# Jesse Graham Galas - Curriculum Vitae

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# AT-A-GLANCE: Professional Profile

- University Teaching
  - High Point University Assistant Professor of Musical Theatre (current)
  - Coker University: 2 years Assistant Professor (Tenure Track), primary performance faculty teaching all levels and courses of performance studies, including Acting I-IV, Movement, and Directing; *please see further under University Courses*
    - Co-coordinator of Musical Theatre Program
  - Troy University: 2 years Lecturer, 2 years Adjunct, teaching multiple levels of Acting and Movement, specializing in Stanislavski, Meisner and Michael Chekhov Techniques.
- Director and Assistant Director for both musicals and plays at university, professional, and community theaters.
- Additional Production Roles: Intimacy Director, Stage Combat Choreographer/ Consultant, and Dialect Coach.
- Certified Teacher, Michael Chekhov Physical Acting Technique Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium (GLMCC), 2018.
- Online/Hybrid Theatre Arts Courses developed and delivered for Coker University, Troy University, Marietta College, and Kennesaw State University.
- International Baccalaureate (IB) Examiner (3 years) Theatre: Director's Notebooks
- Professional actor/singer for over 25 years in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia.
  - Broad range of work in plays, musicals, Shakespeare, Theatre for Young Audiences, and film.
  - $\circ~$  Locations include New York City, regional, summer stock, national and international tours.
  - Recent projects: 2020 National Tour of *An American in Paris* (Madame Baurel), Big League Productions, cancelled due to COVID 19.
  - Okoboji Summer Theatre A Comedy of Tenors "Maria", An Inspector Calls, "Sybil Birling", Bright Star "Mama Murphy", See How They Run "Miss Skillon" -2022 - 2023
- Member of: Association of Theatre Movement Educators (ATME), GLMCC, Society of American Fight Directors (SAFD), Actor's Equity Association (AEA) 2012 – 2014, Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC), Alabama Conference of Theatre (ACT) 2016-2019, KCACTF Region IV Respondent (2018).

### **EDUCATION**

#### **MASTER of FINE ARTS - Acting**

Acting: Shelley Delaney, David Haugen Voice: Laura Parrotti

Ohio University, 2010 Movement: Rebecca VerNooy

#### **BACHELOR of ARTS - Theatre**

Acting: Terry Weber, Bonnie Gould

University of Tennessee, Knoxville, 1999 Voice: Andrew Wentzel, Kay Paschal

### **PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

#### SOCIETY OF AMERICAN FIGHT DIRECTORS

Certified Actor/Combatant - 6 weapons, 2001 Member of Society of American Fight Directors, experience in choreography and instruction, specializing in Unarmed. Past certification with the SAFD in Unarmed, Rapier/Dagger, Broadsword, Quarterstaff, Knife, Single sword. Excels at rolls and falls.

#### **GREAT LAKES MICHAEL CHEKHOV ASSOCIATION**

Certified Teacher in the Michael Chekhov Physical Acting Technique, 2018 Teacher Certification from the Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium. A technique devised to awaken life in the body of the "neck up" actor and provide a structure through with the actor can fully express and follow an objective with their entire instrument.

#### THEATRE INTIMACY EDUCATORS

Application submitted to join Educator Advocates.

Workshops: "Best Practices in Intimacy Education" - Acknowledgement and utilization of TIE's Best Practices, including tools for developing a consent-based process, setting boundaries, desexualizing the process, choreographing intimacy, and documentation both onstage and in the classroom.

# **TEACHING ABILITIES**

#### **Performance Practices**

- Acting (All levels)
- Stage Movement (All levels) 0
- Directing (I, II)
- Voice & Diction 0
- Musical Theatre (Solo, Duet, Group)
- Audition and Portfolio Techniques 0
- Stage Combat 0
- Intimacy Choreography
- Vocal/Dialect Coaching 0
- Oral Interpretation/Public Speaking 0

Academic Courses

- Script Analysis
- Dramatic Literature
- Introduction to Theatre
- Theatre History
- The Theatre Professional (The Business of Theatre) 0

• Introduction to Film/Film Criticism

# UNIVERSITY COURSES

### HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY (2022 - 2024)

**1000:** Foundations of Theatre - An introduction to the collaborative art of theater, concentrating on the evolution of theater from dramatic ritual to dramatic literature. Through attendance at live theatrical performances and the reading of plays, students will explore script analysis techniques directed towards production rather than strictly for their literary value.

**1100: Theatre Participation** - Practical experience in departmental productions. Students participate as actors and/or as member of production crews during the semester.

**1200:** Fundamentals of Acting - An introduction to Stanislavski-based actor training including studies and exercises designed to develop the student146s abilities to create a character. Students will explore basic improvisation, stage movement, monologue, scene work, and script analysis as tools for characterization.

