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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
February 2025 - present	Instructor Department of Theatre Northwest Arkansas Community College COURSES TAUGHT: Acting II for Majors Musical Theatre Performance Practicum

August 2023 - 2025	Folk School of Fayetteville - Voice and Piano Teacher
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August 2022- 2024	Har-ber High School - Voice Teacher, All-Region and All-State coach
2000-present	Private Voice, Acting, and Piano Instructor My home studio Springdale, AR
June - August 2021	Theatre Summer Camp Director Arts Live Theatre Fayetteville, AR
Aug. 2016-2020	Teaching Artist Trike Theatre 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 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, Singing, Choir, Piano Teacher Democracy Prep Charter School Harlem, NY, NY

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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

OTHER RECENT WORK:

2025

Focus Five: Acting Right
Walton Arts Center Educational Program
Teaching classroom teachers Theatre Tools for Behavior
Literacy

2025

"Treasure Island" Creative Consultant
Walton Arts Center Educational Theatre

DIRECTING:

2025

The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe: A Love Story
Co-director; Arkansas Classical Theatre
Historic Headquarters House
Based in Fayetteville, AR

2025

The Madness of Edgar Allan Poe: A Love Story
Northwest Arkansas Community College
Bentonville, AR

2024

Beauty and the Beast
Assistant Director
Arts One Presents

2021

Shrek Junior Musical Theatre Camp
Arts Live Theatre
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2021

Create a Play Theatre Camp
Arts Live Theatre
Fayetteville, AR

2019

Voice Cabaret

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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

MUSIC DIRECTING:

2024

A Christmas Carol
Taught and led songs
TheatreSquared

2024

The Trojan Women
Taught and led songs
University of Arkansas

2023-24

The Fantasticks
Thaden School
Bentonville, AR

2023

Songs for a New World
University of Arkansas
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

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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

WORKSHOPS/MENTORING:

2025 Focus Five: Acting Right
Walton Arts Center

2025 Acting Coach for Social Cinema Foundation
Producer: Marjorie Kilpatrick, NJOY Productions

2024 Acting Workshop for Marketing Majors
University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

2024 Song Leading Workshop Participant
Viroqua, WI

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2024	Musical Theatre Masterclass Participant LoVetri Somatic Voicework™ Institute Berea, Ohio
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>

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- 2019 University of Tulsa Voice Coach:
A Midsummer Night's Dream
- 2018 Rogers High School - Acting Workshop (UA)
Bentonville West High School - Acting Workshop (UA)

ACTING/THEATRE:

- 2025 Adriana
The Comedy of Errors
Arkansas Classical Theatre
Fayetteville, AR
- 2024 Charwoman, Mrs. Fezziwig, Fred's Wife, Ensemble
A Christmas Carol
TheatreSquared
Fayetteville, AR
- 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

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2021	Mrs. Fezziwig, Charwoman, Fred's Wife <u>A Christmas Carol</u> TheatreSquared Fayetteville Public Library Fayetteville, AR
2021	The Devil <u>A Soldier's Tale</u> Arkansas Philharmonic Orchestra Bentonville, AR
2021	Invisible Friend <u>Turning Red: Choose Love</u> Trike Theatre Bentonville, AR
2020	Marge, Nila, Old Woman, Donut Shop Attendant <u>Thrift Store Junkie</u> University of Arkansas Zoom Production Fayetteville, AR
2020	Lady Bird, Turtle, Mother Frog, Mole, Squirrel <u>A Year With Frog and Toad</u> Trike Theatre Fayetteville, AR, Notre Dame and Indianapolis, Indiana
2019	Mrs. Fezziwig, Charwoman, Fred's Wife <u>A Christmas Carol</u> TheatreSquared Fayetteville, AR
2019	Petra Quince <u>A Midsummer Night's Dream</u> Trike Theatre Bentonville, AR
2018	Smee <u>Peter Pan</u> Trike Theatre Fayetteville, AR
2017	Violet and Various Women <u>It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play</u> TheatreSquared Fayetteville, AR

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2015	Amanda <u>A Feminine Ending</u> Point Bank Black Box Denton, TX
2014	Karen <u>August: Osage County</u> Campus Theatre Denton, TX
2014	Maria <u>The Sound of Music</u> Arts Center of the Ozarks Springdale, AR
2011	Lorelei <u>The Lorelei</u> NYU Graduate Musical Theatre Writing Program NY, NY
2010 and 2011	Janet <u>The Rocky Horror Show</u> Tulsa Project Theatre Tulsa, OK
2010	Performer <u>Broadway Show: International Theatre Festival</u> Rappallo, Italy
2009	Izzy <u>Rabbit Hole</u> TheatreSquared Fayetteville, AR
2008	Martha Cratchit, Fred's Wife, Mrs. Dilber <u>A Christmas Carol</u> Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey Madison, NJ
2006	Mother <u>Lily's Purple Plastic Purse</u> TheatreSquared Nadine Baum Studios Fayetteville, AR
* <i>Extended acting resume upon request</i>	

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ACTING/TV/FILM/VOICEOVER:

2025	Mom "Buyback" Film
2024	"Hillary and the Ladybug Butterflies" Audio Book Jongleur Books Narrator
2024	"CareGivers ScareTakers: Exposing Fraud in Senior Care" By Jaclyn Ryan Narrator
2024	Sam's Club Call Center - voice when you call Sam's Voiceover Artist Prisma Inc. Bentonville, AR
2021	Sam's Club Call Center Voiceover Artist Prisma Inc. Bentonville, AR
2020	Mom, Lead Board Game Shoot Intercut Productions, Barn Studios Vaughn, AR
2019	Mom, Lead Walmart Product Shoot Rogers, AR
2018	Customer, Lead Walmart Industrial Bentonville, AR
2018	Clara Ford <i>Chase the Lion</i> TBN, directed by Devon Parks
2018	Candace <i>Sweet Inspirations</i> Cupcakes Movie LLC, Directed by Brittany Yost
	Sales Clerk, Lead Walmart Industrial Bentonville, AR

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OTHER:

2025	Co-Founder/Artistic Director/Producer Arkansas Classical Theatre Based in Northwest Arkansas
2024	Participated in the American Wheelchair Mission Rotary Club Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
2024	<i>Chit Chat with Mark Landon Smith</i> Podcast Guest Artist
2024	Pianist/Accompanist "Beauty and the Beast" Arts One Presents
2023	Clara Schumann <i>Clara and Johannes at the Lake</i> 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 <i>A Soldier's Tale</i> 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
2007-2010	Singer Choral Chameleon NY, NY

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1998, 1999, 2000

Singer/Performer
President Clinton and Hillary 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
Google Drive
Google Sheets
Microsoft Word
PowerPoint

Texas Teachers Alternative Certification,
Arkansas reciprocal license (when renewed)
for Public School Theatre Education, EC-12

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/>

LoVetri Somatic Voicework[™] Institute Completion
Levels 1, 2, and 3
<https://somaticvoicework.com/>

REFERENCES:

Robert Ford
Artistic Director, TheatreSquared
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Jocelyn Greene
Director and Founder, Child's Play NY

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Kassie Misiewicz
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Founding Principal, Democracy Prep Charter School, NY
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