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## **At a Glance: Professional Profile**

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- 10 years of experience of teaching at the college level, covering courses including Directing, Theatre History, Script Analysis, Playwriting, Movement (Suzuki, Grotowski, Stage Combat), Acting (Stanislavsky, Michael Chekhov, Uta Hagen), Shakespeare, Public Speaking, and Voice/Diction
- 16 years of experience as Artistic & Executive Director for 5 professional theatre companies
- Professional Director, Actor, Playwright, Sound Designer, and Fight Choreographer on more than 200 professional productions over the course of 25 years, with extensive experience in new play development, music theatre, classics, devised theatre, living history, and theatre for young audiences
- Seasoned Fundraising Professional with more than \$2,200,000 secured for various organizations
- Member of Actors' Equity Association, Associate Member of Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, Member of Association for Theatre in Higher Education

## **Education**

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- May 2010      **UNIVERSITY OF IOWA** – Iowa City, IA  
*MFA in Directing*
- Awarded the Iowa Arts Fellowship (full tuition plus stipend)
  - GPA 3.98
  - Instructors included Alan MacVey, Dr. Eric Forsythe, Tisch Jones, David McGraw & Gary Briggie
- May 1998      **KENT STATE UNIVERSITY** – Kent, OH  
*BFA in Acting*
- Awarded the Cowperthwaite Acting Scholarship; Graduated Cum Laude
  - Instructors included Terri Kent, Dr. Marya Bednerik, Chuck Richie, Terry Burgler, Dr. Rosemarie Bank & Ken Howard

## **Teaching Experience**

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- July 2021-  
Present      **UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY** – St. George, UT  
*Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts (Directing, Theatre History & Playwriting Emphasis)*
- THEA 4901: *Senior Project II (2 hours)*. A course covering preparation for work in professional theatre, tailored specifically to the goals of each individual student
  - THEA 3610: *Directing II (3 hours)*. A hands-on advanced course covering experimental, devised, and classical approaches to directing for the stage; culminates with a theatrical production helmed by the student directors
  - THEA 3600: *Directing I (3 hours)*. A hands-on introductory course covering theory, practice, and principles of directing for the stage
  - THEA 3720: *Theatre History & Dramatic Literature I (3 hours)*. A lecture class covering the literature & development of theatre from its beginnings to the 18<sup>th</sup> century

**Teaching Experience (continued)**

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- THEA 3730: *Theatre History & Dramatic Literature II* (3 hours). A lecture class covering the literature & development of theatre from the 18<sup>th</sup> century to the present
- THEA 3420: *Playwriting* (3 hours). A highly interactive course that guides beginning playwrights from the beginnings of the creative process to a workshop production; culminates with a student-led new play festival at the end of the year
- THEA 3033: *Acting Studio – Musical Theatre* (3 hours). An advanced, performance-centered course focusing on the performance of musical theatre songs and scenes, as well as covering auditioning for professional musical theatre productions
- THEA 2220: *Theatre for Young Audiences* (3 hours). A hands-on course covering theory and practice of TYA, including work intended for elementary school audiences, pre-school audiences, and theatre for the very young
- THEA 2053: *Classical Acting* (3 hours). An advanced, performance-centered course focusing on the preparation and performance of classical works through both text and movement work
- THEA 1713: *Script Analysis* (3 hours). Introductory course that focuses on plot, character, language, thematic analysis, and dramaturgy of various historical and modern performance texts in the context of contemporary staging and performance practices
- THEA 1033: *Acting I* (3 hours). Beginning level class focusing on the basics of Stanislavsky, character analysis, movement and voice

August 2017-  
May 2019

**UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO** – Montevallo, AL  
*Adjunct Professor of Acting & Directing*

- THEA 315: *Acting Workshop - Advanced Movement* (3 hours). A highly physical movement class covering the disciplines of Tadashi Suzuki and Jerzy Grotowski
- THEA 313: *Acting II* (3 hours). Advanced scene study (contemporary & Chekhov) focusing on text analysis, characterization, improvisation, informed by the disciplines of Stanislavsky and Hagen

August 2012 –  
Dec 2012

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY CHICAGO** – River Forest, IL  
*Adjunct Professor of Speech & Communications*

- COMM 1100: *Speech Communication* (3 hours). 100-level course focusing on speech composition and performance

January 2012 –  
Dec 2012

**DOMINICAN UNIVERSITY** – River Forest, IL  
*Adjunct Professor of Acting*

- THEA/CAS 160: *Voice & Diction* (3 hours). 100-level course intended for students who second language is English; using Patsy Rodenburg's text *The Right to Speak* and Linklater's vocal techniques as guiding philosophies, ESL students strengthen their skills as English speakers

**Teaching Experience (continued)**

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August 2011 – **GRINNELL COLLEGE** – Grinnell, IA  
December 2011 *Guest Lecturer in Acting*

- THEA 217: *Intermediate Acting* (3 hours). Scene study class in which students performed in three scenes from a contemporary play, a Shakespeare piece, and a dialect-driven piece
- THEA 117: *Fundamentals of Acting* (3 hours). Beginning acting class that introduced Stanislavsky's techniques and employed improvisation and Linklater vocal training

August 2008 – **UNIVERSITY OF IOWA** – Iowa City, IA  
May 2010 *Instructor of Theatre*

- THEA 049: *Art of the Theatre* (3 hours). Intended for non-theatre majors, this introductory course included units on acting, playwriting, collaboration, and live performance appreciation

Summer 2006 **UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LAB SCHOOL** – Chicago, IL  
*Drama Director*