**1410: Playscript Analysis** - Playscript Analysis is the study of dramatic texts with emphasis on critical analysis of structure, genre, theme, style, character, language, dramatic event, conflict, and point of view. Students will learn how to read, interpret, and analyze dramatic works as an essential skill for any type of production in theatre, be it acting, directing, designing, or playwriting.

**2210:** Voice & Dialect - The student will work toward improvement of diction, articulation, range, musicality, and will develop an ability to recognize dialects and rhythmic patterns, with a continuing goal of release and clarity in their personal performance and the spoken word.

**2220: Movement** - This course centers on the development of physical awareness and expressiveness as well as building an understanding for a psychophysical approach to acting. Beginning with an analysis of personal body use, the course will proceed to study a wide variety of techniques and theories of movement training through multi-faceted exercises, designed to improve an actor's awareness of impulse and expressiveness of ideas in both their acting and communication skills in performance and in spoken word.

### COKER UNIVERSITY (2020-2022)

**156:** Acting I/156Honors\*\*\*- Acting I is the introduction of students to the idea of acting as an observable art form with specific criteria for critical analysis and a repeatable process, while also discovering applicable parallels to student growth in their current discipline through an experiential process.

**158:** Acting the Song - Students will learn how to apply acting techniques to the demands of vocal performance in musical theatre. Emphasis will be placed on storytelling, movement, listening and responding, partnering, navigating healthy vocal production, song analysis, stage presence, and development of ensemble.

**197: Freshman Theatre Seminar**\*\*\* - A study of the practices and tools of the actor/designer/technician as applies towards the development of the professional audition/interview. It includes creating a resume, headshot, interview/audition, and portfolio.

**235:** Script Analysis\*\*\* - The study of dramatic texts with emphasis on critical analysis of structure, genre, theme, style, character, language, dramatic event, conflict, and point of view.

**254: Movement I\*\*\*** - Beginning with an analysis of personal body use, the course will proceed to study a wide variety of techniques and theories of movement training through multifaceted exercises, designed to improve an actor's awareness of impulse and expressiveness of ideas in both their acting and communication skills.

**289:** Film Criticism\*\*\* - This course is designed for the student who wants to gain a fundamental understanding and appreciation for various film genres and styles, basic production techniques and terminology, historical origins and influences, and cultural impacts.

**321:** Voice & Diction – An exploration of the full vocal instrument (breath, resonators, articulators) through the application of the Linklater Technique. The student will work toward improvement of diction and articulation and will develop an ability to recognize and reproduce commonly used dialects and rhythmic patterns within their purview.

**356:** Acting III (Meisner Focus) – This course will provide instruction and application of Meisner Technique with special emphasis on listening, partnering, and improvisational scenework for the 21<sup>st</sup> century actor.

**358:** Directing I –We will explore the various roles of the director as a researcher, communicator, and artist and practice the organizational and communication skills required to helm a production.

**371: Practicum in Stage Management -** This course provides both specialized instruction and practical experience in stage management for a theatrical production.

**372: Practicum in Acting -** This course provides both specialized instruction and practical experience in performance for a theatrical production.

**399:** The Theatre Professional\*\*\* - A preparation course for upper-level students that will provide them with the tools to launch their professional theatrical career and livelihood. They will create a demo reel, website, marketing and branding of their personal product, and interview industry professionals to gain perspective.

**456:** Acting IV<sup>\*\*\*</sup> - This course seeks to introduce students to a reawakening of their imagination through the physical body employing the tenets of Michael Chekhov Movement Technique. We will use psycho-physical movements both abstract and pedestrian to focus our work in the text, culminating in a final devised piece.

### HON 399: The CSI Effect – Examining the role of Criminology in Theatre -

(Interdisciplinary seminar course, co-taught with Prof. Charlie Domahidi, ABD) \*\*\*\*\*We hope to examine the reasons why the crime genre is so popular in the media (specifically theatre and film). We also hope to compare and contrast how various topics within criminal justice/criminology are portrayed in the theater setting with the realities present today. We may also explore additional topics, such as global perspectives of crime in theater and the characterization of minorities in media (specifically plays) as it relates to crime and criminology.

\*\*\*Courses taught during pandemic – all hybrid or completely online

# TROY UNIVERSITY (2015-2020)

**1130:** Introduction to Theatre\*\*- An introduction to theatre as a fine art and a vital part of our western culture, the course focuses on the aspects of audience, production, performance, and business aspects.

**1132:** Introduction to Film\*\* - A historical and critical perspective of film production designed for the student who wishes to gain a fundamental understanding and an appreciation of film and its impacts on our culture and society.

