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WORK EXPERIENCE

PIPE DREAMS STUDIO THEATRE, DECATUR, IL (*upcoming*)

Interim Director of Marketing, Spring 2024

Director of Marketing, August 2024-May 2025

- Responsible for marketing the Mainstage season, New Works, Cabarets, and all other Pipe Dreams Studio Theatre events through social media, physical media, email correspondence, community outreach, website, and any other promotional opportunity through an eye for graphic design and interpersonal connection.
- Work heavily alongside the Artistic Director and the Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion for Pipe Dreams Studio Theatre.
- Utilizes Microsoft Outlook and Canva frequently, and assists in managing the Pipe Dreams Studio Theatre account on Instagram.
- Skills include Email Marketing, Print Marketing, Social Media Marketing, Interpersonal Communication, and Attention to Detail.

PARAMOUNT THEATRE, AURORA, IL

Front of House Associate, October 2022-Present (Seasonal)

- Scanning tickets as patrons enter the theatre and working alongside Box Office Associate to ensure all tickets are purchased and valid.
- Helping patrons navigate both the Paramount Theatre and Copley Theatre locations.
- Assisting with late seating by following protocols from Front of House Management.
- Sitting in the house during performances to ensure patrons are not engaging in disruptive behaviors such as recording the performance.
- Cleaning up the theatre following performances and assisting in closing duties (e.g. turning off signs, checking the dishwasher, charging radios, creating role assignments for upcoming shifts) as requested by the on-shift Lead Front of House Associate and Front of House Manager.
- Skills include Event Tickets, Interpersonal Communication, Customer Experience, and Collaborative Problem-Solving.

RIVEREDGE PARK, AURORA, IL

Greeter, June 2022-June 2023

- Scanned tickets as patrons entered the park and worked alongside Box Office Associates to ensure all tickets were purchased and valid.
- Relayed information to patrons regarding contraband items from the park and assisted in solving patron-staff conflicts.
- Assisted patrons in navigating the park layout.
- Skills included Event Tickets, Interpersonal Communication, Customer Experience, and Collaborative Problem-Solving.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

GRANDE RESERVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

Drama Club Student Assistant – May 2021-Present

- Cultivating and leading theatre warm-ups and games for elementary students in grades 3-6 to assist them in engaging with theatrical art.
- Working closely with the Faculty Supervisor to plan the daily agenda and take charge when he cannot attend meetings.
- Skills included Interpersonal Communication, Collaborative Problem-Solving, Attention to Detail, Looking After Children, and Working with Children.

PARAMOUNT THEATRE, AURORA, IL

Usher – May 2022-October 2022

- Handed out programs to patrons and assisted patrons in finding their seats prior to performances.
- Assisted with late seating by following protocols from Front of House Management that varied from show-to-show, and communicated any issues to Front of House Associates for intervention.
- Cleaned the theatre following performances.
- Skills included Interpersonal Communication, Customer Experience and Collaborative Problem-Solving.

SOFTWARE SKILLS

Microsoft Office: Word, PowerPoint, Calendar, Outlook (passed LinkedIn Proficiency Exam)

Google Workspace: Drive, Docs, Slides, Sheets, Calendar, Gmail

Social Media: Discord, Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, Tumblr, X

Website Creation & Graphic Design: Canva, Superimpose, Weebly, Wix

EDUCATION

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

High School Diploma

Graduation: May 2023

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY, DECATUR, IL

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theatre & Performance Studies

Minor in Music, Vocal Performance Emphasis

Graduation: Candidate May 2027

- **PROFESSORS**

- **School of Theatre & Dance:** Trey Brazeal, Danielle Curtis (Faculty Supervisor), Dr. Julia Mortiaty, Tony Morton

- **General Education:** Paul Lidy, Bridget Plossel

- **COURSES**

- **School of Theatre & Dance:** Acting I, Introduction to Technical Theatre, Play Analysis, Theatre Practicum (*Solstice: A Concert of Dance* Costume Crew - Winter 2023)