- Led the acting program for the summer, teaching improvisation and beginning acting to 60 gifted middle school students

**Arts Leadership Experience**

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September 2016 – **BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S THEATRE** – Birmingham, AL  
August 2020 *Executive Artistic Director* (February 2018 to August 2020)  
*Artistic Director* (September 2016 to January 2018)

- Oversaw all programming for the organization, including 10 annual productions, 4 touring shows, new play development, and the academy; all of which reaches 140,000 audience members annually
- Managed financial operation of the theatre by developing and executing an annual operating budget of \$1.2 million
- Oversaw all marketing, promotional, and sales efforts, serving as the primary spokesperson to TV, radio & print media
- Directed 3 theatrical productions each year and served as a resident sound designer and fight choreographer
- Lead all fundraising, grant-writing, and other development efforts, personally securing \$500,000 in charitable giving

Achievements at Birmingham Children's Theatre Include:

- Oversaw two of the most successful seasons in the 72-year history of the organization, with public sales outpacing the last 15 years by 400%
- Oversaw the development of such new programs as the Magic City Theatre Festival (a free, outdoor summer performance), theatre for the very young (Tiny Tyke Tales), a touring historic figures series, and an extensive in-school outreach program

**Arts Leadership Experience (continued)**

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November 2013 – **COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION** – Williamsburg, VA  
January 2016 *Senior Manager of Performance Interpretation*

- Provided artistic and production direction for all theatrical programming, including historical interpretation, 18th century theatre, and most other performance-oriented interpretations
- Oversaw more than 350 employees whose roles included mid-level managers and supervisors, along with actor-interpreters and other performers
- Supervised the development of all new work
- Created and executed an annual budget of \$4 million and the season schedule which included more than 100 individual productions and programs in one year

Achievements at Colonial Williamsburg Included:

- Oversaw a 17% increase of revenue in Evening Programs since the beginning of tenure
- Created and directed the "Hallam Players," a summer theatrical company that focused on physical theatre, particularly clowning and stage combat
- Created and directed *Harlequin's Holiday*, a silent pantomime inspired by the traditions of 18th century England and the American colonies
- Oversaw and coordinated the implementation of new stock scenery and refurbished outdoor stages throughout the historic area

June 2011 – **STRAWDOG THEATRE COMPANY** – Chicago, IL  
November 2012 *Artistic Director*

- Oversaw all artistic activity of the organization, including the direction, casting, design, and acting in each production as well as special events
- Worked in cooperation with the Managing Director, General Manager, and Production Manager to develop the annual budget of \$200,000, production budgets, season schedules
- Served as ex-officio member of the Board of Directors
- Served as the organization's chief ambassador to funders and donors, as well as to the artistic community at-large

November 2010 – **SHAWNEE THEATRE** – Bloomfield, IN  
August 2011 *Interim Artistic Director*

- Oversaw all creative and production activity for the organization, which involved 7 annual productions
- In collaboration with the Producing Director, hired all actors, designers, stage managers, and technical staff and directors for the season; oversaw casting for all roles
- Oversaw the set-up of general operations of the theatre, including box office and facilities

August 2008 – **ALLEY CABARET (Englert Theatre)** – Iowa City, IA  
May 2009 *Founding Artistic Director*

- Founded the late-night cabaret, in conjunction with co-producers The Englert Theatre and The University of Iowa
- Oversaw all artistic activity, including season selection, hiring artists such as musicians and dancers, marketing plans, event planning, scheduling, load-ins, and strikes
- Directed PR initiatives by pitching stories to the press, serving as liaison to the local media

**Arts Leadership Experience (continued)**

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May 2004 – **BACKSTAGE THEATRE COMPANY** – Chicago, IL  
April 2007 *Artistic Director*

- Oversaw all creative and productivity for the organization, which included 4 annual productions and 2 special events
- Designed sound and graphic materials for most of company’s events
- Assisted in the fundraising and grant-writing efforts for the theatre

Achievements for BackStage Included:

- Helped triple both the annual attendance and annual operating budget
- Earned company’s first “Jeff Recommendation” by directing *Terra Nova*

**Certifications & Training**

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- 2020-2023 GREAT LAKES MICHAEL CHEKHOV CONSORTIUM – Alliance, OH & Kent, OH
- Introductory Session (May 2020)
  - Module 1 (June 2021 - week long intensive that included study of psychological gesture, qualities of movement, atmosphere, artistic frame, and archetypes)
  - Module 2 (June 2023 – week long intensive that included study of the 3 sisters/sensations, imaginary body, corridors, imaginary centers, archetypal centers, and ghosts)
- 2021 – 2022 UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY – St. George, UT
- “Inclusivity Learning Community” – participated and received training in improving inclusive teaching practices
- 2021 ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY EDUCATORS (ACUE)
- “Promoting Active Learning Training” (a 6-week course covering ways to actively engage students both in the classroom and online)
- 2020-2021 THEATRICAL INTIMACY EDUCATION (TIE)
- 6 hours of TIE Best Practices
  - 6 hours of Studio Techniques
  - 6 hours of Intimacy Choreography
  - 6 hours of Intimacy Coordination
  - 2 hours of Foundations in Race, Intimacy, and Consent
  - 3 hours of Consent in the Acting Classroom
- Summer 2016 NONPROFIT LEARNING POINT – Richmond, VA
- “Starting a Nonprofit” – lead by Dena Reynolds, this course gave students a nuts-and-bolts foundation for launching a nonprofit organization and shepherding it through its first year, focusing on the legal and regulatory requirements of startup and operation
  - “Telling your Nonprofit’s Story” – lead by Dena Reynolds, this class illustrated how storytelling can help with marketing, fundraising, and communications efforts
- August 2010 FIGHT DIRECTORS CANADA – Montréal, QC
- Actor/Combatant Certification (Quarterstaff, Single Sword, Unarmed); instructors included Jean-François Gagnon, Daniel Levinson, Paul Gélinau, Laryssa Yanchak

