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Professional Memberships:

Actors' Equity Association (AEA)

Current Employment:

Assistant Teaching Professor of Musical Theater Dance, Chicago

College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University

-Classes taught: Jazz Levels 1-4, Ballet Level 1, Musical Theater Styles,

Acting for the Musical Stage 1 & 2

Artistic Leadership:

Artistic Associate at Marriott Lincolnshire Theatre, Fall 2025

-Represented the producing team during tech rehearsals for Theater for

Young Audience shows (*Arthur* and *Finding Nemo*)

-Cast the reading of a new Theater for Young Audience musical (*Hansel &*

Gretl)

-Assisted the Artistic Producer and Associate Artistic Director on casting communication

Training

Point Park University 1997-2000

Bachelor of Arts in Dance, Jazz Concentration

Ballroom Dance Chicago 2017-2018

Bronze Level Syllabus in Fox Trot, Waltz, Salsa, Rhumba, Single Swing

Direction & Choreography

Regional and Company Work:

2025 <i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>	Choreographer	CCPA, Roosevelt University
2025 <i>Catch Me If You Can</i>	Assoc. Choreographer	Marriott Theatre Lincolnshire
2025 <i>Always Something There</i> *World Premiere	Assoc. Choreographer	Marriott Theatre Lincolnshire
2025 <i>Renascence</i>	Choreographer	Illinois Wesleyan University
2024 <i>Pippin</i>	Choreographer	CCPA, Roosevelt University
2024 <i>Matilda The Musical</i>	Co-Director/Choreo	Fireside Theatre, WI
2024 <i>Beehive The 60s Musical</i>	Associate Dir/Choreo	Marriott Theatre Lincolnshire
2024 <i>Wonderful Town</i>	Co-Choreographer	CCPA, Roosevelt University
2024 <i>9 to 5</i>	Director/Choreographer	Tantrum Theater, Ohio Univ.
2023 <i>Scrooge</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI

2023 <i>Music Man</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2022/23 <i>Song of Bernadette</i>	Associate Choreographer	Indie Theatrical, NYC
2022 <i>Head Over Heels</i>	Choreographer	Columbia College Chicago
2021 <i>Holiday Inn</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2021 <i>Mamma Mia</i>	Choreographer	Music Theatre Works, Skokie IL
2021 <i>Intersect Dance Film</i>	Choreographer	The Beautiful City Project, Chicago, IL
2021 <i>Mamma Mia</i>	Choreographer	BAM Theatre, Hinsdale, IL
2021 <i>Heathers</i>	Choreographer	BAM Theatre, Hinsdale, IL
2020 <i>Porchlight Palooza</i>	Choreographer	Porchlight Music Theater, Chicago, IL
2020 <i>Guys & Dolls</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2020 <i>Saturday Night Fever</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2019 <i>A Christmas Story</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2019 <i>Sunset Blvd</i>	Choreographer	Porchlight Music Theater, Chicago, IL
2019 <i>Spamalot</i>	Choreographer	Mercury Theater Chicago
2019 <i>Annie</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2019 <i>Legally Blonde</i>	Choreographer	BAM Theatre, Hinsdale, IL
2019 <i>Leap of Faith</i>	Choreographer	Inaside Dance Company, Chicago, IL
2019 <i>Matilda</i>	Asst. Choreographer	Drury Lane Oakbrook, IL Mitch Sebastian, Dir/Choreo.
2019 <i>Porchlight Revisits: Can Can</i>	Choreographer	Porchlight Music Theater, Chicago, IL
2019 <i>My Fair Lady</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2018 <i>Pippin</i>	Asst. Choreographer	Venus Cabaret Theater, Chicago, IL Brenda Didier, Choreo.
2018 <i>Newsies</i>	Resident Choreographer	NewArts, CT
2018 <i>42nd St</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2018 <i>Newsies</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2017-2018 <i>Joseph...Dreamcoat</i>	Associate Choreographer	Drury Lane Theatre, Oakbrook IL
2017 <i>Lysistrata Jones</i>	Choreographer	Refuge Theatre Project Chicago, IL
2017 <i>Amazing Grace Nat Tour</i>	Associate Choreographer	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2017 <i>South Pacific</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2017 <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theatre, WI
2016 "Mr. Sandman" "Puttin' On The Ritz"	Choreographer	Midwest Performing Arts, Waunakee WI
2016 Frozen Pre-Broadway Lab	Choreography Assistant	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2016 <i>Singin' In The Rain</i>	Choreographer	Fireside Theater, WI

