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Teaching Experience

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2011 – 2023)

Audition Techniques – As a guest teaching artist in a Bachelor of Arts acting class, dissecting the techniques of cold reading in a professional audition.

Career Preparation – As a guest lecturer for Bachelor of Arts acting students, an open discussion regarding the basic tools needed for a successful career in theatre.

Concordia University, Saint Paul, Minnesota (2010 – 2021)

Adjunct Faculty – Adjunct professor in the theatre department.

- Improvisation Two-hour college credit improvisation classes for undergraduate theatre majors.
 - Creative Dramatics Two-hour college credit class about the basics of creating curriculum when teaching the performing arts.
 - Acting Four-hour college credit class about the basics of acting on the stage for non-theatre majors.
- Self-Confidence Through Improvisation Two-hour class as a guest instructor, teaching the basics of projecting self confidence in the classroom to teacher candidates in the Education Department.

Concordia Academy, Roseville, Minnesota (2016 – 2021)

Improvisation - Two-hour college credit improvisation classes offered as a post secondary education offering (PSEO) to high school seniors.

History Theatre, Saint Paul, Minnesota (2016 – 2021)

Vail Place – Twelve-week residency with club members from Vail Place in Hopkins. Using improvisation and writing prompts with a focus on living with mental illness, culminating into a performance on the History Theatre's main stage.

Seats to Stage – Two-month residency with students from Avalon School, focusing on creative writing, culminating in a performance on the History Theatre's main stage.

Zephyr Theatre, Stillwater, Minnesota (2018 – 2021)

Stonebridge Elementary – Week-long improvisation residency for fifth graders.

River Grove: a Marine Area Community School – Half-day improvisation residency for kindergarten to third graders.

Train Station Improvisation – Improvisation for fourth and fifth graders meeting once a week of ninety minutes.

Improv Summer Camp – Week-long, half-day improvisation camp for children in sixth to eighth grade.

Centennial School District, Circle Pines, Minnesota (2018 – 2021)

Director – Three-week rehearsal period culminating in the performance of *The Sequence* in Minnesota State High School League One Act Competition.

Theatre Arts Teacher – Daily instruction for court-ordered students enrolled in the Anoka County Services school, focusing on Twentieth Century American plays, such as: *Fences*, *The Piano Lesson, Ma Rainey's Black Bottom, To Kill a Mockingbird, A Raisin in the Sun, 12 Angry Men, The Good Doctor, Of Mice and Men, Hamilton, and The Diary of Anne Frank, as well as The Comedy of Errors.*

Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, Wisconsin (2010 – 2020)

Director and Camp Leader – Two-week, half-day summer camps for 9- to 11-year-olds with a focus on the rehearsal process and acting choices, culminating in four performances of the play with nominal production values.

Alice in Wonderland Beauty and the Beast Cinderella, a Dream Come True The Snow Queen

Summer Camps – For school aged children, week-long acting camps focusing on a variety of theatre disciplines, culminating in a showcase performance.

Musical Theater – Full-day camp for 12- to 15-year-olds with a focus on ensemble work to create scenes that connect familiar songs set to choreography.

Oh, the Thinks You Can Think! – Half-day camp for 6- to 8-year-olds with a focus on improvisation to create scenes based on the Dr. Seuss book.

Finding Nemo – Half-day camp for 9- to 11-year-olds with a focus on improvisation to create scenes based on the Disney-Pixar film.

Spring Acting Classes – Saturday morning acting classes for youth.

Mother Goose on the Loose! – Storytelling for first through third graders, using Mother Goose nursery rhymes for source material.

Mental Floss – Improvisation for fourth and fifth graders.

- *Mythical Journeys* Storytelling for first through third graders, using Brothers Grimm fairy tales for source material.
- *Laughter in the Lair of Legends* Improvisation and storytelling with music for fourth through sixth graders.

Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Saint Paul, Minnesota (2017 – 2019)

Creative Arts Secondary School – Text-based creative dramatics exercises to prepare students to see a musical on the Ordway's main stage.