- **General Education:** Public Speaking, University Seminar

- **ACTIVITIES:** Alpha Phi Omega Eta Epsilon (Fundraising Pledge Class Officer), Lyrical Ammunition (Performer/Member), Millikin CARE - Creatives for Artistic & Realistic Equity (Member), Pipe Dreams Studio Theatre (Member), WJMU 89.5 "The Quad" (Marketing Assistant)

ACTING

1901 PRODUCTIONS, DECATUR, IL

THE SILENT FILM RENDITION OF WOYZECK – Extra

Director: Demitri Magas

October 2023

LIMELIGHT THEATRE COMPANY, OSWEGO, IL

THE ADDAMS FAMILY – Featured Ensemble

Director: Lucie Kupres

Choreographer: Bailey O'Neill

Music Director: Laura Noelken

July 2023

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL – Patrick Star

Directors: Ryan Crocilla-Martinez & Nika Morton

Choreographer: Kellie Procopos

Music Director: Michael McHugh

April 2023

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

MADRIGAL DINNER – The Wench

Director: David Smith

Accompanist: Mary Wagner

December 2023

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

ALMOST, MAINE – Rhonda

Directors: David Tabler & Kim Zoephel

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

THE PAJAMA GAME – Mae

Directors: Ryan Crocilla-Martinez & Nika Morton

Choreographer: Kellie Procopos

Music Director: Michael McHugh

November 2023

April 2022

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

THE DROWSY CHAPERONE – Reporter 2, Understudy (Gangster 2)

Directors: Ryan Crocilla-Martinez & Nika Morton

Choreographer: Lexie Bailey

Music Director: Michael McHugh

April 2021

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

April 2020

MAMMA MIA! – Ensemble*

Directors: Ryan Crocilla-Martinez & Nika Morton

Choreographer: Jordan DePhillips

Music Director: Michael McHugh

CAMP IMAGINATION - FOXES THEATRE, YORKVILLE, IL

June 2019

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE – Rabbit

Director: Tamara Eaton

YORKVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

March 2019

*SHREK: THE MUSICAL, JR – Mother Goose/Dulocian, Featured Ensemble***

Director: Tamara Eaton

Choreographer & Music Director: Ryan Crocilla-Martinez

YORKVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

March 2018

BUGSY MALONE JR. – Elegantly Dressed Lady/Ensemble

Director: Tamara Eaton

Choreographer & Music Director: Ryan Crocilla-Martinez

YORKVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

October 2017

ONCE UPON A HIGH SCHOOL – Featured Ensemble

Director: Tamara Eaton

CAMP IMAGINATION - FOXES THEATRE, YORKVILLE, IL

June 2017

ARE WE THERE YET? – Airline Attendant/Virtual Teacher

Directors: Kayla Jordan & Taylor Novotny; Tamara Eaton

*Canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic

**Held position as Dance Captain

STAGE MANAGEMENT, CHOREOGRAPHY & DIRECTING

MILLIKIN INDEPENDENT PROJECT SERIES, DECATUR, IL

November 2023

THE TRIALS – Stage Manager

Director: Emily Barton

PIPE DREAMS STUDIO THEATRE, DECATUR, IL (new work)

September 2023

7th Annual All-Night Play Festival

EDDIE: A TEN-MINUTE PLAY – Director

Director: Ella Bianchi

Playwright: Isabella Hernandez

CAMP IMAGINATION - FOXES THEATRE JR., YORKVILLE, IL

June 2022

THE CLAW – Student Assistant, Choreographer

Directors: Ryan Crocilla-Martinez & Victoria Vicich

Music Director: Ryan Crocilla-Martinez

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

PIPE DREAMS STUDIO THEATRE, DECATUR, IL (upcoming)

January 2024-May 2024

SEASON PLANNING – Member

WORKSHOPS, MASTERCLASSES & TRAINING PROGRAMS

PARAMOUNT SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, AURORA, IL

August 2023

ACTING INSTITUTE

Director: Adam Wesley Brown

PARAMOUNT SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, AURORA, IL

June 2023

PARAMOUNT EXPERIENCE TEENS

Directors: Adam Wesley Brown (Stage Acting), Christopher John Kelley (Jazz & Musical Theatre Dance), Stephen Schellhardt (Musical Theatre Voice)

