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## **EDUCATION**

The Audition (premiere)

BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Waltham, MA MFA in Acting: Voice (Roy Heart), Speech (Skinner, dialects), Shakespeare, Michael Chekhov, G	May 2014 Grotowski, Suzuki, Combat
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA – SANTA BARBARA, Santa Barbara, CA B.A., Dramatic Arts, B.A., Psychology; Minor: Sport Management  • Dual Emphasis in Dramatic Arts: Directing, Playwriting	May 2004
<ul> <li>Awards and Honors: Theodore J. Hatlan Award for Outstanding Achievement in Theatre, Dean's List (6 semesters, 2000 – 2004), graduated with High Honors, Regents' Scholarship Recipient</li> </ul>	
THEATRE TEACHING EXPERIENCE	
AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Austin, TX	2212
Intro to Theatre, Theatre Appreciation	2019-present
SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Georgetown, TX Theatre; Upward Bound Program	2018-present
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Waltham, MA Directing for the Stage, Improvisation, Suzuki Method	2012 – 2014
BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Waltham, MA Undergraduate Directing Practicum Supervisor	2012 – 2014
PALACE THEATRE, Georgetown, TX Suzuki Method, Voice and Speech, Improvisation, Advanced Acting	2016 – 2019
<b>TEX-ARTS</b> , Lakeway, TX  Advanced Acting, Improvisation, Voice and Speech	2016 – 2017
<b>EAST SIDE EARLY COLLEGE HIGH School,</b> Austin, TX Theatre Arts	2019
THE MANDELL SCHOOL, NYC Dramatic Arts Instructor and Summer Camp Director	2009 – 2011
GLENDALE UNIFIED SCHOOLS, CA Summer Enrichment Program Instructor: Acting and Improvisation	2003 – 2004
DIRECTING EXPERIENCE	
PALACE THEATRE, Georgetown, TX Footloose, The Santaland Diaries, A Christmas Carol, Company Showcases	2016-2019
PALACE THEATRE – THEATRE FOR YOUNG AUDIENCES  Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing, Alexander and the Terrible Horrible, No Good Very Bad Day, N	2016-2019 Mad Libs Live!
BRANDEIS THEATRE COMPANY, Waltham, MA All You Need (premiere)   One the Road or My Travels (premiere)	2014
THEATRE 54/BY THE RIVER PRODUCTIONS New York, NY Indulgences in the Louisville Harem	2010
THEATRE STUDIO INC/PLAYTIME New York, NY	2006

CRESCENTA VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, La Crescenta, CA Done to Death	2005
MASK & SCROLL THEATRE CO, Santa Barbara, CA	2004
The Marriage of Bette and Boo	
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA Santa Barbara, CA	2003-2004
'dentity Crisis, The Lover, A View from the Bridge	
PRODUCING EXPERIENCE	
SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE, The Georgetown Palace	2019
FOOTLOOSE, The Georgetown Palace	2019
HEATHERS, The Georgetown Palace	2019
MAD LIBS LIVE, The Georgetown Palace	2019
THE SECRET GARDEN, The Georgetown Palace	2018
12 ANGRY JURORS, The Georgetown Palace	2018
ALEXANDERBAD DAY, The Georgetown Palace	2018
WISH, The Georgetown Palace	2018
13 THE MUSICAL, The Georgetown Palace	2018
PETER AND THE STARCATCHER, The Georgetown Palace	2018
GREATER TUNA, The Georgetown Palace	2017
TALES OF A FOURTH GRADE NOTHING, The Georgetown Palace	2017
THE DROWSY CHAPERONE, The Georgetown Palace	2016
THE COMPLETE WORKS OF SHAKESPEARE (REDUCED), The Georgetown Palace	2016
ALL IN THE TIMING, The Georgetown Palace	2016
ZOMBIE PROM, The Georgetown Palace	2016
SCHOOL HOUSE ROCK, The Georgetown Palace	2016
SCHOOL OF ROCK, The Georgetown Palace	2016
SPECIALIZED TRAINING	
<b>IMPROVISATION:</b> Comedy Sports, The Peoples' Improv Theatre, Upright Citizen's Brigade	2004 – 2007
MONOLOGUE, AUDITIONING, AND SKETCH COMEDY: The Actors' Project, NYC	2006 – 2008
COMMERCIAL TECHNIQUE, ACTING FOR THE CAMERA: TVI Actors' Studio, NYC	2006 – 2007
SCENE STUDY, AUDITIONING: TVI Actors' Studio, NYC	2006 – 2007
ACCREDITATIONS	
HAND-TO-HAND, RAPIER, AND KNIFE STAGE COMBAT: American Society of Fight Directors	2013
CPR AND FIRST AID: Hope CPR	2018
GROUP FITNESS CERTIFICATION: Madd Dog Athletics	2008
TIER 1 PERSONAL TRAINER: Equinox Fitness Institute	2006
EMERGENCY TEACHING CREDENTIAL GRADES K-12: California and New York	2004-2011
TEXAS TEACHERS ALTERNATE CERTIFICATION	Expected completion: 2022