Elf the Musical In the Heights West Side Story

Johnson High School, Saint Paul, Minnesota (2017 – 2019)

Demystifying Shakespeare – Single-day inside English class, exploring the language and themes of Shakespeare's plays. Hamlet Othello

Othello Romeo and Juliet

Avalon Charter School, Saint Paul, Minnesota (2006 – 2018)

Director – Three- to eight-week rehearsal periods culminating in two to four performances of plays, cast with middle, junior, and high school students.

Almost, Maine The Good Doctor The Laramie Project A Midsummer Night's Dream Romeo and Juliet Shakespeare's Women Six Characters in Search of an Author Twelfth Night

Race – Ten-week residency using improvisation and writing prompts with a focus on race relations, culminating in a video performance posted on the school's website.

Theatre Preparation – Text-based creative dramatics exercises to prepare students to see productions at Park Square Theatre.

A Raisin in the Sun King Lear Of Mice and Men

Demystifying Shakespeare – A multi-week class, meeting twice a week during school hours, exploring the language and themes of Shakespeare's plays.

Much Ado About Nothing Othello Twelfth Night Romeo and Juliet

Theatre Boot Camp – One-week, after-school program with focus on the basics of acting on stage.

Basic Acting Workshop – Weekly acting classes focusing on character development in preparation for a production of *The Mousetrap*.

Improvisation – One-week, after-school program with focus on the basics of performing short-form improvisation.

Upstream Arts, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2007 – 2016)

Program Associate – Curriculum manager, writer, and scheduler for arts residencies specializing in communities of people with disabilities.

Arts Workshops – Residencies designed specifically for youth and adults with disabilities that foster social and communication skills through a variety of arts disciplines, including movement, improvisation, music, painting, and creative writing.

Anoka Middle School for the Arts, Anoka Anthony Middle School, Minneapolis Anwatin Middle School, Minneapolis Arc of Minnesota Convention, Golden Valley Armatage Montessori School, Minneapolis Autism Society of Minnesota, Saint Paul Battle Creek Middle School, Saint Paul Bethune Community School, Minneapolis Black Hawk Middle School, Eagan Bridge View School, Saint Paul Bryn Mawr Elementary School, Minneapolis Burroughs Elementary School, Minneapolis Central Lakes Collage, Brainerd Children's Museum, Saint Paul Cityview Performing Arts Magnet School, Minneapolis Community Bridge Program at Gladstone Education Center, Maplewood Community Involvement Programs, Minneapolis The Courage Center, Minneapolis Culture Club at the Jewish Community Center, Saint Paul Dakota County Community Transition Interagency Committee, Farmington Dowling Elementary School, Minneapolis W. Harry Davis Academy, Minneapolis Dowling Elementary School, Minneapolis Eastern Heights Elementary School, Saint Paul Eastern Suburban Resources, Stillwater Eden Prairie Parks and Recreation. Eden Prairie Edina Parks and Recreation, Edina Edison High School, Minneapolis Eisenhower Elementary School, Hopkins eQuality at Eden Prairie Community Center, Eden Prairie Feeney Manor, Minneapolis Field Elementary School, Minneapolis Focus Beyond Transition Services, Saint Paul

