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Professional Directing Experience ^denotes new work *denotes virtual production

<i>Little Women</i>	Director	Red Magnolia Theatre Company	
<i>Red Moon New Work Festival</i> ^	Director	Apex Theatre Studio	
<i>The Stronger (Spotlight Series)</i>	Director	Shakespeare Theatre of NJ	
<i>God of Carnage</i>	Co-Director	Theatre Baton Rouge	co-dir. George Judy
<i>As You Like It</i>	Associate Director	Shakespeare Theatre of NJ	dir. A.C. Horton
<i>Book of Will</i>	Associate Director	Swine Palace	dir. George Judy
<i>And a Nightingale Sang...</i>	Assistant Director	Shakespeare Theatre of NJ	dir. Bonnie Monte
<i>Goodnight, Oscar</i>	Assistant Director	Le Petit Theatre	dir. A.J. Allegra
<i>Roe</i>	Assistant Director	Swine Palace	dir. Lori Parquet
<i>The Cake</i>	Assistant Director	Theatre Baton Rouge	dir. C. Jaye Miller
<i>Little Women</i>	Assistant Director	Theatre Baton Rouge	dir. Jenny Ballard
<i>How I Learned to Drive</i> *	Assistant Director	Theatre Baton Rouge	dir. Shannon Walsh

Educational Directing Experience ^denotes new work

<i>The Goat, or Who is Sylvia?</i>	Director	Louisiana State University	
<i>Belleville</i>	Director	Louisiana State University	
<i>Too Much Light Makes...</i>	Director	Louisiana State University	
<i>The Last Beginning</i> ^	Co-Director/Writer	LSU, Edinburgh Fringe Festival	co-dir. Nick Erickson
<i>To Stand In The Water</i> ^	Assistant Director	Louisiana State University	dir. Alice Wilkinson

Education and Training

Louisiana State University	2024
B.A. Theatre Performance - 4.03 GPA	
Alley Theatre <i>Literary Intern</i>	2025
Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey <i>Directing Intern</i>	2023

Administrative Experience

Company OnStage <i>Artistic Director</i>	07/2025-Present
Lead season planning and uphold artistic standards by supporting production teams, ensuring access to necessary resources, attending production meetings and rehearsals, and representing the theatre's artistic vision in monthly Board meetings.	
Alley Theatre <i>Individual Giving Associate</i>	07/2025-Present
Supported the development team by managing donor communications, processing gifts, maintaining accurate records in the CRM database, and assisting with fundraising campaigns and special events to cultivate and steward individual donors.	
Theatre Baton Rouge <i>Play Selection and DEI Committee Member</i>	11/2024-07/2025
Louisiana State University School of Theatre <i>Marketing Assistant</i>	08/2023-05/2024
Louisiana State University School of Theatre <i>University Theatre Alliance President</i>	08/2022-/05/2024

Awards

LSU School of Theatre's Avatar Award	2024
LSU School of Theatre's Best Direction of a Lab Series Production Award	2023 & 2024