DISNEY SPRINGS RESORT, SARASOTA, FL

March 2023

DISNEY IMAGINATION PERFORMING ARTS WORKSHOP IN CHOIR – Mezzo-Soprano

PARAMOUNT SCHOOL OF THE ARTS, AURORA, IL

February 2023

BREAKING DOWN THE RIFF ®
Director: Natalie Weiss

Y115 SCHOOL DISTRICT, YORKVILLE, IL
PRIVATE VOCAL LESSONS – Musical Theatre Voice
Instructor: Michael McHugh

September 2022-October 2022

MUSIC

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY, DECATUR, IL (*upcoming*)
TREBLE CHOIR – Mezzo-Soprano
Director: Nate Widelitz
Student Conductors: Daniela DeLaCruz & Megan Schippert

January 2024-May 2024

MILLIKIN UNIVERSITY, DECATUR, IL
MILLIKIN CAMERATA (Student-Led Chamber Choir) – Alto
Faculty Advisor: Nate Widelitz
Rehearsal Accompanist: Andy Rauff
Conductors: Tad Daniels (Lead) & Ian Marshall (Assistant)

September 2023-May 2024

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL
A CAPELLA CHOIR – Soprano
Director: David Smith
Rehearsal & Performance Accompanist: Nika Morton

May 2021-May 2023

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL
BELL CHOIR
Directors: David Smith & Nika Morton

May 2021-May 2023

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL
ADVANCED TREBLE CHOIR – Soprano, Mezzo-Soprano
Director: Nika Morton
Student Teacher: Molly Calvert (Spring 2023)
Rehearsal & Performance Accompanist: Mary Wagner

August 2020-May 2023

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL
TREBLE CHOIR – Soprano
Director: Nika Morton
Student Teacher: Jonathan Sauer (Spring 2020)
Rehearsal & Performance Accompanist: Mary Wagner

August 2019-May 2020

YORKVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL
CHOIR – Soprano
Director: Christy Motley

October 2018-May 2019

DANCE

VIRTUES IN MOTION DANCE STUDIO, YORKVILLE, IL
DANCE TRAINING – Multiple Styles & Instructors

- **High School Dance Drills**, Ariel Luebke
- **Advanced High School Technique**: Jenna Jourdan

June 2022

GOLD STAR ACADEMY OF DANCE, YORKVILLE, IL
DANCE TRAINING – Multiple Styles & Instructors
Ballet (2 years), Hip-Hop (2 years), Jazz (1 year), Lyrical (3 years), and Tap (2 years)
Trina Monken, Briana Seifrid-Corrigan, Michelle Seifrid

2008-2018

SPEECH

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL
IHSA SPEECH TEAM – Informative Speaking
Coaches: Laura Crawford, Brian Erjavec, David Tabler

October 2022-February 2023

SPECIAL SKILLS

THEATRE SKILLS: Basic sight-reading, basic piano and music theory, basic sewing machine knowledge, stage management, directing, choreography, stage makeup, Front of House and Usher experience
NON-THEATRE SKILLS: Fluent in English, conversational Spanish (3 ½ years of Honors-level education), proofreading, creative writing, critical writing, poetry writing, professional emailing (Gmail and Outlook), basic graphic design (Canva, Superimpose), social media management, and works well with children

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

FOUR-YEAR MUSICAL PARTICIPANT, May 2023

Presented by Ryan Crocilla-Martinez & Nika Morton

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

BEST SUPPORTING ACTOR for *Almost*, Maine, November 2023

Presented by David Tabler & Kim Zoephel

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

HIGH HONOR ROLL, December 2022 & May 2023

Presented by Dr. Tim Shimp

YORKVILLE HIGH SCHOOL, YORKVILLE, IL

RISING STAR for *The Drowsy Chaperone*, May 2021

Presented by Ryan Crocilla-Martinez & Nika Morton