**1160:** Audition and Portfolio Techniques\*\*: A continuation of the Department of Theatre and Dance First Year Initiative and Creative Habit Learning Community, this course provides and introduction to the practices and tools in the development of a professional audition, interview, and portfolio, and offers guidance in refining and presenting a professional self-image.

**3300:** Fundamentals of Acting - An introduction to the basic principles, terminology, and disciplines of an actor, as they apply to the mind, voice, and body, with firm foundation in Stanislavski acting technique.

**3335: Movement I** - This course centers on the development of physical awareness and expressiveness as well as building an understanding for a psychophysical approach to acting. Laban's Effort/Shape technique, Bogart's Viewpoints and Michael Chekhov Psychological Gestures are central to the course.

**3336:** Acting III – This course will explore the written works of Anton Chekhov (*The Seagull, Uncle Vanya*) through the techniques of his nephew, Michael Chekhov. We will apply our discoveries to the contemporary retellings of Aaron Posner and will incorporate both Meisner technique and Michael Chekhov psychological gesture.

**3345:** Advanced Stagecraft Lab - A continuation of Stagecraft Lab designed for the upperlevel student. Prerequisite: DRA 2245 rotation or permission of the instructor.

**3370:** The Theatre Professional\*\* – This course focuses on preparing the graduating senior to transition into the current job market: social media, networking resources, real world scenarios, portfolio and audition package prep, etc, with a series of Skype interviews with various working contacts in major markets around the country.

**4441: Oral Interpretation**\*\* - Study and application of the principles and practices of oral interpretation of literature, including individual and ensemble performance, both in the classroom and in Forensic tournaments.

**4493: Guided Independent Study**\*\* –Currently the student is creating a Grad School Spreadsheet, Skyping with my network of professionals who have started their own theatre companies, and are currently researching LatinX Theatre across the nation, focusing primarily on devised theatre and a Hispanic audience.

\*\*Option for hybrid or online

### KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY (2019)

**1107: Theatre in Society** (Hybrid) - This interactive course examines the role of theatre in society through the study of dramatic works and performance events within their cultural and historical contexts.

### MARIETTA COLLEGE (2019)

**201:** Introduction to Dramatic Literature (Online) - The course provides a framework for analyzing and evaluating dramatic literature in both print and performance.

### OHIO UNIVERSITY (2007-2010)

**213:** Acting for Non-Majors II – A sophomore level course created during my 2nd year at OU, per the request of the 13 students who felt they were ready for the greater challenges of the craft. Greater emphasis on character development, physical freedom, vocal ease and range through scene study.

**210:** Acting Technique I – Beginning of foundation sequence. Emphasis is on listening/responding, developing point-of-view, working within the imaginary circumstance.

**113:** Acting Fundamentals I – Acting for non-majors emphasizing awareness of the body and voice as it can be utilized not only in class but in their chosen profession.

**111: Movement for Actors**: An introduction into the practice of a vocal and physical warmup, alongside specific movement forms that offer relaxation and release of tension.

**110:** Script Analysis – An introduction to script analysis using *A Streetcar Named Desire* as a vehicle for in-depth character study, playwright intention, and discovering verbs.

# **RELATED TEACHING EXPERIENCE & WORKSHOPS**

### **INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS**

### AMERICAN MUSICAL THEATRE

(Co-taught with Chris Swan) Zhuhai and Xiamen, China - 2016 Demonstrated actable musical theatre numbers from *My Fair Lady*, taught students excerpts from the show, gave feedback and pointers using acting fundamentals and vocal coaching, all through an interpreter.

### COKER UNIVERSITY ZOOM WORKSHOPS/RECRUITING

- *ABC's of Acting: Action + Behavior = Character*, 2022. Dreher HS, Professional Development Workshop for the Teachers.
- *Acting the Song*, 2020 Dutch Fork High School, Irmo, SC (Zoom), Davidson Fine Arts Magnate HS, Augusta, GA (Zoom), Socastee HS, Myrtle Beach, SC
- *Developing Character Through Archetype*, 2020 Booker T. Washington HS
- *Quality* + *Action* = *Character*, 2020 SCTA South Carolina Theatre Association
- The A, B, C's of Acting: Action + Behavior = Character, 2020 SC Thespians
- Embodying the Rainbow An Exploration of Vocal Color through Chakras

### MARIETTA COLLEGE

• Acting as a Business - 2011

### TROY UNIVERSITY

- Acting on Pitch 2016
- Musical Theatre Duets 2017
- Stage Combat with Scenework 2015,2016,2018,2019, 2021
- Michael Chekhov Techniques 2016,2017,2018, 2019, 2021
- Acting for Beginners 2015, 2016
- Intermediate Acting 2017, 2019, 2021
- Advanced Acting 2018
- Acting Centered 2017
- Audition in the Modern Age 2015, 2019
- *Directing I* 2021

