# **Grace Taylor**

# CURRICULUM VITAE - FALL 2024

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# **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

2019-2023 University of Arkansas

**Master of Fine Arts in Theatre: Performance** 

**Graduate Assistant** 

Taught undergraduate courses Actor for Graduate Directing Studio

4.0 GPA

2012-2016 Southeast Missouri State University

**Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre** 

Summa Cum Laude

4.0 GPA

#### **Representative Courses:**

Acting Singing

Amy Herzberg Jason Burrow, Joshua Harvey,

Brandon Dirden, Crystal Dickenson Joseph Mason

Accents/Dialects Voice (Linklater)
Ben Corbett Ben Corbett

Viewpoints Directing

Michael Landman Michael Landman

First Folio (Shakespeare) Theatre History
Steven Marzolf Philip Nacy

Alexander Technique Devising
Kate Frank Les Wade

Collaborative Strategies Playwrighting
John Walch John Walch

Jazz Dance Tap

Michelle Contrino Michelle Contrino

# **WORKSHOPS ATTENDED**

Archery 101, Susan Morrison. (September 2023).

Filming a Reel, Mike Stutz. (May 2023).

Best Practices, Theatrical Intimacy Education. (April 2023.)

Devising for a Reel, Mike Stutz. (January 2023).

Acting for the Camera, Liz Barnes. (November 2023).

Screen Acting Practicals, Mike Stutz. (October 2022).

Masks, Meditation, and Improvised Play, Peter Coyote. (April 2022).

Rapier & Dagger Certification, David Sterritt, Society of American Fight Directors. (May 2022).

Singing for Musical Theatre, Carmen Cusack. (October 2021).

Devising a One-Person Show, Tim Miller. (October 2021).

Black Playwrights, Brandon Dirden and Crystal Dickinson. (Spring 2021).

Hip-Hop Theatre, Idris Goodwin and Kevin Coval. (December 2020).

Acting Shakespeare, Paul Barnes. (Fall 2020).

Intimacy for the Stage, Tonia Sina, Intimacy Directors and Choreographers. (January 2020).

Acting with Style (Shakespeare Folio), Sabin Epstein and Steven Marzolf. (October 2019).

Physical Theatre, Bob Shryock, Accademia dell'Arte. (October 2019).

Circus Arts, The Muse Brooklyn. (May 2016).

# **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2019-2023	University of Arkansas Graduate Fellowship
2022-2023	Master of Fine Arts Student Travel Grant
August 2020	Arkansas Ovarian Cancer Coalition - Taryn's Fight Like A Girl Scholarship
	Scholarship awarded to theatre student with the expectation that student
	would create and perform a cabaret to raise awareness of ovarian cancer.
May 2016	Southeast Missouri State University Honors Scholar

April 2016	Founding Member of Alpha Psi Omega
	Southeast Missouri State University's Chapter.
2015-2016	Black Mask Honorary Dramatic Society
	President of Southeast Missouri State University's first honor society.
April 2015	Phi Kappa Phi
	Inducted Spring 2015.
2012-2016	Southeast Missouri State University Governor's Scholarship
	Full tuition and housing waiver awarded for the four-year undergraduate
	program.

# **TEACHING**

# **Southeast Missouri State University**

Theatre Appreciation, Adjunct Instructor, Asynchronous, 2 courses, Fall 2024.

#### The REV Theatre Co.

Teaching Artist, Touring 3-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Workshops, 2024.

# **University of Arkansas**

Musical Theatre Appreciation, Instructor, 6 courses, 2020-2023.

Theatre Appreciation, Instructor, 1 course, 2020.

Acting I for Non-Majors, Instructor, 1 course, 2019.

**Private Vocal Coaching,** Fayetteville, AR. Chicago IL. 2020-2024.

# <u>Trike Theatre</u>, Fayetteville, AR, 2022.

Musical Theatre Spring Break Workshop, Instructor.

# Thunder Bay Theatre, Alpena, MI, 2018.

Touring Theatre Workshops, Instructor.

#### **Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts,** Little Rock, AR.

#### (formerly Arkansas Arts Center)

Singing in a Group, Instructor, Summer Theatre Academy, 2017.

Acting II (ages 10-12), Instructor, Summer Theatre Academy, 2017.

Touring Acting Workshops, Instructor, 2016-2017.