Forest Lake STEP Program, Forest Lake Fraser School, Minneapolis and Saint Paul Green Central Park Elementary School, Minneapolis Hale Elementary School, Minneapolis Hammer Residencies, Wayzata Patrick Henry High School, Minneapolis Highland Friendship Club, Saint Paul Irondale High School, New Brighton Kenwood Elementary School, Minneapolis Lake Harriet Middle School, Minneapolis Lucy Craft Laney at Cleveland Park Community School, Minneapolis Lifeworks Services, Apple Valley, Bloomington, Brooklyn Park, Burnsville, Eagan, Hastings, and Minneapolis Jenny Lind Elementary School, Minneapolis Linwood Monroe Arts Plus School, Saint Paul Merrick, Inc., North Saint Paul Metro Work Center, Minneapolis Midwest Special Services, Apple Valley, Brooklyn Park, Eagan, Oakdale, Saint Paul, and Shoreview Minnesota Academy for the Blind, Faribault North High School, Minneapolis Northeast Metro Intermediate School, South Campus, White Bear Lake Oak Grove Elementary School, Bloomington Oakwood Elementary School, Plymouth Opportunity Partners, Anoka, Asplin, Brain Injury, Golden Opportunity, Karlins, Koch, Minnetonka, and Spectrum Partners in Excellence, Burnsville Partnership Resources, Minneapolis and Saint Louis Park Phoenix Alternatives, White Bear Lake Plymouth Parks and Recreation, Plymouth Ramsey International Fine Arts School, Minneapolis Ridgedale Library, Ridgedale Ridgewater College, Willmar River Bend Education Center, Minneapolis Roosevelt High School, Minneapolis Sabes Jewish Community Center, Saint Louis Park Saint Joseph's Home for Children, Minneapolis Saint Stephen's Community Center, Minneapolis Sanford Middle School, Minneapolis Skyview Middle School, Oakdale South Education Center, Intermediate School District 287, Richfield Spero Academy, Minneapolis Stillwater Transitions Program at Stillwater High School, Stillwater Sullivan Elementary School, Minneapolis Transition Plus, Saint Louis Park Valley Friendship Club, Lake Elmo

Velo-Cardio-Facial Syndrome Educational Foundation Annual Conference, Las Vegas, Nevada
Walker Art Center, Minneapolis
Washburn High School, Minneapolis
Webster Elementary School, Minneapolis
Whittier International Elementary School, Minneapolis
Wild Rumpus Book Store, Minneapolis
Windom South Park, Minneapolis
Zenith Services, Hopkins

Mahtomedi Senior High School, Mahtomedi, Minnesota (2016)

Student-Lead One-Acts Advisor – Plan and guide one acts that are written, directed, acted, and designed by high school students.

Hennepin Theatre Trust, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2006 – 2015)

Distance Learning Workshops - One- to two-hour classes taught via video conferencing. Ames High School, Massapequa, New York Shakespeare John Arnalukjuah High School, Arviat, Nunavut, Canada King Lear E. T. Booth Middle School, Canton, Georgia Conquering Stage Fright Edison High School, Okotoks, Alberta, Canada Improvisation Wm. E. Hay Composite High School, Stettler, Alberta, Canada Twelfth Night Hillsborough High School, Hillsborough, New Jersey Character Development Holy Trinity Catholic School, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada Stage Combat Improvisation Kentwood High Magnet School, Kentwood, Louisiana Shakespeare Marshall County High School, Lewisburg, Tennessee Improvisation Menorah Park Center for Senior Living, Cleveland, Ohio Shakespeare Dialects Munford High School, Munford, Tennessee Acting Technique Will Rogers Middle School, Fair Oaks, California Improvisation Saint James High School, Saint James, Minnesota Shakespeare

Saint Joseph Hill Academy, Staten Island, New York Shakespeare South Carolina School for the Blind and Deaf, Spartanburg, South Carolina Audition Techniques South Davie Middle School, Mocksville, North Carolina Subtext in Shakespeare Southwest Star Concept School, Okabena, Minnesota Shakespeare Uniondale Senior High School, Uniondale, New York Shakespeare Winona High School, Winona, Minnesota Dialect work for productions of Amazing Grace and The Secret Garden Character development for production of The Drowsy Chaperone Subtext and scene analysis SpotLight Musical Theatre Evaluator - Objectively written criticisms of high school musical theatre performances that give constructive, helpful, and positive feedback. Andover High School, Andover Annie Get Your Gun Benilde-Saint Margaret's School, Saint Louis Park The Wizard of Oz Blaine High School, Blaine Disney's Beauty and the Beast Centennial High School, Circle Pines Thoroughly Modern Millie Chaska High School, Chaska A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum Concordia Academy, Roseville Fiddler on the Roof Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat Seussical. Jr. Dassel-Cokato and Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted High Schools, Cokato Into the Woods Eagan High School, Eagan Camelot Fridley High School, Fridley Cinderella Hill-Murray School, Maplewood Footloose Irondale High School, New Brighton Honk! Lakeville North High School, Lakeville *Hello*, *Dolly*! Maple Grove Senior High School, Maple Grove The Will Rogers Follies Minnetonka High School, Minnetonka **Blood Brothers**