**Certifications & Training (continued)**

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- 2007-2010 UNIVERSITY OF IOWA – Iowa City, IA
- Augusto Boal’s Forum Theatre Techniques – worked and studied with Karen Mitchell, PhD, Founding Director of SAVE Forum Actors
  - Opera Direction – studied and directed pieces under the guidance of Professor Gary Briggie
  - Arts Leadership – studied the current and historical trends of nonprofit arts leadership under Professor David McGraw
  - Shakespeare – studied the first folio method under Professor Alan MacVey
  - Grotowski Actor Training – studied the psycho-physical discipline created by Jerzy Grotowski under Professor Eric Forsythe, PhD
  - Sound Design – conceived and designed 4 separate works under Professor Bryon Winn
  - Scenic Design – conceived and designed 4 separate works under Professor William Moser
- Summer 2000 YALE UNIVERSITY – New Haven, CT
- Master classes in acting, voice & theatre management under instructors Evan Yianoulis, Barbara Somerville & David Kennedy
- 1997 & 2000 PORTHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY – Cuyahoga Falls, OH
- Trained in 2 separate 8-week intensive courses in Suzuki acting training under Cleveland State University Professor Allan Byrne
- 1994 – 1998 KENT STATE UNIVERSITY – Kent, OH
- Studied Shakespeare performance under internationally renowned instructors Bob Smith & Terry Burgler
  - Stage Combat (Rapier, Unarmed) – instructor Christopher Ockler

**Workshops & Master Classes Taught (selected)**

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- 2018 – 2019 JEFFERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS – Irondale, AL
- Led an all-day workshop on playwriting, producing, and directing for high school theatre teachers
  - Led a stage combat workshop for high school theatre teachers
- 2017 – 2019 UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM – Birmingham, AL
- Led an annual 2-hour audition workshop with graduating seniors
- 2017 – 2019 UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO – Montevallo, AL
- Regularly presented workshops on such topics as Suzuki actor training and the Folio Technique for Shakespeare performance
- 2017 MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY – Murfreesboro, TN
- Led a 4-hour audition & interview workshop with graduating seniors
- 2016 – Present WITTENBERG UNIVERSITY – Springfield, OH
- Regularly lead online master classes on professional practice and theatre for young audiences
- 2015 SHENANDOAH UNIVERSITY – Winchester, VA
- Taught a master class on historical interpretation 15 college students
- 2014 – 2015 COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION – Williamsburg, VA
- Led workshops on clowning, mask-work, Viewpoints, and Stanislavski for full-time and temporary employees

**Workshops & Master Classes Taught (continued)**

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- 2013 ANOKA RAMSEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – Coon Rapids, MN
- Led a three-day stage combat workshop, focusing on unarmed combat for college students
- 2006 FESTIVAL 56 – Princeton, IL
- Taught stage combat (rapier, unarmed, footwork) to professional actors

**Creative Work – Directing (Selected Credits)**

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*Professional*

2023	*MACBETH NO. 9 adaptation by Brandon Bruce and Company	Tumbleweed Theatre
2023	CATCH ME IF YOU CAN by Terence McNally, Marc Shaiman, Scott Whitman	St. George Musical Theatre
2020	BUNNICULA by Jon Klein & Chris Jeffries	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2019	SONGS FOR A NEW WORLD by Jason Robert Brown	Birmingham Festival Theatre
2019	*ALICE IN WONDERLAND by Brandon Bruce & Luke Schares	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2018	THE THREE MUSKETEERS by Ken Ludwig	Magic City Theatre Festival
2018	PETER PAN by Douglas Irvine	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2017	CINDERELLA by John B. Davidson	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2017	JAMES & THE GIANT PEACH by Benj Pasek, Justin Paul, & Timothy McDonald	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2017	EINSTEIN IS A DUMMY by Karen Zacarias & Deborah Wicks La Puma	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2015	*HARLEQUIN'S HOLIDAY by Brandon Bruce & Luke Schares	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2015	THE SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS adapted by Brandon Bruce	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2015	*A PERFECT ADORNMENT by Katrinah Lewis	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2014	THE REVOLUTIONARY CITY an ongoing devised work	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2014	THOMAS AND SALLY a ballad opera by Thomas Arne	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2014-	*THE BELOVED WOMEN OF CHIOTA:	
2015	WAR WOMEN OF THE CHEROKEE by Catherine Hagner	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2014	*SWORD PLAY by Andres Enriquez & Luke Schares	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2014	SCAPIN by Molière, adapted by Terry Burgler	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2014	LIBERTY TO SLAVES by Hope Wright & Mary Carter	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2014	THE HATED SPY by Jeff Villines	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2014	STORMING THE PALACE by Jay Knowlton & Corinne Dame	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2011	THE 39 STEPS by Patrick Barlow	Shawnee Theatre
2011	THE FANTASTICKS by Tom Jones & Harvey Schmidt	Shawnee Theatre
2010	THE SCENE by Theresa Rebeck	Iowa Summer Rep
2010	*DENALI by Austin Bunn	Working Group Theatre
2008	THE DEAL by Lewis Black	Alley Cabaret
2008	A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM by William Shakespeare	Pella Shakespeare Festival
2013	FOREVER PLAID by Stuart Ross	Fox Valley Rep
2012	TROUBLE IS MY BUSINESS (Reading) by James Glossman	Iowa Summer Rep
2012	PHONEBOOK (featuring Nora Dunn)	Strawdog Theatre
2012	THE DUCHESS OF MALFI adapted by Brandon Bruce & Christine Scarfuto	Strawdog Theatre
2009	THE LITTLE FOXES by Lillian Hellman	Shattered Globe Theatre
2007	THE RULING CLASS by Peter Barnes	BackStage Theatre
2006	THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH by Thornton Wilder	BackStage Theatre
2006	TANGO by Slawomir Mrozek	Chopin Theatre
2007	THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST by Oscar Wilde	Festival 56
2005	*DENISE DRUCZWESKI'S INFERNO by Eric Schmiedl	BackStage Theatre
2004	TERRA NOVA by Ted Tally	BackStage Theatre
2004	CATCH-22 by Joseph Heller	Signal Ensemble Theatre
2002	PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE by Steve Martin	New Leaf Theatre
2012	*MERCHILD (Reading) by Aline Lathrop	Chicago Dramatists