# Ozark Actors Theatre, Rolla, MO.

Musical Theatre (ages 12-16), Instructor, Summer Theatre Academy, 2016.

Musical Theatre (ages 7-11), Instructor, Summer Theatre Academy, 2016.

Musical Theatre (ages 12-16), Instructor, Summer Theatre Academy, 2015.

Musical Theatre (ages 7-11), Instructor, Summer Theatre Academy, 2015.

Musical Theatre (ages 7-11), Instructor, Summer Theatre Academy, 2014.

# PROFESSIONAL THEATRICAL VITAE

SHOW	ROLE	PRODUCING COMPANY	DIRECTOR
Celtic Revels	Janie Heffernan	Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire	Jared Haverdink
Music with Her Majesty	Janie Heffernan	Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire	Barb Geary
Sirens	Cassie Carnegie	Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire	Jeff Wolfthal
Tournament of Arms	Cassie Carnegie	Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire	Alexis Amarante
Off the Cuff	Cassie Carnegie	Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire	Dom Hernandez
The Tempest	Ariel	Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre	Morgan Hicks
Much Ado About Nothing	Ursula	Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre	Stacy Pendergraft
The Commons	Carmen	William Inge Festival	Morgan Hicks
Gorecki's 3 <sup>rd</sup> Symphony	Performer	Symphony of Northwest Arkansas	Paul Haas
Miss Mouse's Birthday	Fox	TheatreSquared	Chad Dike
A Christmas Carol	Belle/Ghost of Christmas Past	TheatreSquared	Amy Herzberg
At the Wedding	U/S Carly	TheatreSquared	Keira Fromm
The Mightier Sword	Emily Dickinson	TheatreSquared	Morgan Hicks
Take My Hand & Wave Goodbye	Quinn	Arkansas New Play Festival / TheatreSquared	Jessie Hill
Music of Denali	Molly/Kitty	Holland America-Princess	Liz Smith
The Foreigner	Catherine	Murry's Dinner Playhouse	Roger Eaves
Grease	Patty Simcox	Murry's Dinner Playhouse	Don Bolinger
The Odd Couple	Gwendolyn Pigeon	Thunder Bay Theatre	Anthony Guest
3 Billy Goats Gruff (Tour)	Troll	Thunder Bay Theatre	Molly Stricker
Jack Frost (Tour)	Jack Frost	AMFA* Children's Theatre	Bradley Anderson
Fancy Nancy	Rhonda/U.S. Nancy	AMFA Children's Theatre	Katie Campbell
The Gingerbread Man (Tour)	Gingerbread Man	AMFA Children's Theatre	Katie Campbell
Tyke & Moppet	Ensemble	AMFA Children's Theatre	Katie Campbell

Winnie the Pooh	Roo	AMFA Children's Theatre	Bradley Anderson
Giggle Giggle Quack	Pig	AMFA Children's Theatre	Bradley Anderson
The Reluctant Dragon (Tour)	Ensemble	AMFA Children's Theatre	Bradley Anderson
Bully Pirate	Phantom	AMFA Children's Theatre	John Isner
Alexander and the Terrible	Audrey	AMFA Children's Theatre	John Isner
Kilowatt Kitchen (Tour)	Eggs Florentine	National Theatre for Children	Jon Taylor
Damn Yankees	Gloria/Dance Capt.	Ozark Actors Theatre	Andy Scott
Meet Me in St. Louis	Lucille Ballard/Dance Capt.	Ozark Actors Theatre	Daniel Kelly
Lucky Stiff	Ensemble/Dance Capt.	Ozark Actors Theatre	Tim Seib
Annie Get Your Gun	Ensemble/Dance Capt.	Ozark Actors Theatre	Grace Austin

