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PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORIAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Regional Theatre

- Cowley Summer Theatre.....*Guys and Dolls*, June 2023
- Roxy's Downtown.....*Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors*, September, 2024
The Hunchback of Notre Dame, August 2024
Into The Woods, July 2024
Legally Blonde, May 2024
Cabaret, April 2024
Jekyll & Hyde, February 2024
The Legend of Georgia McBride, January 2024
A Cabaret Christmas, December 2023
Kiss of the Spider Woman, May 2023
The Play That Goes Wrong, January 2023
Priscilla, Queen of the Desert, May 2022
The Color Purple, February 2022
Away in the Basement: A Church Basement Ladies Musical, December 2021
Disaster! September 2021
Six Dance Lessons in Six Weeks, March 2021
The 39 Steps, February 2021
Young Frankenstein, a Parody, October 2020
Hedwig and the Angry Inch, September 2020
A Day in Hollywood, A Night in the Ukraine, March 2020
The Wiz, February 2020
A Tuna Christmas, November 2019
Hocus Pocus, A Musical Parody, October 2019
tick, tick...Boom!, September 2019
Forbidden Broadway, July 2019
Love! Valour!, Compassion!, June 2019
Dog Sees God, January 2019
Hi-Hat Hattie with Oliver Award winner Karla Burns, April and July, 2018
Hedwig and the Angry Inch, June, 2018
Thanks A Lot, My Gratitude!, May, 2018
Baby Jane, the Musical, (World Premiere), September, 2017
- The Theatre Company*The Full Monty*, May, 2013
Hello Dolly! with Karla Burns, March, 2013
The Mystery of Irma Vep with Ray Wills, January, 2013
- The Forum Theatre*Noises Off*, June, 2012
- Beehive Productions*Ain't Misbehavin' with Karla Burns and Arthur Marks*, February, 2012
- The Orpheum Theatre....*A Bit of Broadway with Burns with Karla Burns & 50 children ages 6 - 18*, April, 2002

Artistic Director, Regional Theatre

- Roxy's Downtown*The Golden Girls*, Oct. 2023
The Last Five Years, Sept. 2023
La Cage aux Folles, July, 2023
Ride The Cyclone, April 2023
Two Gentlemen of Verona, February 2023
A Cabaret Christmas, Dec. 2022
Carrie, Oct. 2022
The Golden Girls, Sept. 2022
Big River, August 2022
Heathers, July 2022
Bright Star, March 2022
Five Course Love, January 2022
The Toxic Avenger, September 2021
Little Shop of Horrors, August 2021

- Northgate Community Theatre *Prelude to a Kiss*, Old Man
- Bell Road Barn Players *Big River*, Duke
- Wichita Community Theatre *The Dresser*, Norman
- Wichita Community Theatre *Hay Fever*, Simon
- Paseo Academy *Heaven Can Wait*, Mr. Jordan
- Bell Road Barn Players *Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar and Grille*, Shep
- Northgate Community Theatre *The Heidi Chronicles*, Peter
- Bell Road Barn Players *The Foreigner*, Froggy
- Wichita Community Theatre *Frankie and Johnny*, Johnny
- Wichita Community Theatre *The Dining Room*, Various
- Wichita Community Theatre *Pack of Lies*, Mr. Stewart
- Wichita Community Theatre *Servant of Two Masters*, Silvio
- Wichita Community Theatre *A Little Family Business*, Scott
- Wichita Community Theatre *Commedia*, Various, Several Years
- Crown Players *Plaza Suite*, Various

Educational Theatre

- Wichita State University *Chicago*, Mary Sunshine
- Wichita State University *Where's Charley?* Brassett
- ~~Wichita State University Summer Theatre~~ *The Tempest*, Gonzalo
- Wichita State University *The Greeks*, Priam and various
- **SET DESIGN** Wichita State University *You Can't Take it With You*, Ed
- Wichita State University *Skin of Our Teeth*, Henry Antrobus

Educational/Local Theatre

- Park University *Little Shop of Horrors*
- Park University *Ten Little Indians*
- **PRODUCER/MANAGERIAL EXPERIENCE** *Steel Magnolias*

Professional Profile

- Producing Artistic Director *Roxy's Downtown*
Overseeing artistic and technical areas of the theatre, conceptualizing production elements, creating production records, establishing procedures, collaborating with directors, actors and designers, scheduling and planning production meetings and calendar, introducing systems and procedures, marketing and advertising productions, developing and maintaining weekly production reports to owners, soliciting partnerships and sponsorships within the community and other arts organizations, speaking as the face of the organization to the community and beyond. Developing a season and budgets with the managing director, preparing contracts for artistic and technical staff.
- Adjunct Lecturer Wichita. State University
Lecturer in many courses in the School of Performing Arts for the university in both the theatre and musical theatre areas of specialty. From classes of 13 to 128, I taught general education to the upper class and graduate work regimens. Lecture classes, performance classes, and assisted independent studies are all areas within the field that I participate in.
- President & Producer, Show Me Pride Festival, 2007 - 2011, 2013 Kansas City's Annual Pride Festival
A \$250,000 annual event, responsibilities included developing community partnerships, fundraising, obtaining sponsorships, establishing relationships and executing city licenses and permits, promoting diversity, overseeing festival operations, obtaining, negotiating and contracting talent, including **En Vogue, Chaka Khan, RuPaul, Pepper Mashay, La Roux, Kim English, Jennifer Holliday, Karmin, Martha Wash, Crystal Waters, Chely Wright, Deborah Cox, Gilbert Baker, Cazwell.**
- Owner Morning Glory Antiques
Oversaw all aspects for the organization including purchasing of antiques, sales, designing and developing product displays, coordinating and completing vendor applications, maintaining, reporting,

and analyzing financials for the company, including tax information, financials, cash flow, and projections. Collaborating and coordinating with the co-owner the projects, trade shows, and design projects, recruiting, overseeing employees and scheduling days and times needed. Strengthened the position of the company within the community, generating advertising, developing partnerships with charitable organizations and design firms (DIFFA, Symphony Show House, Bloom, Dining by Design, AIDS Walk). Implemented systems and procedures for internal operations.