2015 <i>An Evening with Alan Menken</i>	Choreographer	Educational Theater Association Lincoln, NE
2014 <i>Amazing Grace</i>	Associate Choreographer	Bank of America Theatre, Chicago
2012 <i>Wicked Rocky Horror Show</i>	Choreographer	Tropicana Theater, Las Vegas
2010 <i>Wicked Rocks!</i>	Choreographer	Atlanta, GA
2008 <i>Dancebreak: Swing Set and Anything Goes</i>	Assistant Choreographer	Shea Sullivan, Choreo. New York, NY
2008 <i>Broadway Bares Wonderland: Walrus and the Carpenter</i>	Assist. Choreographer	Shea Sullivan, Choreo. Roseland Ballroom NYC
2008 "Hernando's Hideaway" "The Kite"	Choreographer	Blair Dance Academy Altoona, PA
2008 "Time After Time"	Choreographer	Carol Wilson Studio One Bristol, PA
2004 <i>The Land Where the Good Songs Go</i>	Assistant Choreographer Catholic University	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2004 <i>Spirit of the Tiger</i>	Assistant Choreographer Six Flags Great Adventure, NJ	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2002 <i>Grease National Tour</i>	Assistant Choreographer	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
Broadway/Off-Broadway:		
2015 <i>Amazing Grace</i>	Associate Choreographer Nederlander Theater	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2006 <i>High Fidelity</i>	Assistant Choreographer Imperial Theater	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2006 <i>How To Save the World and Find True Love</i>	Assistant Choreographer New World Stages	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2005 <i>Silence! The Musical</i>	Assistant Choreographer NYC Fringe Festival	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2002 BC/EFA Easter Bonnet Opening Number, New Amsterdam Theater	Assistant Choreographer	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer

Awards/Recognition:

2017 Joseph Jefferson Award Nomination: Best Choreography *Lysistrata Jones*

Performance Experience

Broadway and National Tours:

2014 <i>Wicked Second National Tour</i>	Ensemble	Joe Mantello, Director
2009-2014 <i>Wicked First National Tour</i>	Dance Captain/Swing/ Ensemble	Joe Mantello, Director
2005-2006 <i>Wicked Broadway Company</i>	Swing/Ensemble	Joe Mantello, Direct.

2004 <i>Hair</i> -Actors Fund Benefit	Tribe Dancer	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2003 BC/EFA Gypsy of the Year	Dancer	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2002 BC/EFA Easter Bonnet	Dancer	Christopher Gattelli, Choreographer
2002 <i>Wizard of Oz</i> - National Tour	Dance Captain/Ensemble	Philip McKinley, Dir.

Regional and New York Theater:

2023 <i>Mary Poppins</i>	Ensemble	Fireside Theatre
2022 <i>Elf</i>	Dance Captain/Swing	Drury Lane Oakbrook
2022 <i>Evita</i>	Dance Captain/Ensemble	Drury Lane Oakbrook
2018 <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Ensemble/Asst Choreo.	Drury Lane Oakbrook
2016 <i>Singin' In The Rain</i>	Lady In Green	Fireside Theatre
2008 <i>How To Succeed</i>	Ensemble	Fireside Theatre
2007 <i>Sleigh Ride</i> <i>Through the Holidays</i>	Featured Soloist	Wye Mills, MD
2006-2008 <i>dre.dance</i>	Company Member	T. Diggs, A.Palermo, Directors/Choreos.
2004 <i>Dancing on a Dream</i>	Ensemble	Duke on 42 nd Street Theater
2004 <i>Sleigh Ride</i> <i>Through the Holidays</i>	Featured Soloist	Wye Mills, MD
2003 <i>All is Full of Love</i>	Featured Dancer	Walden Company, New York, NY
2003 <i>Kiss Me, Kate</i> Theater Under The Stars	Ensemble	Houston, TX Glenn Casale, Dir.
2003 <i>Seven Brides</i> <i>for Seven Brothers</i>	Sarah	Fireside Theater
2002 <i>A Fireside Christmas</i>	Ensemble	Fireside Theater
1999-2001 <i>Kids of the Kingdom</i> Walt Disney World	Dancer	Orlando, FL

