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MISSION STATEMENT

With over 20 years of experience in dance, musical theatre, and stage management, coupled with a strong foundation in business acumen, my mission is to inspire and empower the next generation of artists. I am dedicated to creating an inclusive and dynamic learning environment where creativity, technique, and innovation thrive.

By integrating my diverse expertise, I aim to cultivate a comprehensive educational experience that not only nurtures artistic talent but also imparts valuable skills in entrepreneurship and leadership. My goal is to prepare students to succeed as versatile artists and informed professionals in the evolving landscape of the arts industry.

EDUCATION

Masters of Fine Arts in ACTING, Spring 2021

Academy of Art University | San Francisco, CA

Resident Assistant in University Dorms

Teaching Assistant for Meisner Undergraduate Course

Bachelors of Arts in MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE, Spring 2018

Siena Heights University | Adrian, MI

Alpha Psi Omega National Theatre Honors Chapter

Professional Training Certificate in MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE, Spring 2014

CAP21 Musical Theatre Conservatory | New York, NY

Teaching Assistant for Theatre History Undergraduate Course

Teaching Assistant for Jazz I Course

West End On Demand – Summer Academy | London, England

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COMMUNITY SCHOOL OF THE ARTS | Fort Smith, AR

Director, *Dragons Love Tacos*, June 2026

Choreographer and Assistant Director, *The Knight At Dawn Kids*, April 2026

Director, *Descendants*, March 2026

WHITEFORD HIGH SCHOOL | Ottawa Lake, MI

Choreographer, *Fiddler on the Roof*, March 2026

Choreographer, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, March 2025

TOLEDO REPERTOIRE THEATRE | Toledo, OH

Director, *Lost In Yonkers*, February/March 2026

Choreographer, *Children Of Eden*, August 2024

BEDFORD COMMUNITY PLAYERS | Temperance, MI

Board President, 2024 – 2026

Director, *[title of show]*, September 2025

Director, *Frozen Jr.*, June 2024

Stage Manager, *Annie Get Your Gun*, April 2024

BEDFORD BRANCH LIBRARY | Temperance, MI

Producer, *An Evening Of Shakespeare – The Winter's Tale*, 2026

Musical Theatre Instructor, Youth Arts Summer Camp, 2025

Producer, *An Evening Of Shakespeare – Twelfth Night*, 2025

Instructor, *Yogi Bears - Kids Yoga Classes*, 2024–2026

Podcast Co-Host, *In The Library*, 2024–2026

Circulation Clerk, 2023-2026

PERRYSBERG HIGH SCHOOL | Perrysburg, OH

Choreographer, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, April 2025

OREGON COMMUNITY THEATRE | Oregon, OH

Choreographer, *Once Upon A Mattress*, October 2024

ACADEMY OF ART UNIVERSITY | San Francisco, CA

Choreographer, *The Crazy Love Comes*, February 2020

EDU Staff | Monroe County, MI

Substitute Teacher (K-12th grade), 2023-2026

- ◆ Worked with students to teach new content and review past material; Promoted positive student behavior while maintaining discipline and control of the classroom; Assigned, collected, and graded assignments.

MISS WASHTENAW COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM | Saline, MI

Producer and Choreographer, October 2018

SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY – STUBNITZ LAB THEATRE | Adrian, MI

Prop Designer, *Jack And The Beanstalk*, April 2018

Director, *PALS*, December 2017

KICKSHAW THEATRE | Ann Arbor, MI

Stage Manager, *Here's To You, Here's To Me*, March/April 2017

CROSWELL OPERA HOUSE | Adrian, MI

Assistant Director, *Annie Kids*, July 2015

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY | Chelsea, MI

Directing Intern, *Smart Love* (world premiere), Spring 2017

Director, *Pieces Of The Heart (Dark Night: Night Of One Acts)*, July 2016

Apprentice, 2015-2016

House Manager and Assistant to Prop Designer, *Casting Session* (world premiere), Fall 2015

Assistant Stage Manager, *The Odd Couple*, Winter 2016

Scene Shop Assistant and Box Office Associate, *Gaps In The Fossil Record* (world premiere), Spring 2016

Light Board Operator and Assistant to the Master Electrician, *Morning's At Seven*, Summer 2016

House Manager, *Jeff Daniels: Onstage and Unplugged*, December 2015 and December 2016

MISS MONROE COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM | Monroe, MI

Producer and Choreographer, August 2015

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERISTY | Bowling Green, OH

Choreographer, *Singing Spooky*, October 2011

ONCE UPON A TIME – YOUTH LITERACY AND DISABILITIES | Temperance, MI

Founder, 2011 – 2025

Developed and founded a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to help children overcome their reading disabilities to help them become confident in themselves and to find the magic that lies in every book.

- ◆ Brought the organization into three counties in Michigan – Monroe County, Sanilac County, and Lenawee County.
- ◆ Donated over 6,000 books to local libraries and schools as well as personally visiting over 300 elementary, middle, and high school classrooms.
- ◆ Keynote speaker for the Monroe Intermediate School District to over 400 educators as well as for the Monroe Kiwanis Club and Sanilac Lion's Club on the importance of youth literacy.

BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL | Temperance, MI

Choreographer, *Soirée Jr.*, March 2010

LIGHTHOUSE DANCE COMPANY | Dundee, MI

Dance Instructor and Stage Manager, 2010 – Present

- ◆ Led, supervised, and instructed children ages 3 to 17 in Jazz, Ballet, Hip Hop, Tap, Tahitian, Cheer, and Tumble.
- ◆ Worked backstage as a stage manager and stage crew for winter/spring recitals ensuring 150 students and routines were appropriately set for performance. Worked with instrument ensembles during large productions.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Substitute Teacher, 2023 – Present

EDU Staff | Monroe County, MI

- ◆ Work with k-12th grade students in schools across Monroe County.

Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Meisner Acting Class, Spring 2020 / Fall 2020 (In-person and Online)

Professor: Anthony Montes, Academy of Art University | San Francisco, CA

Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Theatre History Class, Fall 2013 (In-Person Classes)

Professor: Michael Doherty, CAP21 Musical Theatre Conservatory | New York, NY

Teaching Assistant for Jazz I Class, Fall 2012 (In-Person Classes)

Professor: Lori Leshner, CAP21 Musical Theatre Conservatory | New York, NY

WORKSHOPS

Audition Prep.

Sienna Heights University | Adrian, MI – Spring 2018

Sandusky High School | Sandusky, MI – Spring 2017

AWARDS AND ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP

Board President, Bedford Community Players, 2024 – 2026

Michigan Senate and House Floors, *Special Tributes*, 2012 and 2017

- ◆ For my work with Children's literacy throughout the state.

Monroe County Intermediate School District, *Early Childhood Community Star Award*, 2012

- ◆ For my work with Children's literacy throughout Monroe County.

Director, *RA's Are Superheroes* Documentary | Post Production

Writer/Actor, *Parker Looks For Love* Web Series | In Production

CERTIFICATIONS

State Of Michigan Notary Public

First Aid/CPR/AED Certified – Adult and Pediatric

SPECIAL SKILLS

Dance (Jazz, Tap, Tahitian, Ballet/Pointe, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Cheer), Audacity – Music Editing, Adobe Audition, Microsoft Word/Excel/Power Point