**Creative Work – Directing (continued)**

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*University*

2023	<i>THIS GIRL LAUGHS, THIS GIRL CRIES, THIS GIRL DOES NOTHING</i> by Finegan Kruckemeyer; Co-directed with Rook Reilley	Utah Tech University
2022	<i>MEN ON BOATS</i> by Jaclyn Backhaus	Utah Tech University
2021	<i>THE WOLVES</i> by Sarah DeLappe	Utah Tech University
2018	<i>THE REVISION</i> by Jordan Harrison	University of Alabama at Birmingham
2012	<i>UP</i> by Bridget Carpenter	Oakton Community College
2011	<i>SUNDAY IN THE PARK WITH GEORGE</i> by Stephen Sondheim	Grinnell College
2011	<i>COPENHAGEN</i> by Michael Frayn	Coe College
2010	* <i>THE BOY IN BLACK (musical)</i> by Tony Meneses & Dan Roeder	University of Iowa
2009	<i>REEFER MADNESS!</i> by Kevin Murphy & Dan Studney	University of Iowa
2009	<i>AKARUI</i> by Jen Silverman	University of Iowa
2009	* <i>WHITE ELEPHANT</i> by Tony Meneses	University of Iowa
2008	* <i>THE TOYMAKER'S WAR</i> by Jennifer Fawcett	University of Iowa
2007	* <i>THIEF UNSEEN</i> by Mary Hamilton	University of Iowa

\* - World Premiere

**Creative Work – Assistant Directing**

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2010	<i>EYE PIECE</i>	Dir. Rinde Eckert	Hancher Auditorium
1998	<i>THE BALD SOPRANO</i>	Dir. David Kennedy	Yale Summer Cabaret
1998	<i>FOURSOME</i>	Dir. David Kennedy	Yale Summer Cabaret
1998	<i>THE VAMPIRE</i>	Dir. Lisa Channer	Yale Summer Cabaret
1998	<i>GRAVITY CALLING</i>	Dir. Annie Dorsen	Yale Summer Cabaret
1998	<i>AGAINST THE GRAIN</i>	Dir. David Kennedy	Yale Summer Cabaret

**Creative Work – Acting (Selected Credits)**

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2022	<i>MAN OF LA MANCHA</i>	Sancho	SimonFest Theatre Company
2022	<i>EVITA</i>	Ensemble	SimonFest Theatre Company
2016	<i>THE MERCHANT OF VENICE</i>	Graziano	Quill Theatre
2016	<i>KING LEAR</i>	Oswald	Quill Theatre
2014	<i>THE SCHOOL FOR LIES</i>	Oronte	Park Square Theatre
2013	* <i>THE BEACON FROM BELLE ISLE</i>	Keeper	Freshwater Theatre
2012	<i>WHAT THE BUTLER SAW</i>	Sgt. Match	Iowa Summer Rep
2010	* <i>ATLAS OF MUD</i>	Marcus/Bird Keeper 3	Working Group Theatre
2009	<i>DEAD MAN'S CELL PHONE</i>	Dwight	Iowa Summer Rep
2008	<i>WONDER OF THE WORLD</i>	Kip	Iowa Summer Rep
2008	<i>THREE SISTERS</i>	Kulygin	University of Iowa
2006	<i>CLOSER</i>	Larry	Signal Ensemble Theatre
2003	<i>MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING</i>	Dogberry	Signal Ensemble Theatre
2003	* <i>PRETTY THINGS</i>	Jack	WNEP Theater
2002	<i>REVENGE OF THE SPACE PANDAS</i>	George Topax	WNEP Theater
2002	<i>TOP OF 16</i>	James	New Leaf Theatre
2002	<i>MAD FOREST</i>	Gabriel	Breadline Theatre
2001	* <i>LIVES OF THE MONSTER DOGS</i>	Ludwig	WNEP Theater
2001	* <i>THE FOUR WOMEN OF THEBES</i>	Creon	Harridan Productions
2001	<i>THE MEMORANDUM</i>	Stroll	Stage Left Theatre
2000	<i>MACBETH</i>	Macbeth	Expanded Arts
2000	<i>MACBETH</i>	Porter, Witch	Porthouse Theatre
2000	<i>HENRY IV PART 1</i>	Prince John	Porthouse Theatre



