn School. 2014 - Present
- Westside Academy. 2020 - Present
- California Institute of the Arts. 2018-2020

#### Broadway

- *Movin' Out*. By Twyla Tharp and Billy Joel
- *Times A-Changing*. By Tharp and Bob Dylan
- ***Come Fly Away*. By Tharp and Frank Sinatra**

#### Languages

English (first)  
French (read fluently, speak with thought)

### ATTRIBUTES

#### Characteristics

Punctual, Eager, Resilient, Empathetic,  
Kind, Productive, Creative, Expressive,  
Patient, Efficient, and Optimistic

#### Influences

Eames, Girard, Rushdie, Baum, Pinker,  
Periand, Rand, Gaudi, Lloyd Wright,  
and Corbusier

#### Interests

Origami, science, philosophy, exercise,  
psychology, gardening, anything analog