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Theatre / Musical Theatre /Puppetry Performance

Knickers!	Terri	ART STATION THEATRE
Doctor De Soto	puppeteer/actor	ALLIANCE THEATRE
TaDAa!	creator/performer	ASHEVILLE, BORDERLIGHT, TUCSON, ATLANTA FRINGES
The Paisley Sisters' Christmas Special	Lonnie	ART STATION THEATRE
Honky Tonk Angels Holiday Spectacular	Angela	ART STATION THEATRE
Shadow Realm: Down the Rabbit Hole	Alice/puppeteer	ATLANTA, BORDERLIGHT FRINGES; GP PUPPET FEST
Cinnamon GRITS	Virginia	ART STATION THEATRE
Continuum: Shadow Paradox	puppeteer/actor	CINCINNATI FRINGE FEST
The Twelve Dates of Christmas	(solo play)	ART STATION THEATRE
Out of the Box	puppeteer	OBJECT MOVEMENT FESTIVAL
Dreamland: Shadow Realm	Alice / puppeteer	CREATIVE CITY IMMERSE ORLANDO
learning to fly	Trisha (actor/puppeteer)	ORLANDO FRINGE FEST
The Bikinis	Annie	ART STATION THEATRE
The Woman in Black	puppeteer	GRASSROOTS THEATRE COLLECTIVE
Me & Jezebel	Liz Fuller	ART STATION THEATRE
Two Rooms	Ellen van Oss	OUT OF BOX THEATRE
In a Forest, Dark and Deep	Betty	OUT OF BOX THEATRE
The Dixie Swim Club	Vernadette Simms	ART STATION THEATRE
WANTED: Freedom, Dead or Alive	co-creator/performer	SELF-PRODUCED W/ DR. DARYL HARRIS
Christmas Survival Guide	Vocalist/Woman 1	ART STATION THEATRE
Heart Throbs II: Pole Boy	LuDell	FLYING CAT PRODUCTIONS
Tapas: Birds of a Feather	Greta	ACADEMY THEATRE
Christmas Wishes	Betty	ART STATION THEATRE
The Rocky Horror Puppet Show	Magenta / puppeteer	THE BASEMENT THEATRE
The Man Who Came to Dinner	Mrs. McCutcheon	GEORGIA ENSEMBLE THEATRE
Opal Opus	Joline	TANGLED LEAVES THEATRE COLLECTIVE
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Titania/Helena	CARNEGIE CENTER FOR THE ARTS (KY)
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels	Muriel Eubanks	LA COMEDIA THEATRE (OH) & CARNEGIE CTR
Cotton Patch Gospel	Mary/Ensemble	SHOWBOAT MAJESTIC (OH)
Sophie's Dream	Laurel	TANGLED LEAVES THEATRE COLLECTIVE
Add1ng Mach1ne: A Mus1cal	Mrs. Zero	KNOW THEATRE OF CINCINNATI
Equus	Hesther Salomon	NEW EDGECLIFF THEATRE (OH)
Dead City	Rosalind/A.A.M.	NEW STAGE COLLECTIVE (OH)
The Price	Esther Franz	BLUE CHIP PLAYERS (OH)
Fiction	Linda Waterman	THE DRAMA WORKSHOP (OH)
Caroline, or Change	Rose Stopnick-Gellman	NEW STAGE COLLECTIVE
Power Failure	Lead Female	NEW EDGECLIFF THEATRE
Lord of the Rings Trilogy	Gollum/ Sméagol	CLEAR STAGE/OVATION THEATRES (OH)
Schoolhouse Rock Live!	Lead Vocalist/Ensemble	COVEDALE CTR FOR PERF ARTS (OH)

Little Shop of Horrors	Audrey II (Puppeteer)	RISING PHOENIX THEATRE (OH)
A Grand Night for Singing	Lead Vocalist/Ensemble	NKU SUMMER DINNER THEATRE (KY)
Once on This Island	Mama Euralie	FALCON THEATRE
Same Time, Next Year	Doris	NKU SUMMER DINNER THEATRE (KY)
The Fantasticks	The Mute	SUNSET PLAYERS

