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Selected Performance Experience

Musical Theater/Theater

<i>A Chorus Line</i> , Al	The Ordway, Kerry Casserly & James Rocco	2016
<i>The Wedding Singer</i> , Ensemble	The Old Log Theater, Kent Knutson	2015
<i>The Music Man</i> , Ensemble	The Guthrie, John Miller Stephany	2015
<i>Cabarave</i>	The Lab Theater, Josh Campbell	2015
<i>Celebration of Percussive Dance</i>	Guthrie Dowling Studio, Joe Chvala	2015
<i>La Cage Aux Folles</i> , Hanna	Bloomington Civic Theater, Joe Chvala	2015
<i>Pier Windows Project in Hong Kong</i>	Folded Paper Dance and Theatre, Kanta Kochar	2014
<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i> , Dr. Frank-N-Furter	Southwest Theater Co., John Lynn	2014
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i>	Flying Foot Forum, Joe Chvala	2014
<i>Circulate</i> , MN Fringe Festival	Renee Guittar, Sarah Jabar, Benjamin Kolis	2014
<i>Alice in Wonderland</i> , Ordway Children's Festival	Flying Foot Forum, Joe Chvala	2014
<i>Three By Three</i> , Cowles Center	Flying Foot Forum, Joe Chvala	2013
<i>Alice in Wonderland Residencies</i>	Flying Foot Forum, Joe Chvala	2012
<i>Machinal</i>	Amy Seham	2013
<i>Clocked</i> , MN Fringe Festival	Renee Guittar, Sarah Jabar, Benjamin Kolis	2013
<i>Assassins</i> , The Proprietor	Henry MacCarthy	2012
<i>48 Hour Theater Project</i>	Henry MacCarthy	2012
<i>Playtime: 13 Short Plays</i>	Henry MacCarthy	2012
<i>The Edge of Our Bodies</i>	Amy Seham	2012
<i>Urinetown</i> , Bobby Strong	Amy Seham	2010
<i>The Arabian Nights</i>	Henry MacCarthy	2010
<i>A Midsummer for December</i>	Amy Seham	2010
<i>Hello Dolly</i> , Barnaby	SPCPA, David Doering	2009
<i>Footloose</i> , Chuck Cranston	SPCPA, Hiedi Noble	2009
<i>Honk! The Musical</i> , Drake	YPC, Jacalyn Knight	2009
<i>BatBoy: The Musical</i> , Rick & Batboy Und.	SPCPA, Raymond Berg	2008
<i>Chicago</i> , Billy Flinn	SPCPA, James Rocco	2008
<i>Babes In Toyland: The Musical</i> , Barnaby	Youth Performance Co., Jay Scoggin	2008
<i>Island of the Blue Dolphins</i>	YPC, Jacalyn Knight	2007
<i>Angst: The New Teen Musical</i>	Young Artists Council	2007

Dance

<i>Thwump</i>	Rhythmically Speaking, Erinn Liebhard	2016
<i>Two</i>	Commissioned piece, Ruth Glaeser	2016
<i>Dracula</i> , Van Helsing	Collide Theatrical Dance Co., Josh Campbell, Regina Peluso	2016
<i>Passing Time</i>	Guthrie Theater, Ordway Theater, Other	2015
<i>Sabotage</i>	Red Eye Theater, Taja Will	2015
<i>Zoot Suit Riots</i>	Collide Theatrical Dance Co., Regina Peluso	2015
<i>Inferno</i>	James Sewell Ballet Co.	2014
<i>Romeo & Juliet</i> , Benvolio	Collide Theatrical Dance Co., Regina Peluso	2014
<i>Eclectic Encounter Points</i>	Phillip Flickinger	2013
<i>Tomorrowland</i>	Cynthia Gutierrez-Garner	2013
<i>Call to Place</i>	Melissa Rolnick	2013
<i>Diminuendo & Ritardando</i>	Joe Chvala	2011, 2012
<i>Sesquicentennial Project</i>	Stephen Koplowitz	2012
<i>Gridlock</i>	Heather Klopchin	2012
<i>All of the Others</i>	Stuart Pimsler Dance & Theater	2011
<i>Spacewalk Video</i>	Carl Flink	2011