### PROFESSIONAL THEATRE WORKSHOPS

### **OCONEE YOUTH PLAYHOUSE**

### Instructor, 2019

- Middle School Acting
  - Introductory: Ages 9-15

### **CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLAYHOUSE**

### Instructor, 1993 – 1996, 2008; Company Member, 2004-2007

- Triple Threat Education Program
  - $\circ \quad \text{Audition Techniques}$ 
    - Introductory: Ages 9 17
  - Musical Theatre
    - Introductory: Ages 13-17

- Acting for Singers
  - Introductory: Ages 12 16
- **ASL Instructional Video** for *Smoke on the Mountain* Trilogy as the character of June Sanders Oglethorpe. Video included both sign language for songs and spoken word as well as demonstration of multiple percussion instruments.

### **THEATRE CONFERENCES – RESPONDENT**

### KENNEDY CENTER AMERICAN COLLEGE THEATRE FESTIVAL

**REGION IV** (2019)

Barbeque - Georgia College, Valeka Holt, Director

### **THEATRE CONFERENCES - PRESENTER**

#### SETC – SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE

- What is Haunting You? Confronting your Character's Ghosts Spring, 2023
- Acting the Song Think Movement, Not Choreography Spring, 2023
- ABC's of Acting: Action + Behavior = Character Spring, 2022
- Shaking up the Bard with Sound and Movement Spring, 2022 (Co-taught with Roxanne Wellington of SMSU)
- Active Imagination: Discovering Character through Meditative Movement Spring, 2020 (Online)
- What is Haunting You?: Confronting Your Character's Ghost Spring, 2019
- **Vocal Gesture: It's Not What You Say, It's How You Say It** Spring, 2019 (Co-taught with Roxanne Wellington of SMSU)
- Action + Quality = Character: What Can Your Body Tell You? Spring, 2018

### <u>ACT – ALABAMA CONFERENCE OF THEATRE</u> Walter E Trumbauer Festival

• Action + Quality = Character: An Exploration of Archetypes in Action Fall, 2018

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

#### Anti-Racist Theatre, 2021

In this three-hour course, Nicole [Brewer] offers participants tools to craft their own unique anti-racist theatre ethos and delve into the three core principles of anti-racist theatre: harm reduction, harm prevention and relationship repair.

#### Intimacy Directors & Coordinators, 2021

"Consent in Academia" – a 6 week course in diversity mindfulness and intentionality, with specific protocols on creating a safe environment for students, utilizing the tenets of IDC Intimacy Choreographers. – Renee Reading-Jones, Judy Lewis Ockler

#### National Alliance of Acting Teachers, 2020

"Teaching in Crisis, Part 2: Disruption and Identity" - Roberto Alcaraz, Jelani Alladin, Troy Anthony, Nicole Brewer, Stephen Buescher, Stephen McKinley Henderson, Monique "MoMo" Holt, MaryAnn Hu, Dean Irby, Brandon Kazen-Maddox, Marcela Lorca, Michael McElroy, Nadine Mozon, Randy Reinholz, Erin Michelle Washington

#### <u>The Actor's Green Room, 2018</u>

"Headshot Prep with Amanda Brooke Lerner and Jen Rudolph" – via Crowdcast

#### KCACTF, 2017

"Theatrical Intimacy Education" – Laura Rikard, Co-Founder

# **SERVICE: RECRUITING/OUTREACH/COMMITTEE**

# **RECRUITING**

#### MARCAS (Mid-Atlantic Regional College Auditions), 2021, 2022

MARCAs draws High School Juniors and Seniors from the Mid-Atlantic Region to audition for college recruiters representing Theatre and Dance programs from across the country. Last year, 40 recruiting colleges saw over 125 students in auditions for Acting, Musical Theatre, Design-Tech, and Dance programs and we continue to grow each year.

#### **ENTERPRISE HIGH SCHOOL**, 2018

Unarmed Stage Combat workshop with 22 students, all of whom had no experience. We covered safety, punches, slaps, knaps, kicks, the principles of consent and contact.

#### COMEDY OF ERRORS, 2016

Directed a four-person production of the show that could travel to various high schools in the region to initiate a conversation about the versatility of Shakespeare and language. Utilized a Foley station for sound effects and traveled over 150 miles from the University for outreach.

#### **INTIMACY AND CONSENT TRAINING**, 2018

Taught workshop for faculty and students, focused on safe and healthy consent practices for rehearsal and performance using Theatrical Intimacy Education and SAFD principles involving communication and choreography.