**Creative Work – Acting (Selected Credits - Continued)**

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2000	<i>THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA</i>	Proteus	Weathervane Theatre
2000	<i>LAUGHTER ON THE 23<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR</i>	Milt	Beck Center
1999	<i>A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS</i>	Richard Rich	Weathervane Theatre
1999	<i>HENRY V</i>	Dauphin	Cleveland Shakespeare Festival
1999	<i>A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM</i>	Lysander	Cleveland Shakespeare Festival
1999	<i>THE EMPEROR'S NIGHTINGALE</i>	Emperor	Cleveland Play House
1999	<i>ALICE IN WONDERLAND</i>	White Rabbit	Cleveland Play House
1998	<i>THE VAMPIRE</i>	Ariel	Yale Summer Cabaret
1998	<i>NEW YORK UNDERGROUND</i>	Beatnik	Yale Summer Cabaret
1997	<i>HAMLET</i>	Hamlet	Porthouse Theatre
1997	<i>MAN OF LA MANCHA</i>	Juan	Porthouse Theatre
1997	<i>TWELFTH NIGHT</i>	Valentine	Porthouse Theatre

\* - Originated Role

**Creative Work – Fight Direction (Selected Credits)**

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2023	<i>MACBETH NO. 9</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Tumbleweed Theatre Company
2022	<i>MAN OF LA MANCHA</i>	Dir. Brandon Burk	SimonFest Theatre Company
2020	<i>THE SWORD IN THE STONE</i>	Dir. Ronan Marra	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2018	<i>PETER PAN</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2018	<i>AND IN THIS CORNER: CASSIUS CLAY</i>	Dir. Jamil Jude	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2017	<i>THE JUNGLE BOOK</i>	Dir. Charlie McGrath	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2017	<i>CINDERELLA</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Birmingham Children's Theatre
2015	<i>HARLEQUIN'S HOLIDAY</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2015	<i>THE SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2014	<i>SWORD PLAY</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2014	<i>THE REVOLUTIONARY CITY</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
2013	<i>PERILOUS NIGHT</i>	Dir. Liz Neerland	nimbus theatre
2012	<i>NEIGHBORHOOD 3</i>	Dir. Joanie Schultz	Strawdog Theatre
2012	<i>THE DUCHESS OF MALFI</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Strawdog Theatre
2012	<i>THE PETRIFIED FOREST</i>	Dir. Shade Murray	Strawdog Theatre
2011	<i>THE 39 STEPS</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Shawnee Theatre
2011	<i>THE FANTASTICKS</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Shawnee Theatre
2010	<i>MAURITIUS</i>	Dir. Eric Forsythe	Iowa Summer Rep
2009	<i>DEAD MAN'S CELL PHONE</i>	Dir. Eric Forsythe	Iowa Summer Rep
2009	<i>THE LITTLE FOXES</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Shattered Globe Theatre
2008	<i>A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Pella Shakespeare Festival
2008	<i>THE TOYMAKER'S WAR</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	University of Iowa
2007	<i>THE RULING CLASS</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	BackStage Theatre
2006	<i>ROMEO AND JULIET</i>	Dir. Eric Wegener	Festival 56
2006	<i>CLOSER</i>	Dir. Ronan Marra	Signal Ensemble Theatre
2004	<i>TERRA NOVA</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	BackStage Theatre
2004	<i>CATCH-22</i>	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Signal Ensemble Theatre
2000	<i>MACBETH</i>	Dir. Phil Kasper	Expanded Arts
2000	<i>THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA</i>	Dir. Nancy Cates	Weathervane Playhouse
1998	<i>THE VAMPIRE</i>	Dir. Lisa Channer	Yale Summer Cabaret

**Creative Work – Playwriting**

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*THE GREAT POTATO CONSPIRACY*

- Residency with Kayenta Center for the Arts & Staged Reading; *Ivins, UT 2023*
- Staged Reading, Utah Tech University; *St. George, UT 2022*

*MACBETH NO. 9*

- Full Production, Tumbleweed Theatre; *St. George, UT 2023*

*DEEDUM*

- Virtual Reading, Kent State University; *Kent, OH 2020*

*ALICE IN WONDERLAND* (adaptation)

- Co-adapted with Luke Schares & Jay Tumminello, Full Production, Birmingham Children’s Theatre; *Birmingham, AL 2019*

*GROWING A LEGACY: THE STORY OF GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER*

- Touring Production, Birmingham Children’s Theatre; *Birmingham, AL 2019*

*THE SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS* (adaptation)

- Full Production, Gardner-Webb University; *Boiling Springs, NC 2016*
- Full Production, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; *Williamsburg, VA 2015*

*HARLEQUIN’S HOLIDAY*

- Co-authored with Luke Schares, Full Production, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; *Williamsburg, VA 2015*

*SWORD PLAY*

- Co-authored with Andrés Enriquez and Luke Schares, Full Production, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation; *Williamsburg, VA 2014*

*THE DUCHESS OF MALFI* (adaptation)

- Co-adapted with Christine Scarfuto, Full Production, Strawdog Theatre Company; *Chicago, IL 2012*

