

Jennifer Cupani, Director/Choreographer

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Regional Theatre:

Sister Act	Metropolis Performing Arts Center	Choreographer	2022
Legally Blonde	Metropolis Performing Arts Center	Choreographer	2021
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels	Metropolis Performing Arts Center	Choreographer	2020
Kiss Me Kate	Elgin Community College	Choreographer	2020
A Christmas Carol	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Director	2018
Into the Woods	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2017
Little Shop of Horrors	Raue Center for the Performing Arts	Choreographer	2017
American Idiot	Elgin Community College	Choreographer	2017
Hair	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2017
First Date	Raue Center for the Performing Arts	Choreographer	2017
A Christmas Story	Citadel Theatre	Choreographer	2016
Ring of Fire*	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2016
Rent*	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2016
A Funny Thing...Forum*	Citadel Theatre	Choreographer	2016
Oliver	Citadel Theatre	Choreographer	2015
The Drowsy Chaperone*	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2015
Song Poems Wanted	Prod/Dir Larry Carpenter	Choreographer	2008
The Wiz	Jedlicka Performing Arts Center	Choreographer	2008
Babes in Hollywood	Jedlicka Performing Arts Center	Director/Choreographer	2008
In My Life	Jedlicka Performing Arts Center	Choreographer	2007
Little Women	Jedlicka Performing Arts Center	Choreographer	2007
We Will Rock You	Jedlicka Performing Arts Center	Choreographer	2007

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Non-Equity & Community Theatre:

Billy Elliot	Highland Park Players	Choreographer	2016
Hair	UAC Theatre	Choreographer	2014
CATS**	Highland Park Players	Director/Choreographer	2013
Jesus Christ Superstar	UAC Theatre	Choreographer	2013
42nd Street	Highland Park Players	Choreographer	2012
Annie	Big Deal Productions	Choreographer	2012
Hairspray	UAC Theatre	Director/Choreographer	2010
The Producers	UAC Theatre	Choreographer	2008
Pirates of Penzance	Music on Stage	Choreographer	2007
Miss Saigon	UAC Theatre	Choreographer	2006
Camelot	TownSquare Players	Choreographer	2006
Godspell	St. James Theatre Productions	Choreographer	2004

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TV/Film:

National TV Commercial	Empire Carpet (12 mo cycle/:30 & :15)	Choreographer	2013
Fluffenhause/Fluff Haus Mich	Emily Skyle Productions	Choreographer (imdb credit)	2009

High School Theatre:

Bring It On	New Trier High School	Choreographer	2018
Once Upon a Mattress	New Trier High School	Choreographer	2018
Urinetown	New Trier High School	Choreographer	2017
Fiddler on the Roof***	Stevenson High School	Choreographer	2017
Guys and Dolls	New Trier High School	Choreographer	2017
Grease	New Trier High School	Choreographer	2016
Legally Blonde	New Trier High School	Choreographer	2016
Footloose	New Trier High School	Choreographer	2016
Miss Saigon***	Stevenson High School	Choreographer	2015
Once on This Island	New Trier High School	Choreographer	2015
Joseph...Dreamcoat	Saint Viator High School	Choreographer	2015
Footloose	Saint Viator High School	Choreographer	2014
In the Heights***	Stevenson High School	Choreographer	2013
Beauty and the Beast	Saint Viator High School	Choreographer	2013
Bye Bye Birdie	Saint Viator High School	Choreographer	2007
The Music Man	Saint Viator High School	Choreographer	2006
Oklahoma!	Saint Viator High School	Choreographer	2005
Footloose	Saint Viator High School	Choreographer	2004
West Side Story	Saint Viator High School	Choreographer	2002

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Children's Theatre:

The Little Mermaid Jr.	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2014
Seussical Jr.	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2013
Guys and Dolls Jr.	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2013
The Music Man	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2012
Thoroughly Modern Millie	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2012
Once Upon a Mattress	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Choreographer	2011
Wizard of Oz	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Director	2011
Aladdin Jr.	Metropolis Performing Arts Centre	Director	2011

Dance/Theatre Educator:

- Reverie Dance Academy, Staff Manager, Lead Instructor, Buffalo Grove, IL. (2011-present)
 - Award-winning Competition Choreographer
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 - Nutcracker Director/Choreographer
 - Managed a cast of 70+, children through adult professional.
 - Created tech run sheets for both sound and light cues.
- New Trier High School, Winnetka, IL. Choreographer (2014-present)
 - Musicals
 - Managed choreography for multiple casts of 50+ each
 - Collaborated with production staff on set, lighting, costumes, and props.
- Certified BeMoved Instructor (2011-2013), trained/mentored by Sherry Zunker
 - Taught classes of 50+ at Lou Conte Dance Studio
 - Sourced locations for classes

- Developed and managed schedule for classes at two (2) separate locations
- Saint Viator High School, Arlington Heights, IL., (2001-2015), Dance Program Director
 - Managed & coordinated double casting of all musicals (casts of 80+)
 - Directed and choreographed dance company of 30+
 - Managed tech, costuming, and all production elements for multiple performances throughout the season, including full-length dance concert.
 - Managed all communications between school administration, students, and parents.
 - Coordinated and chaperoned all group travel logistics.
 - Off-campus field trips to performing arts educational and performance opportunities.
 - Disney's Magic Music Days five (5) times with dancers, singers, and musicians.

Education & Professional Affiliations:

- Illinois State University, Bachelor of Science in Public Relations, with a concentration (minor) in Spanish
- Barat College, Conservatory of the Arts, (Dance scholarship recipient)
- Chicago Filmmakers School, Script Writing Workshop (completed April 2022)
- COVID-19 Safety Officer training (completed Sept 2022)
- Stage Directors and Choreographers Society, Associate Member
- Chicago National Association of Dance Masters, Member (CNADM)

Other:

- Toe the Line, Managing Partner 2022-present.
- Interim Artistic Director, Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, July 2022 – Nov 2022
- Musical Theatre Residency, Stevenson High School, 2022
- Newcastle Dance & Theatre Supply, Owner, 2017-2020 (*closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic*)
- Illinois High School Dance Festival Judge (2018, 2019, 2022)
- Illinois High School Dance Festival Master Teacher, Tap and Musical Theatre Jazz (2014, 2015)
- Stevenson High School Master Teacher (2014, 2015, 2018, 2022)
- Raw Dance Competition, Judge and Musical Theatre Jazz Master Teacher (2014)
- Metropolis Performing Arts Centre, Arlington Heights, IL. Dance Faculty/Teaching Artist (2011-2016)
- Elmhurst College, Adjunct Faculty, Jazz Dance (2007)
- Dance Theatre of Elgin (1999/2000) Modern (Graham technique)
- Studied piano, voice, clarinet, bass clarinet, alto and tenor saxophone.