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EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Education, Adult Education and Training

University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona

July 2014

Master of Fine Arts, Theatre Direction

University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho

In progress - 18 MFA credits completed

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, Theatre Direction

Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona

May 2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Faculty, Department of Music

Mesa Community College

Mesa, Arizona

January 2010 – Present

- Instructs various music theatre and theatre courses to students from diverse backgrounds and/or cultures in a full range of theatre performance courses including Music Theatre Workshop, Audition Techniques, and Acting
- Designed and developed course curriculum for Creative Drama
- Designed and proposed a new course for the Department of Music: Acting for Singers
- Collaborate with production staff and other Performing Arts faculty and staff to create quality productions for the student population
- Directed an array of mainstage musicals including *All Shook Up*; *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*; *9 to 5: the Musical*; *Hairspray*; *EDGES: a song cycle*; *Songs for a New World*; *Into the Woods*; *The Producers*; *The Pirates of Penzance*; *My Favorite Year*; *RENT A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*; and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* resulting in increased student involvement
- Mentors students in the music theatre program
- Coaches students for college auditions, community theatre auditions, and scholarship auditions
- Coordinated participation with the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival (KCACTF), Region 8
- Oversaw a week-long trip with 18 students and faculty members to perform in the KCACTF Evening of Invited Scenes and workshops to encourage student development as well as promote and publicize the music theatre department and recruit new students to Mesa Community College
- Piloted understudy and guest artist/mentor casting to further enrich the musical theatre talents of students in our program
- Provides leadership and coordination between the music theatre program and area high schools

Theatre Teacher

Mountain View High School: July 2016 – Present

Red Mountain High School: July 2015 – May 2016

Mesa, Arizona

- Supervises and instructs a diverse population of students in a classroom setting; develops written syllabi and course outlines and course materials based on grade level standards to teach the fundamentals of successful performance for 9th – 12th grade students
- Evaluates knowledge of subject matter taught and monitors students' scholastic records through Synergy and Canvas software
- Prepares and grades assessments through formative and summative means
- Maintains daily office hours to assist students
- Produces and directs four productions each year including mainstage musicals and black box productions
- Participates in the Arizona State Thespian Festival and Utah Shakespeare Festival's Shakespeare in the Schools Outreach program
- Creates publicity materials and maintains staff website (www.mpsaz.org/mtnview/staff/jvanpatten) and the theatre website (www.torodrama.com), as well as social media pages: Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat promoting the theatre program at Mountain View High School
- Maintains production budgets
- Participates in weekly professional learning community meetings within the performing arts department
- Incorporates Character Education into my curriculum
- Initiated an after-school drama club to enhance student experiences
- Collaborates with classroom teachers to incorporate their curriculum into drama classes
- Educates students on the rich theatrical culture of the community by organizing field trips to see live theatre in the community, as well as educational trips to New York City and London
- Facilitates guest artists and lecturers to come speak with students to enhance the educational experience for each student participant
- Collaborates with the music theatre and theatre programs at Mesa Community College through educational field trips and guest artist visits
- Developed, directed, and acted in the annual *Broadway at the Mountain* scholarship fundraiser where guest artists from Broadway are brought in to teach master classes for a week in February which culminates with a full-blown stage production

Acting Coach

The Actor's Ink

Mesa, Arizona

August 2005 – Present

- Private and Group Acting Instructor
- Courses include: Audition Techniques; Character Development; and Script Analysis

Workshop Director

The Magic of Musical Theatre Workshops – Mesa Community College

Mesa, Arizona

June 2003 – Present

- One of eight directors for kids grades 5 – 12 in summer music theatre workshops
- Recruits students from local junior high and high schools to inspire creativity and self-esteem
- Teaches large and small ensembles ranging from 4 – 90 students: music, choreography, and acting, resulting in a deeper appreciation for musical theatre techniques

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Performing Arts Event Coordinator

Mesa Community College Department of Music

Mesa, Arizona

January 2010 – July 2014

- Participated in department-wide meetings to create the master calendar of events
- Organized marketing material for the music theatre program to ensure that information is disseminated in a timely and efficient manner
- Created and distributed press releases for the department
- Designed and maintained the department website
- Arranged for student performers to display talents off campus to broaden students' scope of experience and further enrich the musical talents of students within the community
- Contracted with performance venues for our ensemble groups