<sup>\*</sup>AMFA: Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts

# **EDUCATIONAL THEATRICAL VITAE**

SHOW	ROLE	PRODUCING COMPANY	DIRECTOR
Love Labour's Lost	Princess of France	University of Arkansas	Paul Barnes
Tartuffe	Elmire	University of Arkansas	Steven Marzolf
Marisol	June	University of Arkansas	Huan Bui
Ride the Cyclone	Jane Doe	University of Arkansas	Morgan Hicks
Heathers	Heather Chandler	University of Arkansas	Morgan Hicks
Hedda Gabler	Thea Elvsted	University of Arkansas	Lacy Post
The Laramie Project	Ensemble	University of Arkansas	Huan Bui
This Bitch	Sheila Wawa	University of Arkansas	Estefanía Fadul
American Hero: Staged Reading	Betty	SEMO*	Mac McIntosh
The Addams Family	U/S Alice/Pit Singer	SEMO	Mac McIntosh
Hairspray	Ensemble	SEMO	Kenneth L. Stilson
The King & I	Angel/George/Wife	SEMO	Dennis Courtney
Peter Pan	Twin #2	SEMO	Aaron Tuttle
Legally Blonde	Kate/Chutney	SEMO	Kenneth L. Stilson
Annie	July	SEMO	Amy Fritsche
Grease	Ensemble	SEMO	Kenneth L. Stilson

<sup>\*</sup>SEMO: Southeast Missouri State University

# **SCREEN VITAE**

PROJECT NAME	ROLE SIZE	PRODUCING STUDIO	DIRECTOR
Nine Little Heads	Lead	Farm Studios	Mike Stutz
Silence	Lead	Farm Studios	Mike Stutz
The Documentation of*	Lead	University of Arkansas	Vita Long
Sam's Club Sweepstakes	Featured Commercial	Prisma	Zach Kennedy
Blood on the Risers	Background	Rockhill Studios	Caleb Fanning
Hazardous Duty	Background	Rockhill Studios	Sean Olsen
Tyson Plant-Based Meat	Hand Model	Rockhill Studios	Zach Kennedy

<sup>\*</sup>The Documentation of an Audition Where Everyone is Due to Inexplicably Fail

# **RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Road Manager, The REV Theatre Co., Auburn NY, 2024.

Company Management Assistant, TheatreSquared, Fayetteville AR, 2021-2022.

Scene Shop Assistant, Theatre Department, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville AR, 2023.

Princess Entertainer, Northwest Arkansas Fairytale Princess Parties, 2022-2023.

Princess Entertainer, Wonder by Wonder Parties, Northwest Arkansas, 2021-2023.

Princess Entertainer, Fancyful Fairytale Parties, Little Rock AR, 2016-2018.

Tour Manager, Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts (formerly Arkansas Arts Center), Little Rock, AR, 2017.

Vocal Coach, Goosebumps the Musical, Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, Little Rock, AR, 2017.

Performance Apprentice, Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, Little Rock, AR, 2016-2017.

Scene Shop Intern, Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, Little Rock, AR, 2016-2017.

Costume Shop Intern, Arkansas Museum of Fine Arts, Little Rock, AR, 2016-2017.

# **SERVICE**

#### **University of Arkansas**

Undergraduate Mentor, 2019-2023.

Filmmaking Workshop, Actor, 2023.

Midsummer Night's Dream reading, Actor, dir. Kate Frank, 2023.

Assistant Choreographer, Ride the Cyclone, dir. Morgan Hicks, 2022.

Musical Theatre Audition Workshop, Instructor, 2020-2022.

Taryn's Cabaret, Fight Like a Girl Scholarship Event, Producer, 2021.

# **Southeast Missouri State University**

Stage Manager, Daisy Pulls It Off, dir. Mac McIntosh, 2015.

Stage Manager, Durang Durang, 2014.

Assistant Stage Manager, Spring into Dance, 2015.

Assistant Stage Manager, Almost Maine, 2014.

#### Miscellaneous

Audition Adjudicator, Little Corner Theatre, 2020-2023.

Audition Adjudicator, Community Creative Center, 2020-2023.

# **SELF-PRODUCED WORK**

#### **GORILLA**

A One Woman Show based on the life of primatologist Dian Fossey.

Directed, Written, Performed by Grace Taylor at Nadine Baum Studios, 2022.

#### FINDING GRACE

One-Woman autobiographical cabaret written by Grace Taylor, directed by Amy Herzberg, 2021.

#### TARYN'S CABARET

Ensemble cabaret performed in association with the Arkansas Ovarian Cancer Coalition to raise awareness for ovarian cancer and to honor the late Taryn Claassen, 2021.

#### REFERENCES

#### Amy Herzberg

Head of Graduate Acting Program, University of Arkansas/Associate Artistic Director, TheatreSquared

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#### **Michael Landman**

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#### **Steven Marzolf**

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#### **Morgan Hicks**

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