## SERVICE AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Member, The Actors' Equity Association
- Guest Facilitator/Career Coach, America Needs You: Connects ambitious first-gen college students with career development resources.
- Panelist and Guest Speaking Opportunities: GTXFilm: Professional Actor/Casting Panel; Network Austin Mixer
- Senior Thesis Festival Coordinator, Theatre Department, BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Waltham, MA, 2014
- Guest Workshop Facilitator, Business Department: Improvisation, BRANDEIS UNIVERSITY, Waltham, MA, 2013 2014

Competitive Festival Judge, DRAMA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, Los Angeles, CA, 2004 –
 2011

#### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

PALACE THEATRE, Georgetown, TX

Director of Education
Interim Executive Director (concurrent position)

2016 – Present February – July 2017

#### **Accomplishments:**

- Led educational programs to a 30% revenue increase YoY; achievements include: set department mission statement, formalized curricula, created job descriptions for all roles, determined salaries based on market analysis
- Quadrupled the Palace Education Staff from 7 to over 30; responsible for talent through the employee lifecycle focusing on staff development, mentorship, coaching, conflict resolution, and professional growth
- Increased education programming from 12 to 44 classes including growing *Acting for All* (inclusion classes) from 1 to 4 in one year
- Drove a needs assessment on all summer programming leading to a summer camp participation increase of 13%
- Generated and implemented a new ticket strategy which led to an over 10% increase in season ticket sales YoY
- Iterated on the donation structure, piloting, restructuring, and relaunching general giving to an increase of 10% YoY
- Oversaw redesign of the Palace Playhouse with a projected 30% increase in tickets sales and events
- Negotiated contract, designed and oversaw renovations, and developed new programming, and hired all staff in the Palace Dance Studio leading to a healthy profit in first year

### FOOTHILL HOOPS BASKETBALL, La Canada, CA

2003 - 2016

Founder, CEO/CFO

Mission: Foothill Hoops provides well-organized and high-quality youth basketball programs to families of all income levels emphasizing fun, learning, confidence building, and character enhancement within a safe and friendly environment.

### **Accomplishments:**

- Founded successful non-profit business of 15 years with over 20 employees, over one hundred volunteers, and \$400k annual revenue
- Recruited all staff and volunteers, developed training and performance tracking systems, and creating several homegrown leaders from volunteers through management
- Recruited guest speakers including psychologists, former professional basketball players, and community leaders to inspire staff and reinforce the organization's mission
- Served as Compliance Officer and maintained a spotless record regarding state and federal laws, employment practices, health and safety, and labor relations
- Developed a strategic succession plan for key staff, which led to identifying and appointing a new head of program from the internal talent pool

#### **CRESCENTA-CANADA FAMILY YMCA**

Sports Program Director
Sports Program Coordinator

2000 - 2002

1995 - 2000

- Designed and facilitated all trainings for staff and volunteers focused on building professionalism and prioritizing customer satisfaction
- Created and led junior high school basketball program since adopted by other local YMCA chapters

References and Professional Acting Credits are available upon request.