*A BUMP IN THE ROAD*

- Full Production, Bailiwick Repertory Theatre; *Chicago, IL 2002*

**Creative Work – Design & Tech**

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2023	<i>MACBETH NO. 9</i> - Sound Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Tumbleweed Theatre Company
2022	<i>COUNT DRACULA</i> -Sound Design	Dir. Kris Davies	Utah Tech University
2022	<i>MEN ON BOATS</i> -Sound Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Utah Tech University
2019	<i>MR. POPPER’S PENGUINS</i> -Sound Design	Dir. Laura Byland	Birmingham Children’s Theatre
2019	<i>THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM: 1963</i> -Sound Design	Dir. Chaletia Williams	Birmingham Children’s Theatre
2018	<i>AND IN THIS CORNER: CASSIUS CLAY</i> -Sound Design	Dir. Jamil Jude	Birmingham Children’s Theatre
2018	<i>ROSA PARKS AND THE MONTGOMERY BUS BOYCOTT</i> -Sound Design	Dir. Chaletia Williams	Birmingham Children’s Theatre
2017	<i>THE ELVES &amp; THE SHOEMAKER</i> - Props Design	Dir. David Strickland	Birmingham Children’s Theatre
2017	<i>EINSTEIN IS A DUMMY</i> - Scenic Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Birmingham Children’s Theatre
2016	<i>A CHRISTMAS CAROL</i> - Sound Design	Dir. Norton Dill	Birmingham Children’s Theatre

**Creative Work – Design & Tech (Continued)**

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2014	SCAPIN - Sound Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Colonial Williamsburg
2013	PERILOUS NIGHT - Sound Design	Dir. Liz Neerland	Nimbus Theatre
2011	THE 39 STEPS - Sound Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Shawnee Theatre
2011	PICASSO AT THE LAPIN AGILE - Sound Design	Dir. Missy Thibodeaux- Thompson	Shawnee Theatre
2010	DENALI - Sound Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Working Group Theatre
2009	AKARUI - Sound Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	University of Iowa
2009	WHITE ELEPHANT - Sound and Graphic Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	University of Iowa
2008	THE TOYMAKER'S WAR - Sound Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	University of Iowa
2007	THIEF UNSEEN - Sound Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	University of Iowa
2006	THE SKIN OF OUR TEETH - Sound Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	BackStage Theatre
2005	ANTON IN SHOW BUSINESS - Sound and Graphic Design	Dir. Marcus Kamie	BackStage Theatre
2005	LANDSLIDE - Sound Design	Dir. Ronan Marra	Signal Ensemble Theatre
2004	TERRA NOVA - Sound and Graphic Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	BackStage Theatre
2004	CATCH-22 - Sound Design	Dir. Brandon Bruce	Signal Ensemble Theatre
2003	NEW PLAY FESTIVAL - Stage Manager	Various Directors	The Side Project Theatre

**Service**

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2021 – Present	<p>UTAH TECH UNIVERSITY – St. George, UT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oversee annual student theatre festival; a festival led entirely by students with my guidance</li> <li>• Serve as Assessment Coordinator for the UT Theatre program (2023-present)</li> <li>• Served on the 2022-2023 <i>Dance Faculty Search Committee</i></li> <li>• Served on the 2022-2023 <i>Visiting Theatre Faculty Search Committee</i></li> <li>• Serve on the <i>Policy Steering Committee</i>, administering and monitoring the constantly changing policy landscape for the university at-large</li> <li>• Serve on the <i>New Faculty Seminar Committee</i>, on-boarding new faculty through guidance regarding such topics as rank/tenure/promotion, professional development, active learning, among others</li> <li>• Serve on the <i>Professional Development Committee</i>, a governing body that determines which professional development requests receive funding</li> <li>• Served on the <i>Community Engagement Committee</i>, a governing body that determines which community engagement grants receive funding (2022-2023)</li> <li>• Served as mentor to a new assistant professor in the dance program (2023-2024)</li> <li>• Served as mentor to a new assistant professor in the film program (2022-2023)</li> <li>• Served as the “emcee” for the 2021-2022 Distinguished Faculty Awards</li> </ul>
2021-Present	<p>UTAH HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATRE ASSOCIATION – Logan, UT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve as an adjudicator for statewide high school musical theatre competition</li> </ul>

**Service (continued)**

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- 2021 ARTS NORTH CAROLINA – Raleigh, NC
- As Interim Executive Director of Alamance Arts, served as County Captain at NC Arts Day: a statewide arts convention that includes appealing to state legislators for support and advocacy
- 2020 – Present SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE – Greensboro, NC
- Member of Ad Hoc Applied Theatre Committee
  - Member of the Theatre for Youth Committee
- 2018 – 2020 KIWANIS CLUB OF BIRMINGHAM – Birmingham, AL
- Member of the Reception & Welcoming Committee
- 2016 – 2020 BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN’S THEATRE – Birmingham, AL
- Served as Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Trustees
  - Lead Education Committee
  - Serve on the Finance, Personnel, Marketing & Development Committees
- 2017 – 2020 ALABAMA STATE COUNCIL ON THE ARTS – Montgomery, AL
- Served on grants review panel for artistic project funding
- 2018 SAMFORD UNIVERSITY – Birmingham, AL
- Judged for Step-Sing Competition
- 2017 UNIVERSITY OF MONTEVALLO – Montevallo, AL
- Judged for College Night
- 2014 – 2015 COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG FOUNDATION – Williamsburg, VA
- Served on the Douglass Theatre Reconstruction Committee
  - Traveled to the United Kingdom to research 18<sup>th</sup> century theatres & practices
- 2013 MINNEAPOLIS BUSINESS COLLEGE – Minneapolis, MN
- Recruiting for first-year students
- 2011 – 2012 STRAWDOG THEATRE COMPANY – Chicago, IL
- Served as Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Directors
  - Led the Season Selection Committee
- 2010 – 2011 SHAWNEE THEATRE COMPANY – Bloomfield, IN
- Served as Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Directors
- 2004 – 2007 BACKSTAGE THEATRE COMPANY – Chicago, IL
- Served as Ex-Officio Member of the Board of Directors
- 1995 – 1996 KENT STATE UNIVERSITY – Kent, OH
- Undergraduate Representative for Faculty Affairs