#### SUMMER SPOTLIGHT, 2014-2018

A week-long intensive workshop at the Troy University campus for rising freshmen in high school through incoming freshmen in college. This Intensive offers 3 classes a day, personal coaching, outside activities and culminates in both individual featured performances and ensemble work.

# **COMMUNITY/OUTREACH**

### SEACT (SOUTHEAST ALABAMA COMMUNITY THEATRE), 2018

Adjudicator for Fall Choral and Theatre Festival, where over 90 high school students, homeschooled students and independent studios competed for prizes in monologues, duologues, duets, solos, and scenes.

#### ACT (ALABAMA CONFERENCE OF THEATRE), 2018

Respondent for State Screening auditions for acceptance into SETC National Auditions. Feedback for groups of 25 and individual remarks on acting and singing.

# **COMMITTEES**

#### EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING

This committee with evaluate resources and recommend classroom purchases, conduct peer observations, facilitate faculty development workshops, and offer mini-grants for student-centered learning outside of the university.

#### STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE (BRIGHT IDEAS)

This committee is looking at four major pillars to affect change both at Coker University and the Hartsville community at large: Student Success, Community, Work Environment/Culture, and Financial Sustainability. The subsection, Bright Ideas, is specifically tasked to create a platform and model through which ideas can be presented to the right people in a timely fashion.

#### **HUMANITIES MAJOR – Subcommittee**

In an effort to increase retention, especially given the elimination of several classic Liberal Arts majors such as English, Math, Spanish, Chemistry, Communications, etc., this subcommittee was tasked to create an outline and program description for the creation of a new Humanities Major, complete with structure, content, credit hour assignment, and capstone.

### **RECRUITING COMMITTEE, Co-Chair**

Responsible for creating the agenda, keeping the minutes and stocking recruiting supplies (pamphlets, flyers and swag), brainstorming sessions, social media ideas, facetime with potential students via workshops and scholarship auditions.

- **Head: Scholarship Auditions** (3 dates per academic year) Responsible for space procurement, ordering refreshments, organizing student staff,
- **Instructor**: **Pursuing the Dream**: **Staging** *Cabaret* A day of various workshops for High School actors, singers, dancers and technicians revolving around an inside look at our fall 2017 Mainstage production of *Cabaret*.
- **Pioneer of New Recruiting Initiative**: Faculty members volunteer to drive to area high schools within a 200 mile radius to see the shows and offer complimentary workshops.

**PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE, Secretary** – Season Selection, Directing assignments, Student development; Masterclass and Workshop Selection

**BOX OFFICE, Faculty Advisor** – Responsible for overseeing Student Staff schedules, ushering, Vendini software training.

• Initiated proposal for new shirts and nametags for student staff, which were approved and funded.

**MARKETING TEAM, member** – Tasked with creating a standing Opening Night Gala and a Season Ticket subscriber base.

### **GRANTS**

#### FACULTY DEVELOPMENT GRANT

Awarded by Troy University to fund Workshop Presentation at the Southeastern Theatre Conference.

- o \$750.00 2018
- o \$750.00 2019

#### PRESIDENT'S FUND GRANT

Presidential Award to fund Recruiting Efforts for Coker University.

o **\$2000.00 - 2022** 

# **CREATIVE AND SCHOLARLY WORK**

#### **CHEKHOV ON CHEKHOV**

This project involved the research and production of *The Seagull* by Anton Chekhov, (translation by Paul Schmidt), and used Michael Chekhov's acting techniques of spontaneous and effortless behavior through Psychological Gesture and Archetypal Movement to reach a final product, documenting student findings through journals, interviews, and video footage, and culminating in publishing the findings in both a written format and performance for our theatre community at large.

# **TECHNOLOGY**

- ♦ Knowledge and daily use of Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Powerpoint. 55 WPM.
- Certificate of Completion in "Applying the Quality Matters Rubric to Virtual Online Classes" via Blackboard Ultra.
- Completion of Canvas Learning Management System Training for the 2017-2018 school year and daily use for academic year 2018-2020.
- Certified in Blackboard Online Teaching (TOP, 2015)
- \* Knowledge and daily use of Moodle for Marietta College.
- \* Knowledge and daily use of D2L Brightspace for Kennesaw State University.
- Knowledge and daily use of Vendini Ticketing Software for Troy University Box Office.
- Knowledge and daily use of Wrike Software for Task Management (2017-2018)

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### DIRECTING - PROFESSIONAL

#### 2010-2024

Come Home, It's Suppertime, Jaine Treadwell, writer/producerBrundidge Historical SocietyDames at Sea, by Haimsohn/Miller, music by J.Wise (Assistant Director, Performer)Prizery TheaterAnnie!, by Strous/Charnin/Meehan (Assistant Director, Performer)Prizery Theater

