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curriculum vitae

EDUCATION:

2003-2006 Master of Fine Arts, University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR
Major: Acting
GPA: 3.95

1998-2001 Bachelor of Arts, Music
University of Arkansas
Major: Voice
GPA: 3.55

1997-1998 The Catholic University of America
Washington, D.C.
Musical Theatre Major
GPA: 3.77

TEACHING:

Aug. 2017-present Instructor
Department of Theatre
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR

COURSES TAUGHT:
Theatre Appreciation
Musical Theatre Appreciation
Honors Theatre Appreciation
Musical Theatre Performance
Acting I for Majors
Acting I for Non-Majors
Special Topics (Voice)
Theatre Appreciation mentor for GAs
Acting I Mentor for GAs

August 2023 - present Folk School of Fayetteville - Voice and Piano Teacher

August 2022- present Har-ber High School - Voice Teacher, All-Region and
All-State coach

June - August 2021 Theatre Summer Camp Director
Arts Live Theatre
Fayetteville, AR

Aug. 2016-present Teaching Artist
Trike Theatre

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Bentonville, AR

Aug. 2016-June 2017

Theatre Teacher, 9th-12th grade
Don Tyson School of Innovation
Springdale, AR

Aug. 2013-June 2016

Theatre Teacher, K-12th grade
Selwyn College Preparatory School
Denton, TX

Jan. 2013-June 2016

Acting Teacher
Denton Community Theatre Theatre School

Aug. 2012-July 2013

Theatre Teacher, K-5th grade
Drama Kids International
Various Elementary Schools
Denton, TX

Aug. 2012-June 2013

Music Teacher, Pre K
Carpe Diem Private Preschool
Allen, TX

Jan. 2010-June 2012

Acting Teacher
Broadway Bound Kids
NY, NY

Jan. 2011-June 2012

Acting Teacher
Child's Play NY
NY, NY

Jan. 2009- June 2012

Acting Teacher, Singing Teacher, Choir, Piano Teacher
Democracy Prep Charter School
Harlem, NY, NY

Jan. 2009-June 2010

Musical Theatre Teacher, Choir Director
Dreamyard Preparatory School
Bronx, NY, NY

2003-2006

Graduate Assistant
MFA Program, University of Arkansas

COURSES TAUGHT:

Theatre Lecture
Introduction to Dramatic Arts
Acting I and II for Non-Majors

2000-present

Private acting, voice, and piano teacher

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DIRECTING:

2021 *Shrek Junior Musical Theatre Camp*
Arts Live Theatre
Fayetteville, AR

2021 *Create a Play Theatre Camp*
Arts Live Theatre
Fayetteville, AR

2019 *Voice Cabaret*
Singing and Acting Recital over ZOOM
Students from various parts of Arkansas, Texas, & Maine

2013-2016 *An Evening of Scenes, Songs, and Monologues*
The School of Innovation
Springdale, AR

2014 *Various Devised Plays with K-12 students*
Selwyn College Preparatory School
Denton, TX

2014 *Just Another High School Play*
Selwyn College Preparatory School
Denton, TX

2013 *Our Town*
Selwyn College Preparatory School
Denton, TX

ASSISTANT DIRECTING:

2024 (this Summer) *Beauty and the Beast*
Arts One Presents
Springdale, AR

MUSIC DIRECTING:

2024 (this Fall) *Title of Show*
Theatre Collective of NWA
Fayetteville, AR

2023-24 *The Fantasticks*
Thaden School
Bentonville, AR

2023 *Songs for a New World*

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Fayetteville, AR

- 2022 *Alexander Who's Not Not Not Not Not Not Going to Move*
Trike Theatre
Bentonville, AR
- 2021 *Shrek Junior the Musical Theatre Summer Camp*
Arts Live Theatre
Fayetteville, AR
- 2019 *Mary Poppins Junior*
Trike Theatre
Arts Center of the Ozarks
Springdale, AR
- 2014 *The Little Mermaid Junior*
Denton Community Theatre
Denton, TX
- 2012 *Hairspray*
Democracy Prep Charter School
Harlem, NY
- 2011 *Guys and Dolls*
Democracy Prep Charter School
Harlem, NY
- 2011 *Seussical the Musical*
Child's Play, NY
Brooklyn, NY
- 2010 *The Music Man*
Democracy Prep Charter School
Harlem, NY
- 2010 *Annie*
Child's Play NY
Brooklyn, NY
- 2010 *Forty-Five Minutes from Broadway*
Broadway Bound Kids
NY, NY
- 2009 *Annie*
Democracy Prep Charter School
Harlem, NY

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WORKSHOPS/MENTORING:

2023	Faculty Mentor/Actor <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i> University of Arkansas
2023	Basics of Singing Folk School of Fayetteville
2023	Musical Theatre Audition Class Folk School of Fayetteville
2023	Monologue Workshop Arkansas Thespian Festival Russellville, AR
2023	Musical Theatre Workshop Arkansas Thespian Festival Russellville, AR
2023	Judge - One Acts and More Arkansas Thespian Festival Russellville, AR
2022	Yoga Class for Beginners Kimpel 404, University of Arkansas
2022	Musical Theatre/Monologue Workshop Instructor Fayetteville, AR
2022	Theatre Appreciation Teaching Workshop for GAs University of Arkansas Fayetteville, AR
2021, 2020, 2019, 2018	Script Analysis for Actors Script Analysis Class taught by Les Wade University of Arkansas
2019-present	Mentor for Acting MFA GA's teaching Acting and Theatre Appreciation (UA)
2020	University of Tulsa Acting Coach: <i>Almost, Maine</i>
2019	University of Tulsa Voice Coach: <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>

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2018 Rogers High School - Acting Workshop (UA)
Bentonville West High School - Acting Workshop (UA)

ACTING/THEATRE:

2023 Titania
A Midsummer Night's Dream
University of Arkansas
Fayetteville, AR

2023 Iris, Boatswain, and Rough Magic
The Tempest
Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre
Conway, AR and Fayetteville, AR

2023 Clara Schumann
Clara and Johannes at the Lake
Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra
Bentonville, AR

2022 Beatrice
Much Ado About Nothing
Arkansas Shakespeare Festival
Conway, AR and Fayetteville, AR

2022 Titania
Scenes from A Midsummer Night's Dream
Fayetteville Public Library

2021 Sheila
Dairy Queen, a Staged Reading
University of Arkansas and Mount Sequoyah
Fayetteville, AR

2021 Mrs. Fezziwig, Charwoman, Fred's Wife
A Christmas Carol
TheatreSquared
Fayetteville Public Library
Fayetteville, AR

2021 The Devil
A Soldier's Tale
Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra
Bentonville, AR

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2021
Invisible Friend
Turning Red: Choose Love
Trike Theatre
Bentonville, AR

2020
Marge, Nila, Old Woman, Donut Shop Attendant
Thrift Store Junkie
University of Arkansas Zoom Production
Fayetteville, AR

2020
Lady Bird, Turtle, Mother Frog, Mole, Squirrel
A Year With Frog and Toad
Trike Theatre
Fayetteville, AR, Notre Dame and Indianapolis, Indiana

2019
Mrs. Fezziwig, Charwoman, Fred's Wife
A Christmas Carol
TheatreSquared
Fayetteville, AR

2019
Petra Quince
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Trike Theatre
Bentonville, AR

2018
Smee
Peter Pan
Trike Theatre
Fayetteville, AR

2017
Violet and Various Women
It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play
TheatreSquared
Fayetteville, AR

2015
Amanda
A Feminine Ending
Point Bank Black Box
Denton, TX

2014
Karen
August: Osage County
Campus Theatre
Denton, TX

2014
Maria
The Sound of Music

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Arts Center of the Ozarks
Springdale, AR