**Presentations & Publications**

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- 2022 SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE – Memphis, TN
- Presentation: *Directing with Style & Type*
    - Presented a workshop for directors, focusing on approaching a directing project with style (a play’s relationship to reality) in mind

**Presentations & Publications (Continued)**

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- 2020                   SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE – Louisville, KY
- Presentation: *Collaborating with Disabled and Neuro-Diverse Artists*
    - Along with disabled artist Andrew Brown, will share findings of extensive research into the opportunities that arise when working with disabled and neuro-diverse artists
- 2018                   SOUTHEASTERN THEATRE CONFERENCE – Mobile, AL
- Presentation: *Creating Spectacle on a Shoestring Budget*
    - Curated and led a panel of 6 professional theatre artists on the subject of finding creative solutions for creating spectacle with limited resources
  - Panel Member: *Professional Audition Round Table: Thoughts from Behind the Table*
    - Served as a panel member along with professional casting directors from around the country; shared insight into the casting process with young professionals
- 2013 – 2016        COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG – Williamsburg, VA
- Publication: *18th Century Pantomime*
    - An overview of 18th century pantomime in England and the American colonies
  - Publication: *Carlo Goldoni & the Hallam Players*
    - An overview of 18th century pantomime in England and the American colonies master work and the fictitious colonial company presenting his work
  - Publication: *Thomas Arne's Thomas & Sally*
    - An overview of Thomas Arne's work, focusing on his most famous ballad opera
- 2012                   CHICAGO DRAMATISTS – Chicago, IL
- Panel Member: *Backstage Forum: A Discussion with Artistic Directors & Literary Managers*
    - Served as a panel member along with representatives from other important Chicago theatres like the Goodman, the Side Project, Route 66, and ETA Creative Arts
- 2012                   THEATER WIT – Chicago, IL
- Panel Member: *Cultivating the Total Audience Experience*
- 2012                   STRAWDOG THEATRE COMPANY – Chicago, IL
- Panel Member: *Play Rites: Saucy & Ambitious Devils*
    - Served on a panel that discussed the themes of Jacobean drama

**Fundraising & Grant-Writing Experience**

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- 2021                   GRANT: Alamance Community Foundation – Awarded \$6,000
- Funds covered installation costs for a 4,000 lbs dragon sculpture (by sculptor Casey Lewis) at Alamance Arts in Graham, NC
- 2021                   GRANT: BlueCross BlueShield of North Carolina – Awarded \$5,000
- General Operating Support for Alamance Arts
- 2020                   Memorial Benefit for Jason Scott Campbell – Earned \$1,600
- General Operating Support for Kent State University's Mental Health Services
- 2018 – 2020        Bashinsky Foundation – Awarded \$150,000
- General Operating Support for Birmingham Children's Theatre
- 2018 – 2019        State of Alabama – Awarded \$20,000
- General Operating Support for Birmingham Children's Theatre

**Fundraising & Grant-Writing Experience (Continued)**

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- 2019 City of Birmingham, Alabama – Awarded \$10,000
  - General Operating Support for Birmingham Children’s Theatre
  
- 2019 GRANT: Shubert Foundation – Awarded \$60,000
  - General Operating Support for Birmingham Children’s Theatre
  
- 2019 – 2021 GRANT: Daniel Foundation – Awarded \$60,000
  - Recurring gift of \$20,000 for Birmingham Children’s Theatre; 3-year commitment
  
- 2017 – 2019 GRANT: Alabama State Council on the Arts – Awarded \$88,000
  - General Operating Support for Birmingham Children’s Theatre
  - Support for participating in Alabama Touring Artists Program
  
- 2019 GRANT: Alabama Power Foundation – Awarded \$15,000
  - General Operating Support for Birmingham Children’s Theatre
  
- 2019 Altec Industries – Awarded \$45,000 in In-Kind giving
  - Equipment donation for the 2019 Magic City Theatre Festival
  
- 2019 GRANT: City of Hoover, AL – Awarded \$56,000
  - Support for the 2019 Magic City Theatre Festival
  - General Operating Support for Birmingham Children’s Theatre
  
- 2018 – 2019 Bradley, Arant, Boulton, Cummings LLP – Awarded \$45,000
  - General Operating Support for Birmingham Children’s Theatre
  
- 2018 – 2019 GRANT: Protective Life Foundation – Awarded \$20,000
  - General Operating Support for Birmingham Children’s Theatre
  - Support for the 2019 Magic City Theatre Festival
  
- 2018 – 2019 Brookwood Village Shopping Center – Awarded \$15,000 in In-Kind Giving
  - Donated space for 2018 Magic City Theatre Festival & Summer Camps in 2019
  
- 2019 Lee Bruno Foundation – Awarded \$10,000
  - General Operating Support for Birmingham Children’s Theatre
  
- 2018 GRANT: Southeastern Theatre Conference – Awarded \$2,000
  - Support for BCT’s participation in the Ready-to-Direct Program
  
- 2018 GRANT: Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham – Awarded \$15,500
  - Support for the 2019 Magic City Theatre Festival
  
- 2018 – 2019 GRANT: Mike & Gillian Goodrich Foundation – Awarded \$50,000
  - General Operating Support for Birmingham Children’s Theatre
  
- 2018-2019 Medical Properties Trust – Awarded \$50,000
  - Sponsorship for BCT’s final mainstage show of each season
  