Film/TV:

2024 <i>My Grown Up Christmas Wish</i> Dancer	Roberts Media LLC Spencer Liff, Choreo.
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Teaching Experience

2024 (Current) Assistant Teaching Professor of Musical Theatre Dance in Chicago College of Performing Arts at Roosevelt University
2025 Chicago Dance Masters Fall Convention-Musical Theater Jazz Workshops
2025 RDA Midstates, Overland Park, KS-Musical Theater Jazz Workshops
2024/25 Disney Hong Kong/Shanghai Audition Choreographer
2024 Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines Audition Choreographer

2024 NHSI Theatre Institute at Northwestern University-Musical Theatre Extension
Dance Instructor

2023 Mid Atlantic Dance Masters Chapter 17-Musical Theater Jazz Workshop

2023 Chicago College of Performing Arts, Roosevelt University-Adjunct: Acting for the
Musical Stage

2022-2024 Chicago College of Performing Arts, Roosevelt University-Adjunct Dance
Faculty, Jazz for the Musical Theater

2022 Institute of Contemporary Dance, Houston, TX-Guest Workshop Jazz Intensive

2022 Dreams Dance Studio, St. Charles, IL- Guest Musical Theater Jazz Workshop

2021 Dance Educators of America, National Convention Musical Theater Intensive

2018-2023 Talent Forum Dance Studio, Libertyville, IL-Musical Theater Workshops

2020-Present Visceral Dance Center, Chicago IL-Musical Theater Jazz

2021 RDA Midstates, Virtual Workshop-Musical Theater Jazz

2019-2023 Inaside Dance Company Summer Intensive, Chicago, IL-Musical Theater
Jazz

2019-2023 Monona Academy of Dance, Madison WI-Musical Theater Workshop

2019 Hong Kong Disney-Character Audition Choreographer

2019-2022 Columbia College Chicago-Musical Theater Dance Faculty

2019-2020 Lou Conte Dance Studio, Chicago IL- Musical Theater Jazz Faculty

2019 Expression Dance Studio, Westmont, IL-Musical Theater Master Class

2018 Houston Met Youth Intensive, Houston, TX-Musical Theater Jazz

2018 RDA Midstates, Madison WI-Musical Theater Jazz

2017-2018 Ballroom Dance Chicago-Beginning Ballroom Private Lessons

2018 Dance Educators of America National Faculty-Theater Tap Faculty

2016 Midwest Performing Arts, Waunakee, WI-Musical Theater Jazz Master Class and
Guest Choreography

2016 Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI-Musical Theater Jazz Master Class

2015-2020 Chicago College of Performing Arts, Roosevelt University Adjunct Dance
Faculty-Jazz for the Musical Theater, Tap for Musical Theater

2016-2020 Dovetail Studios, Chicago, IL Professional Musical Theater Jazz

2015 Millennium Dance Complex, Chicago, IL-Broadway Jazz

2015-2017 Dance Educators of America National Faculty-Musical Theater Jazz

2014-2021 Pure Vibe Dance Academy, Oak Brook, IL- Musical Theater Jazz Faculty &
Choreography

2014 Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL-Musical Theater Jazz Master Classes

2014 Columbia University, Chicago, IL-Musical Theater Jazz Master Class

2014-2016 Inaside Dance Company Summer Intensive, Chicago, IL-Musical Theater
Jazz