Mound Westonka High School, Mound South Pacific How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying Mounds View High School, Arden Hills Disney's Beauty and the Beast Saint Francis High School, Saint Francis The Music Man West Side Story Jekyll and Hyde Wayzata High School, Plymouth Hello, Dolly! White Bear Lake Area High School, White Bear Lake Little Shop of Horrors West Side Story

SpotLight Musical Theatre Pre-assessor – Observe rehearsals of high school musicals and give critical feedback to students and faculty.

Hill-Murray School, Maplewood *Camp Rock Little Shop of Horrors*Main Street School of Performing Arts, Hopkins *The Rocky Horror Show*Maple Grove Senior High School *Urinetown*Shakopee High School *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*Simley High School, Inver Grove Heights *Grease*

SpotLight Musical Theatre Workshops – All-day workshops for schools participating in the SpotLight Musical Theatre Program.

Improvisation Acting in a musical

Summer Camps – For school aged children, half-day camps focusing on cabaret performance, culminating in a showcase performance.

FAIR Downtown School – Three-week cabaret camp for middle school students.
 Cabaret Camp – In conjunction with the School of Rock, a two-week camp for high school students

Theatre Classes – Classes offered to visiting students attending productions at the Orpheum Theatre.

HopeKids, Minneapolis Improvisation Passage Community, Minneapolis Improvisation West Fargo High School, West Fargo, Minnesota Acting Techniques for Musicals

Brilliance! Made Here, sponsored by Andersen Windows – With students, design and install rear-projected set design for Avalon School's production of *Almost, Maine*.

Residencies – Outreach classes that focus on specific aspects of performance. East Ridge High School, Woodbury Dialects for a production of *Fiddler on the Roof* Fairmont High School, Fairmont Producing a musical South Saint Paul High School, South Saint Paul Character development Totino-Grace High School, Fridley Improvisation

Corporate Workshop – For employees of United Healthcare, one-day workshop that focuses on team building through improvisation.

Critical View Program - A one-hour workshop focusing on character development using text from popular musicals.

Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists, Saint Paul, Minnesota (2007 – 2015)

J-Term Director – Three-week intensive rehearsal process, culminating into a performance.

30 Plays in 60 Minutes – Write, develop, and perform 30 short plays performed in one hour Evening of One-Acts – Five student-written one-act plays

Night at the Improv – An evening of short-form improvisation structures

J-Term Assistant Director – Support director by assisting youth actors throughout threeweek rehearsal process, coordinating designers, and stage managing performance of *You Can't Take It with You*

Substitute Teacher – On-call substitute teacher for acting, improvisation, and on-camera classes.

Saint Louis Park High School, Saint Louis Park, Minnesota (2010 – 2014)

Technical Director – Designer and technical director for sets/scenic elements, costumes, lighting, sound, and props. Oversee student development of all aspects of construction, purchasing, rental, and implementation of every technical element of the production.

Almost, Maine Cat's Meow Idiot's Delight Little Shop of Horrors Lucky Stiff Shipwrecked! An Entertainment One-Acts by Horton Foote: A Young Woman of Property, John Turner Davis, and The Death of the Old Man

Minnetonka Arts Center, Minnetonka, Minnesota (2011–2013)

Celebration of the Arts – One-hour improvisation classes offered during an all-day arts exposition.

Andersen Elementary School, Bayport, Minnesota (2012 – 2013)

Mother Goose on the Loose! – A week-long residency for second graders, creating short plays based on the nursery rhymes of Mother Goose.

Shakespeare Youth Theatre, Saint Paul, Minnesota (2013)

Character Development - Character analysis and creation based on Shakespeare's text.

Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2002 – 2011)

Advanced Acting, Intermediate Acting, Introduction to Acting classes at the Guthrie – As a member of the Teaching Artist staff, weekly acting classes for the adult actor focusing on character development and performance technique, including movement, voice work, improvisation, and scene analysis.