# FIGHT DIRECTING: PROFESSIONAL

An American in Paris, Jeffrey Moss (Director)

### **DIRECTING: UNIVERSITY**

#### **High Point University**

- o The Addams Family, a New Musical, Andrew Lippa, Marshall Brickman, and Rick Elice
- Lost Girl, Kimberly Belflower

#### **Coker University**

- o Little Women, Allen Knee, Mindi Dickstein, Jason Howland
- Women of Lockerbie, Deborah Brevoort
- o Songs for a New World, Jason Robert Brown
- All in the Timing, David Ives

#### **Troy University**

- o The Seagull, Anton Chekhov, translated by Paul Schmidt
- Comedy of Errors, William Shakespeare
- o Love/Sick, John Cariani
- *Epiphany*, Jay Bowdoin (Co-Director/performer) Rosa Parks Museum
- o **Bits and Pieces**, Lacey Alexander (KCACTF Region IV Playwriting Finalist)
- Well, Lisa Kron
- o Our Vital Struggle, adapted by Jesse Graham and Trey Clark
- Company, Stephen Sondheim (Assistant Director)
- 29, Tommy Newman and Gaby Alter (Assistant Director)

### **INTIMACY DIRECTING: UNIVERSITY**

The Addams Family, a New Musical, Jesse Graham Galas, dir.
Lost Girl, Jesse Graham Galas, dir.
Cinderella, Doug Brown, dir.
Little Women, Jesse Graham Galas, dir.
Women of Lockerbie, Jesse Graham Galas, dir.
Songs for a New World, Jesse Graham Galas, dir.
The Wild Party, John Galas, dir.
This is Our Youth, Taylor Montgomery, dir.
Spring Awakening, Tommy Newman, dir.
Mamma Mia!, Tori Lee Averett, dir.
The Seagull, Jesse Graham Galas, dir.
Company, Tommy Newman, dir.
The Taming of the Shrew, Quinton Cockrell, dir.
Our Vital Struggle, Jesse Graham Galas, dir.
Love/Sick, Jesse Graham Galas, dir.

# FIGHT DIRECTION - UNIVERSITY

All in the Timing, David Ives The Seagull, Jesse Graham Galas, dir. Mamma Mia!, Tori Lee Averett, dir. Spring Awakening, Tommy Newman, dir. Company, Tommy Newman, dir. The Taming of the Shrew, Quinton Cockrell, dir. High Point University High Point University Coker University Coker University Coker University University of Georgia Troy University Troy University Troy University

2017-2024

Troy University Troy University Troy University Troy University Troy University

### 2018-2024

Coker University Troy University Troy University Troy University Troy University Troy University

National Tour 2015-2024

**Big League Productions** 

#### **NEW YORK THEATRE**

The Rover Mathemagics (Yo, Yo, Yo) The Last Goodbye

Callis/Musician Woman Lady Capulet

New York Classical Theatre Workshop Workshop – Choreographers\* Alex Timbers \*Luis Perez, Sonya Tayeh

Karin Coonrod West Hylar

#### **INTERNATIONAL / NATIONAL / REGIONAL TOURS**

An American in Paris My Fair Lady - China Guys & Dolls – US **Odyssey Experience -** Ireland My Fair Lady - Singapore My Fair Lady - US & Canada A Christmas Carol - US & Canada Always, Patsy Cline – TN, WV

Madame Baurel Mrs. Pearce General Cartwright Athena/Facilitator Mrs. Pearce Mrs. Pearce Mrs. Fezziwiq Louise

**Big League Theatrical Productions Big League Theatrical Productions Big League Theatrical Productions Experiential Theatre Company Big League Theatrical Productions Big League Theatrical Productions** Troupe America, Inc. Cumberland Co. Playhouse \*\* \*\*(company member - 3 years) Jeffrey Moss Jeffrey Moss Jeffrey Moss **Christopher Parks** Jeffrey Moss Jeffrey Moss Pete Colburn Terry Schwab