- Manager, Bond DepartmentLockton Insurance Agency
Oversaw all aspects for the operation of the bond department, managing a staff of 10 employees, providing performance/payment, and other surety bonds to clients in the Kansas City metropolitan area as well as national clients. Assisted in the setting up of surety departments in other Lockton agencies around the nation including Houston and Denver. Analysis of financial statements, full comprehensive marketing submissions to insurance companies, and an evaluation of the health of an organization were all day to day responsibilities. Teaching insurance classes for continuing education and providing support to the overall health of the agency became responsibilities I was asked to lead.
- Assistant Vice-President, Bond Department.....Insurance Management Associates
Oversaw all aspects for the operation of the bond department, managing a staff of 10 employees, providing performance/payment, and other surety bonds to clients in the Kansas City metropolitan area as well as national clients. Assisted in the setting up of surety departments in other Lockton agencies around the nation including Houston and Denver. Analysis of financial statements, full comprehensive marketing submissions to insurance companies, and an evaluation of the health of an organization were all day to day responsibilities. Teaching insurance classes for continuing education

RADIO/FILM/TV

- KKFI
The Tenth Voice, Host and Emcee
- INDUSTRIALS
Various characters in Industrial Films for Organizations around the Midwest
- TV
My house was filmed for HGTV's program reZoned and it still airs on other shows such as Amazing Spaces and other machinations of renovation programs on the HGTV network
- COMMERCIAL
Sprint

TEACHING, WORKSHOPS, LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

- Kansas Thespian Festival, January 2023
- Wichita State University 2018 - 2023
Art of The Theatre/Theatre Appreciation
Directing for the Musical Theatre
Professional Practices for the Performing Artist
Directing I
Musical Theatre Scene Study
Musical Theatre Lab
- From Script to Performance, A Director's Job
Lecture and workshop for adults, Stage III, Casper, WY
- An Actor Questions
6 class intensive workshop for adults, Wichita Community Theatre, Wichita, KS
- The Actor Begins
6 class sessions for the beginning actor, The Way Station, Kansas City, MO
- Stagecraft and Scene Design
Adjunct Professor, Park University, Parkville, MO
- A Director Prepares
10 class practical workshop where directors present scenes, The Studio, Kansas City, MO
- Acting Beyond the Boundaries
10 class advanced acting class for adults, The Studio, Kansas City, MO
- Drama 1, 2 and Freshman English
Secondary Education Teacher, Wichita High School North
- CPCU (Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriters) Classes
Intensive Insurance Classes in a variety of categories, Insurance Management Associates, Wichita, KS
- Human Anatomy Lab
Teaching Assistant, Wichita State University, Wichita, KS

HONORS & AWARDS

- Broadway World Award, Best Direction of a Play, *The Play That Goes Wrong*
- Broadway World Award, Best Actor in a Play, *The Play That Goes Wrong*
- Individual Arts Advocate Award, City of Wichita Arts Council, *October, 2023*
- Zelda Fichandler Award Semi-Finalist, Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (the professional union representing directors in the United States)
- Recipient of a \$10,000 Neighborhood Grant
- HERO Award, Table of Hope, 2020 and 2021
- Mary Jane Teall Award
Best Director, *Love! Valour! Compassion!*
- Mary Jane Teall Award
Best Citywide Comedy, *Dog Sees God*
- Mary Jane Teall Award
Best Citywide Revue, *Forbidden Broadway*
- Mary Jane Teall Award
Guest Artist Special Recognition for work done at Roxy's specifically *Baby Jane, the Musical, Hi-Hat Hattie, and Hedwig and the Angry Inch.*
- Mary Jane Teall Award
Best Citywide Comedy, *The Mystery of Irma Vep*
- Standing Ovation Award
Best Director, *Steel Magnolias*
Best Set Design, *Steel Magnolias*
Best Show, *Steel Magnolias*
- Standing Ovation Award
Best Actor, *Prelude to a Kiss, Old Man*
- Standing Ovation Award
Best Supporting Actor, *The Heidi Chronicles, Peter*
- Standing Ovation Award
Best Actor, *Early One Evening at the Rainbow Bar and Grille, Shep*
- The Players Award
Best Actor, *The Dresser, Norman*
Best Supporting Actor, *Hay Fever, Simon*

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Degrees

- BS, Wichita State University, Theatre Education
Summa Cum Laude, Mortar Board President, Phi Kappa Phi, Homecoming King Runner-Up, Miller Theatre Scholar, English Honors Student, Outstanding Freshman of the Year
- MFA Program, University of Connecticut, Directing Emphasis

Teachers

- Dick Welsbacher, Joyce Cavarozzi, Mary Jane Teall, Richard Alan Nichols, Nafe Katter, Jerry Rojo (Drama Desk and Obie Award winner), Ardelle Striker, John Herr, Jarek Stremien, workshops with Hal Holbrook, Ruby Holbrook

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC)

PUBLICATIONS

- Wichita Eagle
- Splurge
- Kansas City Star
- The Pitch
- Ink Magazine
- The Johnson County Sun
- Camp Magazine
- The Vital Voice
- House Beautiful
- Kansas City Home Design
- Kansas City Home & Garden
- The Sunflower

- Green Room Conversations
- Woman's World
- Spaces
- KC Exposures
- Liberty Press
- Oil City News

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