Residencies – Outreach classes that focus on specific aspects of performance.

Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa

Two week-long Shakespeare intensives for undergraduates Mankato Community Services, Mankato, Minnesota Two-day Shakespeare workshop for high school students

Summer Camps – For school aged children, all-day acting camps focusing on a variety of theatre disciplines, culminating in a showcase performance.

- *Musical Theater Journeys* One-week camp for 11- to 13-year-olds with a focus on ensemble work to create scenes that connect familiar songs set to choreography.
- *Make 'Em Laugh* One-week camp for 11- to 16-year-olds with a focus on improvisation, physical comedy, and comedic scripts.
- Broadway Bound for Teens One-week camp for young teenagers with a focus on bold acting choices in tandem with singing and dancing classes.
- *Camp Shakespeare* One-week camp for young teenagers with a focus on Shakespeare's texts.
- *Story Making* One-week camp for 7- to 10-year-olds with a focus on creating a story based on character analysis.
- *Magic, Mirth, and Mystery* One-week camp for 7- to 10-year-olds with a focus on ensemble work to create a fully realized story based mythic adventures.

- *Teen Factory I* One-week camp for young teenagers with focus on creative writing and movement.
- *Teen Factory II* Two-week camp for young teenagers with focus on character development, vocal technique, movement, and creative writing culminating in performances of all newly created works as well as monologues and ten-minute plays.
- *Kid Factory II* One-week camp for 9- to 11-year-olds with focus on improvisation, movement, and vocal technique.
- *Kid Factory III* Three-week camp for 7- to 14-year-olds with focus on character development, Shakespearian text, movement, vocal technique, and improvisation.

Winter Break Camps – Two-day camp for high school students during winter vacation. *Shakespeare Camp* – Character and text analysis of Shakespeare's plays.

Shakespeare for Teens – Weekly acting class for teenagers that demystifies Shakespeare's text by focusing on iambic pentameter, breath points, dissecting metaphors, and defining archaic words as well as movement and vocal technique.

Guthrie on Tour - A wide variety of acting workshops offered to the host communities during the national tours of Othello and Ah, Wilderness! John Adams High School, South Bend, Indiana Acting Shakespeare using the text Amherst College, Amherst, Massachusetts Improvisation Apollo High School, Saint Cloud, Minnesota Improvisation Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona Text analysis of Othello Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota Improvisation: how to build a scene Improvisation: the process of long-form Bemidji Community Art Center, Bemidji, Minnesota Improvisation Central Campus High School, Des Moines, Iowa Improvisation Chelsea High School, Chelsea, Michigan Basic acting using movement and voice East Los Angeles High School, Los Angeles, California Basic Acting using improvisation, voice work, and movement Grand Rapids Middle School, Grand Rapids, Minnesota Improvisation Jamestown Vocational High School, Jamestown, North Dakota Introduction to Shakespeare's text Luther College, Decorah, Iowa Improvisation

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Mankato East High School, Mankato, Minnesota
       Improvisation
Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan
       Improvisation
Milan High School, Milan, Michigan
       Acting using text analysis, subtext, and character development
Norfolk Academy, Norfolk, Virginia
       Improvisation
North Hollywood High School, Los Angeles, California
       Speaking Shakespeare's sonnets
Oakwood Presbyterian Church (home school), State College, Pennsylvania
       Movement for the actor
Penn State University, University Park, Pennsylvania
       Verse interpretation
       Public speaking/acting for non-actors
       Character development
Saint Gregory School, Tucson, Arizona
       Character development using improvisation, voice work, and movement
Tidewater Community College, Chesapeake, Virginia
       Acting Shakespeare using the text
Utah State University, Logan, Utah
       Improvisation
       Auditioning techniques
Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts
       Verse interpretation
West Catholic High School, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
       Interpretation and exploration of Shakespeare's text
Ypsilanti High School, Ypsilanti, Michigan
       Basic acting using movement and voice
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Schools on Stage – High school residencies that focus on the intersection of classic plays being performed on the Guthrie stage and students' unique creative voices, using writing and improvisation prompts from the classic texts.