2014 Above the Barre Dance Academy, Bettendorf, IA-Musical Theater Master Class

2014 Stage Door Connections, NYC-Musical Theater Master Classes

2014 Educational Theater Association International Thespian Festival, Lincoln, NE-
Musical Theater Dance

2014 Dance Masters of America Chapter 17-Performing Arts and Pageant Judge

2014 Believe Talent Competition-Regional Judge

2014 Arts 'n Motion Dance Studio-Odenton, MD-Musical Theater Jazz Master Class

2014 Intrigue Dance Studio, Chicago, IL-Musical Theater Dance Class

2013 Creative Dance & Music Studio, New Orleans, LA-Wicked Master Class
2012 Ballet Hawaii, Honolulu, HI-Wicked Master Class
2012 California Musical Theatre, Sacramento, CA-Wicked Master Class
2009-2011 Broadway Connection National Faculty
2008-2009 Dance World Academy, Clifton, NJ-Jazz and Partnering Faculty
2009 Broadway Dance Center, New York, NY-Musical Theater Dance Class
2006-2007 Dance Masters of America Chapters 17&26, Regional Faculty Theater Jazz and Lyrical
2007 Fern Adair Conservatory, Las Vegas, NV-Jazz Master Class
2007 Backstage Dance Studio, Las Vegas, NV-Contemporary Jazz Master Class
2007 Le Reve, Wynn Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas-Company Jazz Class
2004 The Hartt School, Simsbury, CT-Dancing On Broadway Master Class
2002-2008 N-House Productions National Faculty-Theater Jazz, Ballet, Tap
2002-2006 Point Park University-Jazz and Theater Auditions New York, NY
2001-2002 Robert Mann Dance Studio, Bayside, NY-Jazz Faculty

Professional Artistic Colleagues:

Directors: James Vasquez, Jessica Fisch, Deidre Goodwin, Heather Currie, Tommy Novak, Lynne Kurdziel Formato, Marcia Milgrim-Dodge, Joe Mantello, Gabriel Barre, Christopher Gattelli, Walter Bobbie, Glenn Casale, Philip McKinley, Stafford Arima, Ed Flesch, Marc Bruni, Kim Weild, Jason Daunter, Justin Brill, Mitch Sebastian, Michael Weber, Walter Stearns, Tammy Mader, Adrian Azevedo

Choreographers: Tyler Hanes, Deidre Goodwin, Lynne Kurdziel Formato, Marcia Milgrim-Dodge, Mitch Sebastian, Kristyn Pope, Ron DeJesus, Brenda Didier, Christopher Gattelli, David Leong, Wayne Cilento, Corinne McFadden-Herrera, Shea Sullivan, Andrew Palermo, Taye Diggs, Andy Blankenbuelher, Josh Walden, Linda Talcott Lee, Ann Nieman, John MacInnis, Paula Lynn

Musical Directors: Jason Howland, Joe Church, Andrew Graham, Jason Yarcho, Boko Suzuki, Stephen Oremus, Alex Lacamoire, Ryan Nelson, Mary Ehlinger, Linda Madonia, David Fiorello, Aaron Benham, Chris Sargent, Roberta Duchak

Actors: Lea Salonga, Alice Ripley, Sophia Ann Caruso, Brandon Contreras, E. Clayton Cornelius, Carlos Lopez, Michael Haws, Elizabeth DeRosa, Josh Young, Erin Mackey, Tom Hewitt, Chuck Cooper, Chris Hoch, Harriet D. Foy, Kim Zimmer, John Davidson, Kyle Dean Massey, PJ Benjamin, Tom Flynn, Tom McGowan, Clifton Davis, Gene Weygandt, Alison Fraser, Paul Slade Smith, Alli Mauzey, Dee Roscioli, Nicole Parker, Patti Murin, Alison Luff, Mamie Parris, Jackie Burns, Chandra Lee Schwartz, Randy Danson, Richard Kline, Mark Jacoby, Ben Vereen, Rue McClanahan, Carole Shelley, Carol Kane, George Hearn, Jennifer Laura Thompson, Megan Hilty, Shoshana Bean, Eden Espinoza, Deidre Goodwin, Stephen Bienske, Jenn Colella, Will Chase, Katy Mixon, Nicole Snelson, Anika Larsen, Michael McEachran, Justin Brill, Jenna Leigh Green, Christy Candler

