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Theater arts and education professional seeking education position in a positive and collaborative theater setting. Known for trusted working relationships with students and colleagues at every level, authentic artistic integrity, high organizational and collaborative skills, commitment to growth and stewardship of innovative and creative performing arts departments, and a kind presence.

Experience

Higher Education

Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT - Adjunct Professor of Theatre 2018-2025

- Adjunct professor, Theatre Arts Program
- Courses: Directing I & II, Acting, Scene Study, Introduction to Theater, Voice for Musical Theater

Independent School Education

Mizzentop Day School, Pawling, NY - Theater & Music Teacher 2010-2016

- Performing Arts Teacher, PreK-8th Grade
- Courses/Programs: Drama, General Music, Public Speaking, Mizzentop Studio Theatre Productions

Theater & Voice Coach

Studio Sole Proprietor, New Fairfield, CT - Performance Coach 2007-2025

- Theater Audition and Voice/Acting Performance coaching provided in private studio
- College Audition Prep: successful coaching with students accepted to MT and acting programs at Boston Conservatory, Penn State, NYU, Coastal Carolina, Molloy, Meuhlenberg, and more.

Stage Director

Directing Credits (recent selection shown), Theaters & Schools, CT - Contracted Director 2019-2025

- **New Fairfield High School:** Matilda, Urinetown, Little Shop of Horrors, The Dining Room, Much Ado About Nothing
- **Sacred Heart University:** Sondheim on Sondheim
- **Musicals at Richter:** Sound of Music; Grease
- **Sherman Playhouse:** The Actor's Nightmare
 - *Larger directing list available upon request*

Development

Program and Curriculum Development, Theaters & Schools, - Selected Projects

- Mizzentop Day School (NY): Founding & development of Mizzentop Studio Theatre; artistic director
- Camp Nashoba North (Maine): Creation & curriculum development of summer theater program
- Sacred Heart University, Theatre Arts Program: Curriculum development review panel, 2023

Education

The Boston Conservatory, Boston, MA - Bachelor of Music - Vocal Performance

William James College, Newton, MA - Master of Arts - Organizational Development

- Capstone study in group dynamics for teams utilizing theater techniques, aimed at developing positive and thriving groups.