#### **REGIONAL & STOCK**

See How They Run Miss Skillon Okoboji Summer Theatre Stephen Brotebeck **Bright Star** Okoboji Summer Theatre Lauren Haughton Mama Murphy **An Inspector Calls** Okoboji Summer Theatre Stephen Brotebeck Mrs. Birling The Comedy of Tenors Maria Okoboji Summer Theatre Stephen Brotebeck **Bye Bye Birdie Pioneer Summer Theatre** John Galas Mae Peterson **Romeo & Juliet** Lady Capulet **Pioneer Summer Theatre Emily Heugatter** The Three Musketeers **Porthos** Birmingham Children's Theater **Brandon Bruce** Athena/Facilitator Trike Theatre/Walton Arts Center **Christopher Parks** The Odyssey Experience The Odyssey Experience McCarter Theater **Christopher Parks** Athena Henry IV, Part I Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey Joseph Discher Mistress Quickly Henry IV, Part II (reading) Mistress Quickly Shakespeare Theater of New Jersey Joseph Discher Youth, Ink! Festival Marsha, Mom, Bee#1 McCarter Theater Adam Immerwahr, etc. **Comedy of Errors** Adriana/Angelo/etc. Playhouse on Park Will Ditterline Andy Felt Inherit the Whole (reading) Lisa Victory Gardens Theater **Prizery Theater** Chris Jones **Dames at Sea** Mona Kent Prizerv Theater Chris Jones Annie Miss Hannigan **All Night Strut** Alto/Soprano II **Prizery Theater Connor Davis** Stepmother (US Witch) Cumberland Co.Playhouse Into the Woods Michele Colvin **Beauty and the Beast** Mme. de Grande Bouche Cumberland Co.Playhouse Jim Crabtree The Mikado Ensemble Cumberland Co.Playhouse Abigail Crabtree Joseph...Dreamcoat Benjamin/Baker Cumberland Co.Playhouse Michele Colvin **Smoke on the Mountain** June Sanders Cumberland Co.Playhouse Terry Schwab Rhonda Wallace Sanders Family Christmas June Sanders Cumberland Co.Playhouse **SmokeOTM:** Homecoming June Oglethorpe Cumberland Co.Playhouse Rhonda Wallace Jenny Simpson Cumberland Co.Playhouse A Homestead Album Jim Crabtree Second Sons Ensemble Cumberland Co.Playhouse Jim Crabtree Heart Clown Cumberland Co.Playhouse Jim Crabtree Godspell

Little Women The Hag **Sharing Our Song** Soloist **Sweeney Todd** Mrs. Lovett Hair Jesse/Tribe **Steel Magnolias** Truvy **Molly Malone** Molly Malone Irish Thunder Alto Soloist/Musician Witchie-Poo & Pumpkin Witchie-Poo **Greetings!** Street Performer Legend of Daniel Boone Mrs. McKintry Daniel Boone: Man & Legend Mrs. McKintry Impromptu Winifred Agnes of God Mother Superior Peace in the Valley Zula Huey **Swingtime Canteen** Topeka Abotelli **Grease!** Jan South Pacific Bloody Mary Amanda Gronich **The Laramie Project** 

Cumberland Co.Playhouse Cumberland Co.Plavhouse Bijou Theatre/UTK Opera Darkhorse Theater **Derby Dinner Playhouse Busch Gardens Entertainment Busch Gardens Entertainment Busch Gardens Entertainment Busch Gardens Entertainment** Fort Harrod Drama Productions Fort Harrod Drama Productions Fort Harrod Drama Productions Fort Harrod Drama Productions Cornwell's Dinner Theater Cornwell's Dinner Theater Cornwell's Dinner Theater Cornwell's Dinner Theater Great Plains Theater

Abigail Crabtree Brvce McDonald Carroll Freeman Dan McGeachy Jim Hesselman **Emile Trimble Emile Trimble** Amie Hill Amie Hill Michael Friedman Michael Friedman Maureen Daly Cory Harrison Dennis McKeen Dennis McKeen Dennis McKeen **Dennis McKeen Richard Esvang** 

#### **EDUCATIONAL THEATRE**

#### HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

The Wolves	Soccer Mom	Empty Space Theater	Jay Putnam
TROY UNIVERSITY			
Mamma Mia!	Donna	Claudia Crosby Theater	Tori Lee Averett
Forest, Dark and Deep	Betty	Malone Blackbox	Noah Williams
Ghosts (scene)	Mrs. Alving	Malone Blackbox	Jarod Lewis
Dollhouse (scene)	Nora	Malone Blackbox	Noah Williams
<u>OHIO UNIVERSITY - M</u>	IFA		
Love's Labour's Lost	Rosaline	Forum Theater	Shelley Delaney
The Hostage	Meg (MFA Thesis role)	Forum Theater	Dennis Delaney
The Trojan Women	Hecuba	Forum Theater	Rebecca VerNooy
The Grapes of Wrath	Ma Joad	Baker Theater	Brice Britton
The Small of Her Back	Missy	Forum Theater	Brice Britton
Inherit the Whole (premier	) Lisa	Hahne Theater	David Haugen
<b>Dinner with Friends</b>	Karen	Kantner Studio	Jamie Lish
Rabbit Hole	Nat	Kantner Studio	Vanessa M. Taylor
The Front Page	Mrs. Grant	Monomoy Theater	Terry Layman
Guys & Dolls	General Cartwright	Monomoy Theater	Alan Rust
The Matchmaker	Flora Van Huysen	Monomoy Theater	Malcolm Morrison
Scapino!	Musician/Ensemble	Monomoy Theater	Richard Mangan
A Funny ThingForum	Domina	Monomoy Theater	Mary O'Brady
Merry Wives of Windsor	Mistress Page	Monomoy Theater	MichaelJohn McGann

