

LAUREN BUTLER

Curriculum Vitae

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PROFILE

A professional actor, director, and vocalist with a passion for teaching. I seek to engage students of all ages and disciplines in professional theatre classes, workshops, and performances that foster self-confidence, creativity and team building while enhancing skills in acting, dance, and music.

EDUCATION

University of Central Florida - M.F.A in Acting

- Thesis: *Developing New Works for the Stage: An Actor's Perspective*
- Movement, Stage Combat, Clowning- Christopher Neiss, MFA., Allen McCoy, MFA.
- Voice and Speech (Dialect & IPA)- Kate Ingram, MFA
- Acting - Belinda Boyd, MFA, Tad Ingram, MFA.
- Theory and Criticism- Julia Listengarten, PhD.
- Shakespeare Acting - Jim Helsing, MFA.

NOVA Southeastern University - B.A. in Theatre/ B.S. in Psychology

- Singing/Music Theory- Bill Adams, DMA., Jennifer Donnelson, DMA.
- Acting - Mark Duncan, MFA
- IPA, Voice and Speech, Acting for the Camera - Jane Duncan, MFA

EMPLOYMENT

TEACHING

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| University of Central Florida <i>Instructor of Record</i> | 2010 - 2013 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Courses Taught: Fundamentals of Acting, Voice and Speech for Stage.• Teaching Assistant: Acting 4, Intermediate Acting, Script Analysis. | |
| Orlando Shakespeare Theatre <i>Education Assistant</i> | 2012 - 2013 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Created and taught curriculum designed to introduce high school students to Shakespeare's works. ("Shakespeare Alive" Program in Orange County Public Schools- Florida). | |
| Orlando Repertory Theatre <i>Director and Teaching Artist</i> | 2012 - 2012 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Designed and implemented curriculum for each class using theatre based skills as the foundation. | |

- Area Stage Company** *Director and Teaching Artist (Summer Program)* 2011 - 2011
- Designed curriculum and taught basic acting, singing, and dance with students aged 6-12 years.
- Sol Children's Theatre** *Teaching Artist* 2009 - 2010
- Instructor of Sol Children's Theatre Troupe Workshops including stage combat, character analysis and development, movement, script analysis, and improv.
- Art and Culture Center of Hollywood** *Director/ Teaching Artist* 2007 - 2009
- Served as Director for the Broadway Actors Program, teaching voice, dance, and acting technique while rehearsing several productions including *Honk Jr.* and *Willy Wonka Jr.*

PROFESSIONAL

- Missoula Children's Theatre** *National Tour Actor/Director* 2013-Present
- Led 60 children through the audition process, rehearsals, and the presentation of a one-hour musical in weekly residencies throughout the US and internationally.
 - Taught blocking, choreography and music in a 5-day long rehearsal process culminating in a public performance.
 - Facilitated workshops in improvisation, creative storytelling, acting techniques, and stage make-up techniques.
- Theatre UCF** *Audition Coordinator* 2010 - 2012
- Created a streamlined the audition scheduling system for over 1,000 potential BFA Undergrads and MFA/TYA graduate students.
- Organic Motion, Inc.** *Virtual Inter-Actor* 2012 - 2013
- Wrote improvisation scenarios for a markerless motion capture system.
 - Trained new inter-acts on scenarios and system use.
 - Portrayed hundreds of different characters during training demonstrations designed to prepare soldiers for battle.
- Coral Springs Center for the Arts** *House Crew* 2008 - 2010
- Worked as an electrician and wardrobe crew member, follow-spot operator and stage hand for touring shows (Broadway Across America Tours). Personally assisted Lily Tomlin and David Copperfield.
 - House Stage Manager for all theatre rentals
- NSU Department of Theatre** *Box Office Manager/Scene Shop Assistant* 2007 - 2010
- Designed and managed a ticketing system for a black box and mainstage theatre space for a six show season.
 - Constructed and struck all sets for the season. Proficient with power tools, saws and hand tools. Designed and constructed costumes and props for all shows.

PRODUCTIONS AND PERFORMANCES

THEATRE (ACTING)

A Midsummer Night's Dream	Cobweb	Orlando Shakespeare Theatre/Orlando (Mendelssohn Fairy 1) Philharmonic Orchestra
Sense and Sensibility	Miss Gray	Orlando Shakes Theatre/Mark Routhier
Othello	Bianca	Orlando Shakes Theatre/Brian Vaughn
The Exit Interview (NNPN World Premiere)	Mary	Orlando Shakes Theatre/Patrick Flick
Boeing Boeing	Gloria	Promethean Theatre/Margaret Ledford
So My Grandmother Died (World Premiere)	Margaret	Madcat Theatre Company/Paul Tei
Into The Woods	Cinderella	Theatre UCF/Katherine Ingram
The Importance of Being Earnest	Gwendolyn Fairfax	NSU Theatre/Mark Duncan
Ruthless: The Musical	Judy Denmark	NSU Theatre/Bill J. Adams
Baby: The Musical	Arlene McNally	NSU Theatre/Bill J. Adams
The Dining Room	Principle(Various Roles)	NSU Theatre/Jett Canary
The Coming World	Dora	NSU One-Act Fest/Pete Smith
Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella	Cinderella	NSU Theatre/Jett Canary
The Lesson	Pupil	NSU One-Act Fest/Liz Harbaugh
There's No Place Like Home	Dorothy	NSU Theatre/Mark Duncan
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Helena	NSU Theatre/Mark Duncan

THEATRE (DIRECTING/DRAMATURGY)

A Year with Frog and Toad	Director	Area Stage Company
Mulan, Jr.	Director	Orlando Repertory Theatre
Honk, Jr.	Musical Director	Hollywood Art and Cultural Center
Willy Wonka, Jr.	Director	Hollywood Art and Cultural Center
Summer Camp Blues	Writer/Director	Hollywood Art and Cultural Center
Mlps. St. Paul	Director	NSU One Act Fest
Dead Man Walking	Dramaturg	NSU Theatre
The London Suite	Dramaturg	Theatre UCF

TYA

Rapunzel (International Tour)	Frenchy	Missoula Children's Theatre
The Secret Garden (National Tour)	Detective Del	Missoula Children's Theatre
Miss Nelson Has a Field Day MacKinnon	Lauren	Orlando Shakes Theatre/Steve
A Year With Frog and Toad MacKinnon	Mouse/Bird/Squirrel	Orlando Shakes Theatre/Steven
The Little Mermaid (National Tour)	Mrs. Merman/Starfish	Missoula Children's Theatre

RELATED EXPERIENCE

The Drunken Odyssey Podcast	Voice Over Actor	John King
Organic Motion (Markerless MoCap Interactor)	Virtual Interactor	Justin Kirkwood

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND AWARDS

Dean's List (Graduated with 4.0 GPA)	Delta Epsilon Iota Honors Fraternity Member
NSU Outstanding Student Graduate (Summa Cum Laude)	Actor's Equity Membership Candidacy Program
Psy Chi Honors Fraternity Member	American Assoc. of University Women Member
Phi Kappa Phi Honors Fraternity Member	Ft. Lauderdale Diversity Summit Student Coordinator and Student Presenter (2007, 2008, 2009)
Leadership Roundtable Scholar	Stolzenburg-Doan Study-Abroad Scholar (England, Scotland, Poland, Bosnia, Serbia)
Alpha Chi Honors Fraternity Member	NSU Performing Arts Grant Recipient
NSU Black Box Awards Best Actress (2007 & 2010)	

REFERENCES

Mark Duncan, MFA
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