Avalon Charter School, Saint Paul, Minnesota: *Hamlet* Baldwin-Woodville High School, Baldwin, Wisconsin: *Hamlet* Hammond High School, Hammond, Wisconsin: *As You Like It* Mora High School, Mora, Minnesota: *A Winter's Tale* Prior Lake High School, Prior Lake, Minnesota: *Three Sisters* Theatrix (home school), Minneapolis, Minnesota: *As You Like It*

Summer Conference Workshops – One-day workshops for high school students. Hometown Heroes – Character creation and analysis based on real people from the past.

Gotta Sing! Gotta Dance! Musical Theatre – Acting techniques required in the performance of musicals.

Nobody's Perfect: a study of human flaws and foibles as portrayed in theater literature – Character study of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Laugh and the World Laughs with You – Improvisation and writing skills to culminate in the performance of a comedy sketch.

Library Classes – Fast-paced, ninety-minute classes for 5- to 17-year-olds at libraries located in central Minnesota, which focus on a variety of theatre disciplines.

Albany – Shakespeare Becker – Storytelling Brooklyn Park - Storytelling Clearwater – Storytelling and Shakespeare Hosmer, Minneapolis - Storytelling Kimball – Shakespeare Long Lake – Acting Games Minneapolis Central – Storytelling Monticello – Storytelling Richmond – Storytelling and Acting Games Saint Michael – Shakespeare Upsala – Acting Games Wayzata – Acting Games

Corporate Workshops – For business professionals, one-day workshops that focus on team building through improvisation.

Cargill General Mills Leonard, Street, and Deinard Law Firm Minnesota High School Educators St. Jude Medical

Target Play Dates – Acting workshops for 4- to 11-year-olds that focus on the themes of the matinee production their parents attend.

| 1776 | Macbeth |
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| Caroline, or Change | A Midsummer Night's Dream |
| A Delicate Balance | Peer Gynt |
| Dollhouse | Private Lives |
| Ella | Shadowlands |
| Faith Healer | A Streetcar Named Desire |
| The Government Inspector | Third |
| The Importance of Being Earnest | The Two Gentlemen of Verona |
| Jane Eyre | A View from the Bridge |
| Little House on the Prairie | When We Are Married |
| M. Butterfly | |

Sampler Classes – One-time, ninety-minute acting and improvisation classes for the novice and curious adult theater enthusiast.

Guthrie in the Parks – Fast-paced, ninety-minute classes for 7- to 12-year-olds at Minneapolis Public Parks that focus on story telling.

Folwell Recreation Center Lynnhurst Recreation Center Nokomis Community Center Powderhorn Recreation Center Waite Park Recreation Center Whittier Recreation Center

Minnesota Thespians Festival, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2011)

Shakespeare - Analysis of Shakespeare's text with a primary focus on verse interpretation.

Movement for the Actor - Exploration of physical action following inner impulses in the present moment.

Park Square Theatre, Saint Paul, Minnesota (2011)

Immersion Days – Small group workshops for students seeing matinee performances. Mating the Invisible Visible – Exploration of space substance.

Children's Theatre Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2009)

Shakespeare Teen Festival – Analysis of Shakespeare's text with a primary focus on the production of *Romeo and Juliet*.

Lake Country School, Minneapolis, Minnesota (2007)

Shakespeare Workshop – One-day intensive focused on Shakespearian text in preparation for a production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

StageCoach Theatre Arts Schools, Saint Louis Park, Minnesota (2004 – 2005)

Summer Workshop Camp – One-week acting camp for first to ninth grade students with focus on improvisation, voice work, and movement.

Summer Production Camp – One-week acting camp for first to ninth grade students with scene analysis and character study culminating in the performance of Annie, Jr.

Further Stages, Acting – Weekly class focusing on basic acting techniques for high school students using Shakespearian text, improvisation, and monologue work.

Disney Cruise Line, aboard *Disney Magic* in the Bahamas (2000)

Basic Improvisation – An introduction to the basics of improvisation for guests sailing aboard *Disney Magic*.