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A Christmas Carol	Ghost of Christmas Present	Clare
Fiddler on the Roof	Grandma Tzeitel	Clare
The Matchmaker	Gertrude/Cook	Clare
Grease!	Jan	Clare

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Dialogues of the Carmelites Sister St. JohnLes Liaisons DangereusesMme. de VolangesGodspellEnsemble

Carousel Theater All Campus Theatre All Campus Theatre Carrol Freeman Brandi Estep Sandi Turpin

#### **FILM**

Medal of Victory\*\*JeanArtificial I - TestProfesGLMCC - Promo VideoJesseTrailerpark (Feature length)IreneDeath of the CoolSukieCohabitationSexy SBluteAndree\*\*Available on Amazon Prime

Jean Professor Jesse Graham Irene Sukie Sexy Stacey Andrea Warehouse District Productions Troy Cinematography Society GLMCC MDIA 419 – OU MDIA – OU CrackBang Productions MDIA – OU Joshua Moise Hope Rangel Mark Monday J. Look/P. Muhlberger John Heeg Conor Patrick Hogan John Heeg

### **TELEVISION**

Cami-shaper Infomercial	Model: Testimonial	Tri-Star Products Inc.	Lisa McGann
Cami-shaper Infomercial	Interview	Tri-Star Products Inc.	Lisa McGann
Trojan Talk (multiple)	Interview	Troy TrojanVision	Aaron Taylor
Mamma Mia!	Interview	WTVY – Live at Four, Dothan	Reginald Jones
My Fair Lady	Interview	The Mad Scene – Singapore	Hawk Liu
My Fair Lady	Interview	BASE Entertainment	Jeffrey Moss
A Christmas Carol	Interview-Guest host	WBIR – Live at Five	Robin Wilhoit
Smoke on the Mountain	Live Performance	WBIR – Live at Five	Robin Wilhoit

### SPECIAL SKILLS

#### Music

- Private Voice Lessons
  - Andrew Wentzel (1996 1997)
  - Kay Paschall (2004 2006)
- Reads Music
- Sight Reads
- Holds Harmony line extremely well
- Alto II, Belt, Soprano II vocal parts 28 years; Vocal Range C3 C6 (Belt to E5)
- Paid member of First Congregational Church, Knoxville, Alto Soloist (1998-1999)

#### Instruments

- Mandolin 12 years (Rhythm)
- French Horn 6 years
- Trumpet 1 year (Jazz Band)
- Piano 1 year

#### Instruments learned for Performance

#### Grapes of Wrath

- **Bowed Psaltery**
- Autoharp
- Hammered Dulcimer
- Bodhran (*Irish Thunder*)
- Trumpet (Smoke on the Mountain; Swingtime Canteen)
- Shofar (Ram's Horn) (Smoke on the Mountain)
- Percussion (*Smoke on the Mountain*)
  - Tambourine
  - Spoons
  - o Xylophone
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### Dialects (IPA)

- American
  - British RP
- Cockney

- Irish
- German
- Southern American (Native)
- Brooklyn
- French

#### Languages

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- English (Native Speaker)
- American Sign Language (Student Level I)
- Spanish/French (Tourist)

### Dance

- Private Tap Lessons 1 year
- Tap/Jazz 4 years
- Ballet 2 years
- Mover/Applied Choreography 24 years

# **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

#### 1. Tori Lee Averett

Chair - Department of Theatre and Dance Troy University <u>vlee@troy.edu</u> 334-670-3979

### 2. Lionel Walsh

Associate Professor School of Dramatic Art

### Miscellaneous

- SAFD Certified Actor/Combatant 6 years (Unarmed, Quarterstaff, Rapier & Dagger, Broadsword, Knife)
- Juggles (3 balls/rings)

DjembeCowbell

- Crochet
- 3x Half-Marathon Finisher Rock
  'n' Roll Washington, DC. 2012,
  2013; Destination Races VA Wine Country 2017

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#### 3. Cathy Albers

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#### 4. Christopher Parks

Co-Founder/Artistic Director - Experiential Theater Company; *Previously* Director of Theatre for Youth Program at the McCarter Theater Center <u>cparks@exptheater.org</u> 732-306-8462

#### 5. Jeffrey Moss

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