2011

Lorelei
The Lorelei
NYU Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program
NY, NY

2010 and 2011

Janet
The Rocky Horror Show
Tulsa Project Theatre
Tulsa, OK

2010

Performer
Broadway Show: International Theatre Festival
Rappallo, Italy

2009

Izzy
Rabbit Hole
TheatreSquared
Fayetteville, AR

2008

Martha Cratchit, Fred's Wife, Mrs. Dilber
A Christmas Carol
Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey
Madison, NJ

2006

Mother
Lily's Purple Plastic Purse
TheatreSquared
Nadine Baum Studios
Fayetteville, AR

** Extended acting resume upon request*

ACTING/TV/FILM/VOICEOVER:

2021 and 2022

Sam's Club Voiceover Artist
Prisma Inc.
Bentonville, AR

2020

Mom, Lead
Board Game Shoot
Intercut Productions, Barn Studios
Vaughn, AR

2020

Mom, Lead
Walmart Product Shoot
Rogers, AR

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2019 Customer, Lead
Walmart Industrial
Bentonville, AR

2018 Clara Ford
Chase the Lion
TBN, directed by Devon Parks

2018 Candace
Sweet Inspirations
Cupcakes Movie LLC, Directed by Brittany Yost

2018 Sales Clerk, Lead
Walmart Industrial
Bentonville, AR

OTHER:

2024 *Chit Chat with Mark Landon Smith*
Podcast
Guest Artist

2023 Clara Schumann
Clara and Johannes at the Lake
Co-production with Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra/Trike
Theatre; Written by Bob Ford
Bentonville, AR

2023 Singer/Pianist
Arts One Presents Holiday Fundraiser
Springdale, AR

2021 The Devil
A Soldier's Tale
Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra
Thaden School
Bentonville, AR

2020 Singer/Performer
Bartizal Broadway Bound Concert
Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra
Bentonville, AR

2020 Singer/Performer
An Evening With the Maestro
Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra
Bentonville, AR

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2007-2010
Singer
Choral Chameleon
NY, NY

1998, 1999, 2000
Singer/Performer
President and Mrs. Clinton
White House
Washington, DC

TECHNICAL ABILITIES/SKILLS:

35 + years of piano and singing
35 + years as an actor/singer
25 years as a private acting, singing, and piano teacher
Director and music director

Texas Teachers Alternative Certification
for Public School Theatre Education, EC-12

Graduate Student Mentor for those teaching Theatre
Appreciation (Fall 2020 and current)

MEMBERSHIPS:

Actor's Equity (May reactivate when desired)
SAG/AFTRA (May reactivate when desired)
Yoga Alliance (www.yogaalliance.org)

COMMITTEES:

Recruitment (University of Arkansas)
Scholarship (University of Arkansas)
Arts One Presents Board Member (2021)

CERTIFICATION/COMPLETION::

200 hr Yoga Teacher Certification (Dec. 2022)
200 hr Social-Emotional Learning Facilitator (Dec. 2022)
www.breatheforchange.org

The Miller Voice Method (mVm) Teacher Certification
Levels 1 and 2 completion
<https://www.millervoicemethod.com/>

Somatic Voicework
Levels 1, 2, and 3 (to be completed this Summer 2024)
<https://somaticvoicework.com/>

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REFERENCES:

Robert Ford
Artistic Director, TheatreSquared
bob@theatre2.org

Jocelyn Greene
Director and Founder, Child's Play NY
jocelyn.greene@gmail.com

Kassie Misiewicz
Artistic Director, Trike Theatre
kassie@triketheatre.org

Lynn Donald Carver
Former Board President, TheatreSquared
lynndonaldcarver@gmail.com

Hannah Solomon
Founding Principal, Democracy Prep Charter School, NY
hsolomon@collegiatecs.org