Enrollment Advisor

Education Management Corporation – Argosy University

July 2014 – July 2015

- Advised prospective students on program and degree requirements for the College of Education
- Navigated students through the online modules and mentored them through their first courses

Guest Director

Community Theatres in the Phoenix Area

Phoenix Metropolitan Area

January 2010 – Present

- Director for theatre companies in the Phoenix metropolitan area including: Hale Centre Theatre; Mesa Community College; Arizona State University; Desert Foothills Theatre; Desert Stages Theatre; East Valley Children's Theatre; Counterpoint Studios of Music and Art; Studio 3 Performing Arts; Premiere Performing Arts Academy; and Desert Rose Theatre and others
- Creates and maintains excellent working relationships with professionals in the field that lead to greater opportunities for my students
- Collaborates with lighting designers, set designers, sound designers, and costume designers to achieve an outstanding production

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Association for Theatre in Higher Education Conference

Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival & Conference

Broadway Teachers Workshops, New York City

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES & ASSOCIATIONS

AriZoni Awards for Excellence in Theatre, Phoenix, Arizona

Educational Theatre Association, International Thespian Society

Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival, Region 8

American Alliance for Theatre and Education, Member

Association for Theatre in Higher Education, Member

American Association of Community Theatre, Member

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Computer Skills: Proficient in Microsoft Office Suite (Word, PowerPoint, Outlook and Excel)
Web Browsing & Social Media: Twitter, Facebook, Klout, Four Square, Yelp and Instagram
Certifications: Arizona Department of Education, K-12 Theatre Certification, July 2016

SELECTED PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE*

FILM / TV / COMMERCIALS / RADIO

Rookie of the Year	Daniel Stern, Director	<i>Featured Extra</i>	Twentieth Century Fox
12 Princesses	Amazon Studios	<i>Principal</i>	Amazon Studios
Valley Toyota Dealers	Local Commercial	<i>Principal</i>	Cramer-Krasselt
Express Flooring	Local Commercial	<i>Principal</i>	Larry John Wright Advertising
Pearson Education	Industrial Shoot	<i>Principal</i>	Pearson Productions
AZ Diamondbacks	National Broadcast	<i>National Anthem Soloist</i>	FOX Television
Comic Intervention	Local Broadcast	<i>Guest Host</i>	AM1100 KFNB – Phoenix, AZ
Scrapbook.com	Internet Broadcast	<i>Principal</i>	Scrapbook.com Media

THEATRE

<i>The Nerd</i>	<i>Rick Steadman</i>	Hale Centre Theatre	(Goldy Award Winner)
<i>Midsummer Night's...</i>	<i>Peter Quince</i>	The Shakespeare Theatre	(AriZoni Nominee)
<i>The 39 Steps</i>	<i>Clown 2</i>	Hale Centre Theatre	(AriZoni Nominee)
<i>The Comedy of Errors</i>	<i>Dromio of Ephesus</i>	Southwest Shakespeare Company	

MUSIC THEATRE

<i>The Drowsy Chaperone</i>	<i>Man in Chair</i>	Theatre Outback	(AriZoni Award Winner)
<i>Lucky Stiff</i>	<i>Harry Witherspoon</i>	Theatre Outback	(AriZoni Award Winner)
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	<i>Mushnik</i>	Phoenix Theatre	(Goldy Award Winner)
<i>Seussical</i>	<i>Horton the Elephant</i>	Copperstar Repertory Theatre	
<i>Guys & Dolls</i>	<i>Nicely-Nicely Johnson</i>	Hale Centre Theatre	

SPECIAL PERFORMANCES / CONCERTS / RECORDINGS

<i>We Must Sing</i>	Spire Music w/ the London Symphony Orchestra
<i>Lamb of God</i>	Spire Music w/ the London Symphony Orchestra
<i>He Is Jesus Christ</i>	Mesa Arizona Easter Pageant (Pilate / Saddle)

*FULL PERFORMANCE RESUME AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

REFERENCES

SueAnne Lucius

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Mason Schreiber

Performing Arts Department Chair | Mountain View High School
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Joseph Johnston

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Kevin Dressler

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William Partlan

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