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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:

You Did What?	New Play Contest	Chameleon Theatre Circle
Multiple short scenes	-	Hope Church of Oakdale
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
Multiple Madrigal Feastes	-	Sparta High School
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
Nonsense	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:

<i>Set and Scenic Art</i>	Sparta High School – Sparta, WI Upstage Review Theatre Co. - Sparta, WI WCT – Woodbury, MN Hope Church of Oakdale, MN Lakeshore Players – White Bear Lake, MN Theatre in the Round – Minneapolis, MN
<i>Lighting</i>	Sparta High School – Sparta, WI Upstage Review Theatre Co. - Sparta, WI Hope Church of Oakdale, MN Lakeshore Players – White Bear Lake, MN
<i>Sound</i>	Sparta High School – Sparta, WI Upstage Review Theatre Co. - Sparta, WI
<i>Costume</i>	Sparta High School – Sparta, WI Upstage Review Theatre Co. - Sparta, WI Heritage Community Theatre – Little Canada, MN Hope Church of Oakdale, MN Lakeshore Players – White Bear Lake, MN
<i>Makeup</i>	Sparta High School – Sparta, WI Upstage Review Theatre Co. - Sparta, WI WCT – Woodbury, MN
<i>Props</i>	Sparta High School – Sparta, WI Upstage Review Theatre Co. - Sparta, WI Ashland Community Theatre, Maplewood, MN Hope Church of Oakdale, MN Lakeshore Players – White Bear Lake, MN

Other Experience:

Author:

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Classroom Teaching:

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

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

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

Theatre-Related:

2023 - Reading Committee – Chameleon Theatre Play Festival
2022 - Artistic Director, *Her Majesty's Half-Act Players* – Newbourne Village Ren Faire, Chippewa Falls, WI
2017-2021 – 10-Minute Play Festival Reading 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
2014 - Directing Intern, Guthrie Theatre's production of "A Christmas Carol"
1999-2005 - Founder and Artistic Director of Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
1987-1999 - Theatre Director, Sparta High School, Sparta, WI

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 – Director Lakeshore Players 10-Minute Play Festival "**Fan Favorite**" – *A Different Landscape*
2017 – Director 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 (MRAG)