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Teaching Artist and Choreographer

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EDUCATION

MFA	Applied Drama and Theatre for the Young	Anticipated: May 2027
	Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI	
BFA	Musical Theatre (Summa Cum Laude)	Graduated: May 2024
	Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI	

TEACHING ARTISTRY EXPERIENCE

2023-Pres. Infusion Performing Arts Academy, Tecumseh, MI

Develop curricula, facilitate and teach students in grades K-12 techniques and skills within specific dance styles, as well as teach them choreographed dance pieces to perform at competitions and the end-of-year recital. Teach a wide range of abilities and incorporate an all-inclusive design to create a positive and accommodating experience for all bodies.

Classes Lead Taught (* developed new class):

Summer 2025: Intermediate Pom*, Broadway II, Advanced Pom*, Advanced Tap, Storytelling Through Movement*, and Performance Qualities for the Stage*.

2024-2025: Novice 1 Ballet & Tap, Advanced Pom*, Advanced Tap, and Broadway III.

Summer 2024: Beginning Tap, Intermediate Tap, Intermediate Pom*, Advanced Tap, Turns and Technique, and Theatre Tap.

2023-2024: Novice 3 Ballet, Novice 3 Tap, Novice 3 Jazz, Intermediate Jazz, Intermediate Lyrical, and Broadway II.

2023-Pres. Professional Youth Theatre of Michigan, Ypsilanti, MI

Develop curricula and facilitate summer camps for students in grades K-12. Direct and choreograph short musicals, revues, or plays for their end-of-camp performances. Teach a wide range of abilities and incorporate an all-inclusive design to create a positive and accommodating experience for all.

Summer Camps Lead Taught:

2025: Theatre Improv, Little Starrs, College Audition Prep, and Move and Shine Musical Theatre Dance.

2024: Little Starrs, Pure Imagination Musical Revue, Audition 101, and Girl Scouts of the USA Dance.

Summer Camps Assistant Taught:

2024: Create-A-Scene Playwriting and Space Pirates.

2023: Raise Your Voice Musical Revue, We Are Monsters, Space Pirates, Press Start, and Becoming a Playwright.

2023-2024 Siena Heights University Child Drama Program, Adrian, MI

Co-taught 10 K-2 students creative dramatics and storytelling, as well as helped them prepare a short performance for the end-of-year showcase.

2022 Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lake, MI

Assisted faculty in performing arts classes, including ballet, contemporary, modern, and theatre. Demonstrated movements as well as helped facilitate warm-ups and improvisational activities.

Classes Assistant Taught:

5th & 6th Grade Theatre

7th & 8th Grade Dance

CREATIVE ACTIVITIES

CHOREOGRAPHY

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| 2025 | Punk: Chaos to Couture, 10th Annual End-Of-Year Dance Recital, Infusion Performing Arts Academy, Tecumseh, MI |
| 2025 | <i>Chicago Teen Edition</i> , Tecumseh Youth Theatre, Tecumseh, MI |
| 2024 | <i>The Addams Family</i> , Professional Youth Theatre of MI, Ypsilanti, MI |
| 2024 | Jobs, 9th Annual End-Of-Year Dance Recital, Infusion Performing Arts Academy, Tecumseh, MI |
| 2024 | <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i> , Tecumseh Youth Theatre, Tecumseh, MI |
| 2023 | <i>Willy Wonka</i> , Professional Youth Theatre of MI, Ypsilanti, MI |
| 2020 | <i>Carrie: The Musical</i> , Hartland Village Players, Hartland, MI |

DIRECTING

- 2023 *Dear Edwina Jr.*, Siena Heights University Child Drama Program, Senior Project, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2023 *Children of Eden*, Theatre Siena Mainstage Spring Musical, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2022 *Long Ago and Far Away*, Student-Directed One Acts, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI

EDUCATION MATERIALS

- 2025 *Cause Play*, Study Guide Contributor, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI & Spinning Dot Theatre, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2024 *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Study Guide Contributor, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

- 2024 *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Hippolyta/Titania, TYA HS Tour, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI
- 2024 *42nd Street*, Gladys, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2023 Theatre Siena Senior Cabaret, Soloist, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2023 *Into the Woods*, Stepmother, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2023 *Twelfth Night*, Mariah, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2022 *Onward and Upward*, Bessie, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2022 *Chicago*, Go-To-Hell Kitty, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2022 Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp Session 3 Staff & Faculty Showcase, Featured Dancer, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lake, MI
- 2022 *Arlo Whittaker and the Viola Verdict: A Mystery of Shakespearean Proportions*, Samantha Yates, Radio, Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp, Twin Lake, MI
- 2022 *5TS*, Tailer Noshug, Voice Over, Lizette Nava, Adrian, MI
- 2022 *Big Fish*, Featured Dancer, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2022 *She Kills Monsters*, Ensemble, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2021 *Rent*, Sue/Featured Dancer, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2021 *The SpongeBob Musical*, Karen, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
- 2021 *Julius Caesar*, A Poet, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI

2020	<i>Carrie: The Musical</i> , Sue, Hartland Village Players, Hartland, MI
2019	<i>Leaving Iowa</i> , Multiple Character Female, Fenton Village Players, Fenton, MI

ADDITIONAL THEATRE EXPERIENCE

2025	<i>Ordinary Days</i> , Stage Manager, The Pennyseats Theatre Company, Ann Arbor, MI
2024	<i>42nd Street</i> , Dance Captain, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
2024	<i>Hamlet</i> , Lighting Assistant, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
2023	<i>The Mighty Mikko</i> , Playwright, Commissioned by Siena Heights University Child Drama Program, World Premiere, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
2023	<i>Into the Woods</i> , Props Artisan, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
2023	<i>Children of Eden</i> , Dance Captain, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
2022	<i>The Legend of Sleepy Hollow</i> , Child Wrangler, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI
2021	<i>The Neverending Story</i> , Child Wrangler, Siena Heights University, Adrian, MI

SERVICE

Alpha Psi Omega, Social Chair (2023–2024)

Planned social events for members and nonmembers, as well as our APO Ball. Helped run bi-weekly meetings and was the leader of the Kit Kat Club, which was APO's dance troupe, where we would hold dance classes that members and nonmembers could attend for free.

Siena Heights University Dance Team, Team Captain (2022–2024)

A leader and role model for the team. Led warm-up daily and facilitated practice when coaches were unavailable. Helped plan team bonding events and choreographed routines for the team.

AWARDS

2024	Honorable Stacky Award, Best Choreography for <i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>
2024, 2023	Sister Therese Craig, O.P., Award of Theatre Excellence
2024, 2023, 2022	WHAC All-Academic Athlete
2024, 2023, 2022	NAIA Scholar-Athlete
2022	Outstanding Student in Musical Theatre
2022	WHAC Champion of Character