<i>Breakfree</i>	Sarah Jabar	2010, 2011
<i>The Rise & Fall of the Roman Empire</i>	Katherine Ardnt, Teige Cudahy, Rush Benson	2011
<i>Stop the smallest things</i>	Renee Guittar	2011
<i>Run</i>	Alyssa McGinty, Taylor Cook	2011
<i>National Tap Day at Mall of America</i>	Keane Sense of Rhythm, Cathy Wind, Ellen Keane	2006-2009
<i>The Nutcracker, Fritz, Russian, etc.</i>	Minnesota Dance Theater, Lise Holton	2000-2007

Selected Choreographic Experience

<i>First to Play</i>	Rhythmically Speaking, Erinn Liebhard	2016
<i>Seussical Jr.</i>	Stepping Stone Theater Co., Dane Stauffer	2016
<i>The Little Mermaid</i>	Eagan Community Theater, Jodene Wartman	2016
<i>Grease</i>	Henry Sibley High School, Dane Stauffer	2016
<i>Dance To Learn</i>	Ordway Theater	2015
<i>9-5</i>	Apple Valley High School, Josh Campbell	2015
<i>Passing Time-Rebooted</i>	Rhythmically Speaking, Erinn Liebhard	2015
<i>School of Rhythm</i>	MN Fringe Festival	2015
<i>Passing Time 1, Passing Time 2, Detention</i>	Guthrie Dowling Studio	2015
<i>Anything Goes</i>	North High School Summer Theatre, Kevin Barnard	2015
<i>Guys & Dolls</i>	Henry Sibley High School, Dane Stauffer	2015
<i>In the Heights</i>	Washburn High School, Nancy Lee	2015
<i>Seussical</i>	Ramsey Middle School, Hayley Wender	2015
<i>The Rocky Horror Show</i>	Southwest Theater Co, John Lynn	2014
<i>Bye Bye Birdie</i>	Ramsey Middle School, Rush Benson	2014
<i>Les Miserables</i>	Washburn High School, John Lynn	2014
<i>You're A Good Man Charlie Brown</i>	Washburn High School, Nancy Lee	2013
<i>Machinal</i>	Gustavus Adolphus, Physical Theater Production	2013
<i>How Things Move</i>	Gustavus Adolphus, Site-Specific Museum Performance	2013
<i>Genocide</i>	Gustavus Adolphus, Building Bridges Conference	2012
<i>Lucky</i>	Gustavus Adolphus, Variety Show (1st Place Winner)	2012
<i>El Jardin</i>	Gustavus Adolphus, Shared Space: Connections in Space	2012
<i>Something Upon Difference</i>	Gustavus Adolphus, Shared Space: Connections in Space	2012

Selected Vocal Experience

Private Voice Lessons	Nick Lincoln, John Lynn, Michael Gruber	2009-present
Vocal Expressions	Saffire Bouchelion	2014
Gustavus Chapel Choir	Patricia Kazarow	2009-2010
Americas Got Talent Promotional Video		2010
Minnesota Opera Camp	Dale Kruse	2005-2008
Dakota Jazz Club Artist Presentation		2005

Selected Teaching Experience

Success Beyond the Classroom	Creativity Festival	2016
Dance Teacher (Jazz, Tap)	Zenon Dance School	2014-Present
After School Dance Crew	Washburn High School	2013-2015
Artistic Residencies Regional Schools	Flying Foot Forum	2013-Present
Hip-hop & Ballet	Delmonico Dance Studio	2013-2014
Dance Teacher (Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary)	Five Star Dance Studio	2013-2014
Dance Teacher, Teen Camp Coordinator	Dance New England	2012, 2014
Musical Theater Camp	Washburn High School	2013,2014
Guest Teacher	Highland Park Senior High November	2013, 2014, 2015
Social Dance Teaching Assistant	Gustavus Adolphus College	2012-2013

Training

Company Member of Flying Foot Forum (2012-present)

B.A. Theater and Dance from Gustavus Adolphus College, June 2013. 10 years of Ballet & Modern at Minnesota Dance Theater & the Dance Institute, St. Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists: Musical

Theater Track. American Ballet Theater Summer Intensive, 3 years of performance with Keane Sense of Rhythm Tap Company.

Trained in Latin Ballroom and was awarded first place in several categories at Twin Cities U.S. Open. Proficient in Ballet, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Tap, Modern, Contact Improvisation, many forms of Social Dance.

Special Skills

Trained with Circus Juventas, Trained in Fight Choreography, Piano, Drums, Music Composition.