



Samantha Figgins talks Hearing Loss Journey

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A journey through Hearing Loss. Host Chris Richardson sits down with Samantha Figgins, a renowned dancer from Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, for a conversation to discover Samantha's journey with hearing loss, her experiences in the dance world, and her advocacy for the deaf and disabled community. Learn about her choreographic debut, her work with Beyoncé, and her insights on embracing differences. This episode is a testament to resilience, creativity, and the power of community.

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Samantha Figgins began dancing at Duke Ellington School of the Arts under the tutelage of Charles Auggins and Sandra Fortune-Greene and attended summer intensives at Dance Theatre of Harlem under the direction of Arthur Mitchell. She continued her education at SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Dance. There, she performed works by George Balanchine, Bill T. Jones, Paul Taylor, and Twyla Tharp.

Upon graduating cum laude, Figgins became a member of Complexions Contemporary Ballet, performing works by Dwight Rhoden, Jae Man Joo, and Camille A. Brown. She also performed at the 2014 DanceOpen Festival in St. Petersburg, Russia. Figgins was featured both on the cover of Dance Spirit magazine and in Pointe magazine's "10 Careers to Watch" in 2013. She has worked with Beyoncé and can be seen in the film Enemy Within alongside Tiler Peck and Matthew Rushing.

In 2025 she made her choreographic debut on Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater with the creation of The Holy Blues, in collaboration with Jawole Willa Jo Zollar and Chalvar Monteiro.

In 2026, Figgins joined the advisory board for The HuffPost 'Voices of Disabled People' where she continues to advocate for the Deaf and Disabled Community. Figgins joined the company in 2014.

Watch full interview here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04q7VK_WYW8

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