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STAGE DIRECTOR

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My name is Ken Rush and I have recently retired from a very successful thirty-six year career as a nationally recognized high school Theatre Arts director. I am sixty-six and have been involved with some form of theatre since I was twelve years old. My experience included directing, primarily teenagers but also a vast amount of time directing community theatre, civic theatre and civic opera. No production is too small or too large. I hope you will take some time to look at my resume and use the YOUTUBE addresses below to see an example of my work. The examples you will see are all from West Orange High School in Winter Garden, Florida. The school WAS NOT an Arts Magnet school but just a regular public school. Our season would always include four to five productions a year and the school supported this by funding \$2,000 for the entire year and the remainder of the budget (\$60,000 - \$80,000) was raised by students and parents. I believe in producing professional quality theatre with whatever budget you have and hopefully you will see this in the YOUTUBE examples. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. References are available upon request.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Batchelor of Science in Theatre / Lamar University / Beaumont, Texas / 1978
- Graduate studies at the DALLAS THEATER CENTER under the direction of Paul Baker
- Founding Director of the nationally recognized NORTH EAST SCHOOL OF THE ARTS in San Antonio, Texas 1996 -1998
- Toured with national theatre productions including a nine month tour with JEKYLL AND HYDE the musical in which I played the role of Sir Danvers Carew
- Director of a nationally recognized and multi-award winning high school Theatre Arts department in Texas and Florida / 1980 - 2017. I was a one man department and was in charge of every aspect of every production. I was the director, artistic director, technical director, set designer and construction supervisor, lighting designer, sound designer, costume designer, seamster, publicity director, etc. I was responsible for creating and carrying out all budgets and every aspect of every production.
- Awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Florida Theatre Conference
- Awarded Best Director by the Southeastern Theatre Conference
- Received a Tony Award nomination for Outstanding Theatre Educator for 2016

AWARD WINNING PRODUCTIONS

***CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD* - 1st Place Southeastern Theatre Conference (10 states) /04**

***INDEPENDENCE Pop. 301* - 1st Place Southeastern Theatre Conference (10 states) /11**

***THE FOREIGNER* - Texas UIL State Competition First Place (1000+ school participants) /94**

***A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM* - Texas UIL State Competition Finalist (final 8) /91**

***THE CRUCIBLE* - Texas UIL State Competition Finalist (final 8) /92**

***THE CRUCIBLE* - Florida State Thespian Festival Featured MainStage @ State Convention /03**

AWARD WINNING PRODUCTIONS - con't

HAIR - Florida State Thespian Festival Featured MainStage @ State Convention /10
JEKYLL AND HYDE - Florida State Thespian Festival Featured MainStage @ State Convention /12
ANNIE GET YOUR GUN - Florida State Thespian Festival Featured MainStage @ State Convention /14
42ND STREET - Florida State Thespian Festival Featured MainStage @ State Convention / 17
FENCES - Texas Thespian Society Featured Mainstage @ State Convention / 91
NUNSENSE - Texas Thespian Society Featured MainStage @ State Convention / 92
A FLEA IN HER EAR - Texas Thespian Society Featured Mainstage @ State Convention / 93
MEDEA: A NOH CYCLE PLAY - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /99
ONE FLEW OVER THE CUCKOOS NEST - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /00
THE ELEPHANT MAN - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /02
MACBETH - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /04
THE DIVINERS - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /05
ANNE OF A THOUSAND DAYS - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /06
I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /07
THE GRAPES OF WRATH - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /09
ROMEO AND JULIET - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /10
INDEPENDENCE Pop. 301 - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /11
VICTORIAN SILENCE - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /12
MISSISSIPPI WOODS - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /13
A BROKEN PROMISE - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist /14
THE ELEPHANT MAN - Florida State Thespian One-Act State Finalist / 15

ADDITIONAL MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS I HAVE DIRECTED

MARY POPPINS
HELLO DOLLY (Two Productions)
THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE
LEGALLY BLONDE
HAIRSPRAY
FIDDLER ON THE ROOF
PETER PAN (Two Productions)
NUNSENSE (Two Productions)
BRIGADOON
THE KING & I
ANNIE
GODSPELL (Three Productions)
MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS
BEST LITTLE WHOREHOUSE IN TEXAS
FOOTLOOSE
GUYS AND DOLLS
MAN OF LA MANCHA
THE MUSIC MAN
SEUSSICAL
THE WIZ
DISNEY'S ALADDIN JR.

ADDITIONAL MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS - con't

GREASE

DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

THE WIZARD OF OZ

WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

ALL SHOOK UP

DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

FLAT STANLEY

GYPSY

WHY DO FOOLS FALL IN LOVE

ADDITIONAL NON-MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS I HAVE DIRECTED

YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU (Three Productions)

THE SHADOW BOX (Two Productions)

THE FOREIGNER (Four Productions)

RUMORS (Two Productions)

NOISES OFF (Two Productions)

AMADEUS

LAST OF THE RED HOT LOVERS

A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE

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PYGMALION

CHARLEY'S AUNT

LIVIN' DE LIFE (Four Productions)

THE FORGOTTEN ONES

ANDROCLES AND THE LION

THE BOYS NEXT DOOR (Two Productions)

DANCING AT LUGNASA

EQUUS

THE DIVINERS (Two Productions)

VIVAT! VIVAT REGINA!

ONCE UPON A TIME

TO BURN A WITCH (Three Productions)

THE MIRACLE WORKER

WILEY AND THE HAIRY MAN

AGNES OF GOD

THE CHILDREN'S HOUR

ALICE!

ANGEL STREET (Two Productions)

YOUTUBE CLIPS OF PRODUCTIONS THAT I HAVE DIRECTED

1. Go to **YOUTUBE.COM**
2. **SEARCH** *Jekyll and Hyde Compilation JacobWaldron*
3. **SEARCH** *Flesh Failures Hair West Orange High School*
4. **SEARCH** *Walking In Space Hair West Orange High School*
5. **SEARCH** *Emma Heistand in Mary Poppins*
6. **SEARCH** *We're In The Money Matt Guernier*