PERFORMANCE GALLERY (Cincinnati, OH): original theatre pieces including TaDada!, A Migration of Crones, Word of Mouth, The Body Speaks, Continuum (Cincinnati Fringe June 2021 – Producer’s Pick and Young-Howze Theatre Journal Long-Form Zoom Play of the Year 2021), the council, Deadlines, fricative, Gilgamesh In Uruk: G.I. in Iraq, girlfriend, godsplay:, Halcyon Days, Nuclear Winter Circus, kaz/m, The Killer Whispers & Prays, Woyzek (2000 – present)

ONE DOUBLE-O FOUR EIGHT (Atlanta, GA): original puppet theatre pieces including Shadow Realm: Down the Rabbit Hole, Out of the Box, learning to fly, Deus Ex machina, Torn, On Tiptoe, Little Tommy, Continuum: Shadow Paradox – *puppetry styles include large-scale shadow/body silhouette, overhead shadow, lambe lambe, single-operator tabletop, collaborative tabletop, rod, object, press-screen shadow* (2014-present)

XPERIMENTAL PUPPETRY THEATRE (Center for Puppetry Arts, Atlanta, GA): original puppet theatre pieces including Deus Ex Machina, Forgotten Love, In Stall, learning to fly, leukos, Mean Spirited, On Tiptoe, Transmission Project – *puppetry styles include rod, finger, overhead shadow, press-screen shadow, tabletop, object* (2012 - 2022)

MADCAP PUPPETS (Cincinnati, OH): touring puppet theatre pieces including Magical Traveling Storyman, Grandma’s House, A Renaissance Rumpelstiltskin, Two Crumby Kids, Fantastic Fairy Tales, The Firebird, Down from the Mountain, Winter Wonderland. Large-scale symphony orchestra pieces with Atlanta Symphony, Cincinnati Pops, Dayton Philharmonic, DuPage Symphony, Lima Symphony, Lincoln Symphony and Winnipeg Symphony including Carnival of the Animals, Master Peter’s Puppet Show, Peter and the Wolf, Phantom of the Music Hall. *puppetry styles include hand-in-mouth/rod, backpack/parade, press-screen shadow* (1992 - 2022)

Education / Training and Master Class Experiences

- B.A. Theatre Arts , Ashland University (OH) 1991
- M.A., Communication Arts , University of Cincinnati 1993
- Master Classes/Training: Chekhov Technique, Dell’Arte , Delsarte, Fitzmaurice Voice/Movement, Lecoq, Margolis Method, Mask, Puppetry, Rasaboxes, Simple Clown, Viewpoints

Special Skills / Interests

- Puppeteer, mask and movement artist: Alliance Theatre, Center for Puppetry Arts / XPT, Dragon Con, Grassroots Theatre, Henson Company, Madcap Puppets, Ninja Puppet Productions, Puppet People, The Object Group, Voyageur Puppets, One Double-O Four Eight
- Backing vocalist: A1A (The Official and Original Jimmy Buffet Tribute Show), Yacht Rock Schooner (Steely Dan), Songs in the Key of Stevie (Stevie Wonder tribute)
- Teaching artist/arts educator: workshop presenter, keynote presenter, consultant, coach and director in drama, ensemble creation and ensemble movement, improvisation, mask, movement for actors, musical theatre and puppetry– 20+ years of experience for hundreds of clients/organizations (all age levels, interests and abilities!)
- Performer, director, creator and deviser: Theatre for Young Audiences
- Adjudicator: Educational Theatre Association and Georgia High School Musical Theatre Award
- Non-profit board member: ART Station (2021-present), Educational Theatre Foundation (advisory council 2020-2023), Piccadilly Puppets (2025-present), Puppeteers of America (2016-2022, President 2019-2022)
- Conversational Spanish