- 2018 – 2019 IberiaBank – Awarded \$7,500
  - Sponsorship for BCT’s productions of *The Hundred Dresses* and *Bunnacula*

**Fundraising & Grant-Writing Experience (continued)**

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- 2018 Vulcan Materials Foundation – Awarded \$10,000
- General Operating Support for Birmingham Children’s Theatre
- 2012 GRANT: The Saints – Awarded \$2,000
- General Operating Support for Strawdog Theatre Company

**Awards and Recognition**

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| 2022 | NOMINATION – TEACHER OF THE YEAR: RISING STAR AWARD  | Utah Tech University         |
| 2020 | BEST THEATRE STAFF OF THE DECADE (BCT)   | Broadway World of Birmingham |
| 2018 | NETA Award – BCT’s Black History Month Science Fair<br>- In partnership with Alabama Public Television & Southern Research               | NETA Awards                  |
| 2018 | BWW NOMINATION – <i>The Three Musketeers</i><br>- Best Director of a Play  | Broadway World of Birmingham |
| 2017 | NOMINATION – Nonprofit of the Year (BCT)   | Birmingham Business Journal  |
| 2017 | 3 NOMINATIONS – <i>James and the Giant Peach, Einstein is a Dummy</i><br>- Best Director of a Musical, Play, & Best Scenic Design        | Broadway World of Birmingham |
| 2012 | FINALIST - Michael Maggio Directing Fellowship   | Goodman Theatre              |
| 2010 | FINALIST - Drama League Directing Fellowship   | Drama League                 |
| 2009 | 3 JEFF NOMINATIONS – <i>The Little Foxes</i><br>- Nominations for Best Production, Best Actress in a Supporting Role, Best Scenic Design | Chicago’s Jeff Awards        |
| 2009 | TOP 20 SHOWS IN CHICAGO – <i>The Little Foxes</i>  | Chicago Tribune              |
| 2009 | TOP THEATER EVENTS OF THE YEAR – <i>The Little Foxes</i>   | Chicago Sun-Times            |
| 2009 | IRAM AWARD – <i>Akarui</i><br>- Awarded for Outstanding Direction  | University of Iowa           |
| 2007 | IOWA ARTS DIRECTING FELLOWSHIP   | University of Iowa           |
| 2007 | ONE OF THE “TOP 20 CHICAGOANS TO WATCH”  | Time Out Chicago             |
| 2007 | ORGIE AWARD – <i>Tango</i><br>- Awarded for Best Director  | Chicago’s Orgie Awards       |
| 2007 | CRITIC’S CHOICE – <i>The Ruling Class</i>  | Chicago Reader               |
| 2006 | 2 JEFF NOMINATIONS – <i>The Skin of Our Teeth</i><br>- Nominations for Best Actress in a Lead Role & Best Actress in a Supporting Role   | Chicago’s Jeff Awards        |
| 2005 | CRITIC’S CHOICE – <i>Denise Druczweski’s Inferno</i>   | Chicago Reader               |
| 2004 | JEFF RECOMMENDATION – <i>Terra Nova</i>  | Chicago’s Jeff Awards        |
| 2004 | #1 SHOW TO SEE IN CHICAGO – <i>Terra Nova</i>  | NewCity Magazine             |
| 2004 | CRITIC’S PICK – <i>Catch-22</i>  | Chicago Tribune              |
| 2004 | HIGHLY RECOMMENDED – <i>Catch-22</i>   | Chicago Sun-Times            |
| 2002 | SPECIAL ENVIRONMENTAL THEATER AWARD –<br><i>Picasso at the Lapin Agile</i>   | Windy City Times             |
| 2002 | OUTSTANDING ENSEMBLE AWARD<br><i>Picasso at the Lapin Agile</i>  | Windy City Times             |
| 2001 | JEFF RECOMMENDATION – <i>The Memorandum</i>  | Chicago’s Jeff Awards        |

**Affiliations and Memberships**

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- Actors’ Equity Association – Member (2018 to Present)
- Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers (SDC) – Associate Member (2010 to Present)
- Association for Theatre in Higher Education – Member (2018 to Present)
- Kiwanis Club of Birmingham – Member (2018 to Present)
- Signal Ensemble Theatre – Artistic Associate (2004 to 2013)

## Related Skills

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Grant Writing, Playwriting, Conflict Resolution, Puppetry, Award-Nominated Sound & Scenic Designer, Ability to Read Music, Piano (2 Years), Stage Management, Intimacy Choreography, Beginning Modern and Hip Hop Dance

Software: Microsoft Office, Adobe Master Collection, Pro Tools, Final Cut Pro, Raiser's Edge, Blackboard, Canvas, QuickBooks, QLab, SFX, EMS (Event Management System)

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## Representative Video Samples of Directing Work

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*Macbeth No. 9*: [https://youtu.be/D1U0R\\_-6yX8](https://youtu.be/D1U0R_-6yX8)

*Einstein is a Dummy*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HkeAQ11keHs>

*Peter Pan*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRi2-24ntJs>

*James and the Giant Peach*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TC4lh5aylgU>

*Cinderella*: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7JJ\\_4L4BSw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7JJ_4L4BSw)

*Harlequin's Holiday*: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VL9\\_XyUjgdA&t=82s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VL9_XyUjgdA&t=82s)

*The Little Foxes*: <https://vimeo.com/2772609>

*Akarui*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lZuNqvc8cyA&list=UUbl2oLvnWErcsxgYVyn2S2Q&index=13>