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Education:

2013 – Master of Arts - Shakespeare and Theatre – University of Birmingham, Shakespeare Institute, UK
2001 – Bachelor of Arts – Theatre Arts (Summa Cum Laude) – UW-LaCrosse
1976 – Bachelor Science in Education (Magna Cum Laude) – UW-Whitewater

Directing Experience:

Tonight at the Stage Door	10–Min Play Fest	Lakeshore Players, White Bear Lake, MN
Finding Help (via Zoom)	10–Min Play Fest	Lakeshore Players, White Bear Lake, MN
The New Meteorologist	10–Min Play Fest	Lakeshore Players, White Bear Lake, MN
A Different Landscape - voted Fan Favorite	10–Min Play Fest	Lakeshore Players, White Bear Lake, MN
The Back Porch Test - voted Fan Favorite	10–Min Play Fest	Lakeshore Players, White Bear Lake, MN
A Christmas Carol – Directing Intern	Musical	The Guthrie Theatre, Minneapolis, MN
Jen Dobray	One-Act Festival	Heritage Community Theatre, St. Paul,
Narnia, the Musical	Musical	Woodbury Community Theatre, MN
Still Life with Iris	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
The Servant of Two Masters	Play	Sparta High School, WI
The Friends of Julia Dark	One-Act	Sparta High School, WI
Kiss Me Kate	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
Camelot	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
The Eleventh – [Outstanding Directing]	One-Act	Wisconsin State High School Forensics
The Foreigner	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
A Penny for a Song	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Lost in Yonkers	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Nunsense	Musical	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
The Cripple of Inishmaan -asst. director	Play	University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse
Forever Plaid	Musical	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Little Women (also adapted)	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Godspell	Musical	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
The Miser (also adapted)	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Don't Drink the Water	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Till Death Do Us Part	Dinner Theatre	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
West Side Story	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
Les Liaisons Dangereuse - dramaturge	Play	University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse
The Curious Savage	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
M*A*S*H	One-Act	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Antigone 1865	One-Act	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Small Actors	One-Act	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Play	Sparta High School, WI
Joseph – Technicolor Dreamcoat	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
The Nerd	Play	Sparta High School, WI

Greater Tuna	Play	Sparta High School, WI
Rosencranz and Guildenstern Are Dead	Play	Sparta High School, WI
The Learned Ladies	Play	Sparta High School, WI
The Comedy of Errors	Play	Sparta High School, WI
The Man Who Came to Dinner	Play	Sparta High School, WI
Carnival! - asst. director	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
The Sound of Music - asst. director	Musical	Sparta High School, WI

Design Experience:

[Abbreviations – S=Set, P=Props, C=Costume, SND=Sound, M=Makeup, L=Lights, SA=Scenic Art]

Towards Zero	Set Designer	Theatre in the Round, Minneapolis, MN
Private Lives	S	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Narnia: The Musical	S, L, SA	Woodbury Community Theatre
Seussical	P	Ashland Community Theatre
Still Life with Iris	S, P, C, L, SND	Upstage Review Theatre Company
The Servant of Two Masters	S, P, L, C	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Kiss Me Kate	S, P, L, SA	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Camelot	S, P, L, C, SA	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Eleventh	P, L, SND, C	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Foreigner	S, P, L, SND, C, M	Upstage Review Theatre Company
A Penny for a Song	S, P, L, SND, C, SA, M	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Lost in Yonkers	S, P, L, SND, SA	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Nunsense	S, P, L, SND, M	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Forever Plaid	S, P, L, SND, SA, M	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Little Women	S, P, L, SND, C, SA	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Godspell	S, P, L, SND, C, M	Upstage Review Theatre Company
The Miser	S, P, L, SND, SA	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Don't Drink the Water	S, P, L, SND, SA	Upstage Review Theatre Company
'Til Death Do Us Part	S, P, SND	Upstage Review Theatre Company
West Side Story	S, P, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Curious Savage	S, P, C, L, SND, SA	Upstage Review Theatre Company
M*A*S*H	S, P, C, L, SND	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Small Actors	S, P, C, L, SND	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Antigone – 1865	S, P, C, L, SND	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	S, P, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
A Midsummer Night's Dream	S, P, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Joseph – Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	S, P	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Nerd	S, P, C, L, SND, SA	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Greater Tuna	S, P, S, L, C,	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Rosencranz & Guildenstern Are Dead	C, P	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Learned Ladies	S, P, C, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Comedy of Errors	S, C, P, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Man Who Came to Dinner	S, P, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Sound of Music	S	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The King and I	C	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI

Classroom Teaching Experience:

2018-present – University of Northwestern St. Paul – Adjunct Faculty Pool

1988-1991 – Coulee Region Christian School – Grade 5 & 6 Combined

1976-1979 – Shullsburg School District, Shullsburg, WI - Special Education Contained Classroom – ages 5-21

Other Theatre-Related Experience:

2022 – Director of Shakespeare – Newbourne Village Renaissance Faire, Chippewa Falls, WI

2017-2021 – 10-Minute Play Festival Committee, Lakeshore Players, White Bear Lake, MN

2015-2020 – Director of Drama Ministry, Hope Church, Oakdale, MN

2015-2017 - Teaching Artist (Acting Shakespeare) – Turtle Lake Elementary School, Mounds View, MN

2015 - Adjudicator – Minnesota Thespian Festival

Additional Training:

Rhineland School of the Arts, Rhineland, WI – Lighting, Directing, Photoshop, Grant-writing

Master Class – Guthrie Theatre, Minneapolis, MN – The Language of Romeo and Juliet

Master Class – American Players Theatre, Spring Green, WI – Directing

Master Class – New Century Theatre/ Spotlight, Minneapolis, MN - Auditioning (with Laura Osnes)

Improv Workshop – ComedySportz, Minneapolis, MN

FutureLearn Courses –

Shakespeare and His World

England in the Time of Richard III

Shakespeare's Hamlet

Much Ado About Nothing

Physical Theatre

Exploring English: Shakespeare

Master Class - Taking the Folger Method Online - Folger Shakespeare Library

Awards and Honors:

2018 – Directed Lakeshore Players 10-Minute Play Festival **“Fan Favorite”** – *A Different Landscape*

2017 – Directed Lakeshore Players 10-Minute Play Festival **“Fan Favorite”** – *The Back Porch Test*

2015 – Directing Intern, *A Christmas Carol*, Guthrie Theatre

2014 - Outstanding Alumnus of Richland Center High School

2004 - Outstanding Directing – Wisconsin State High School Forensics Association

1997 - Artistic Achievement Award – Area Community Theatre, Tomah, WI

Professional Affiliations and Memberships:

Founder and Artistic Director – Upstage Review Theatre Company, Dreamcoat Productions

Teacher Membership – Folger Shakespeare Library

Educational Theatre Association (EdTA)

Midwest Renaissance Actors Guild

Personal Websites:

Theatre on a Shoestring – Theatre Education Website – <http://upstagereview.org>