

Tara Althaus

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Excellent communicator with passion for education as well as an ability to instruct a wide age and skill range of students. Effective and understanding of conflict resolution at the university level and adaptability in the workplace. Skilled onstage performer with a strong background of backstage and behind-the-scenes jobs. Offering strong coaching, presentation skills, and the ability to teach in groups.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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| ◆ Audacity and Adobe Audition | ◆ Conflict Resolution | ◆ Public Speaking |
| ◆ Adaptability | ◆ Customer Service | ◆ Problem Solving |
| ◆ Literacy Outreach | ◆ Interpersonal Communication | ◆ Collaborative Leadership |

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

‘ONCE UPON A TIME’ – YOUTH LITERACY AND DISABILITIES | Temperance, MI | 2011 to Present

FOUNDER

Developed and founded a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to help children overcome their reading disabilities to help them become confident in themselves and to find the magic that lies in every book.

Key Accomplishments:

- ◆ Brought the organization into three counties in Michigan – Monroe County, Sanilac County, and Lenawee County.
- ◆ Donated over 5,000 books to local libraries and schools.
- ◆ Personally visited over 100 elementary, middle, and high school classrooms.
- ◆ Presented with Special Tributes on the Michigan Senate and House floors in 2012 and 2017 for my work with Children’s literacy throughout the state.
- ◆ Presented with the *Early Childhood Community Star Award* from the Monroe County Intermediate School District.
- ◆ Keynote speaker for the Monroe Intermediate School District to over 400 educators as well as for the Monroe Kiwanis Club and Sanilac Lion’s Club on the importance of youth literacy.

PURPLE ROSE THEATRE COMPANY | Chelsea, MI | 2015 to 2017

APPRENTICE AND DIRECTING INTERN

Upheld a work schedule of up to 70 hours a week while holding the positions of House Manager, Administration Assistant, Props Designer, Light/Sound Board Operator, Stage Manager, Assistant to the Master Electrician, Scene Shop Assistant, and Box Office Associate.

Key Accomplishments:

- ◆ House managed for *Jeff Daniels: Onstage and Unplugged* in 2015 and 2016.
- ◆ Directing intern on the world premiere of *Smart Love* by Brian Letscher.
- ◆ Wrote and directed a one act play that was performed on the Purple Rose stage.

LIGHTHOUSE DANCE COMPANY | Dundee, MI | 2010 to Present

DANCE INSTRUCTOR

Led, supervised, and instructed children ages 3 to 16. Created lesson plans, choreographed dance routines and filled in as substitute teacher when called upon.

STAGE MANAGER

Worked backstage as a stage manager and stage crew for winter/spring recitals ensuring 150 students and routines were appropriately set for performance. Worked with instrument ensembles during large productions.

Key Accomplishments:

- ◆ Found different ways to engage students to keep a fun environment for learning.
- ◆ Called shows as stage manager and worked as set crew to keep performances running smooth and timely.
- ◆ Choreographed production numbers for Miss Monroe County and Miss Sanilac County scholarship programs.

FLICKS PACKAGE LIQUOR | Lambertville, MI | 2019 to 2022

SUPERVISOR

Managed day to day operations and a full team in a fast paced environment. Designed creative concepts and put displays together to showcase featured products. Worked with customers one-on-one and came up with solutions to help manage any customer or supplier issues.

Key Accomplishments:

- ◆ Oversaw liquor deliveries and store restocks.
- ◆ Worked with managers on creating selections of Store Pick Barrels brought in from various distilleries.
- ◆ Lead and supervised wine and liquor tastings put on by the store.
- ◆ Given the title "Flicks Bourbon Expert"

STUBNITZ LAB THEATRE | Adrian, MI | 2017

DIRECTOR

Worked with actors on script, motivation, onstage blocking, and overall message of the script. Created rehearsal schedules, led auditions and rehearsals, as well as designed the props, lights, sound, stage layout, and costumes.

Key Accomplishments:

- ◆ Received excellent reviews on blogs and newspapers.
- ◆ Artistically designed a whole play.
- ◆ Invited back by the theatre to continue working on new artistic projects.

EDUCATION, TRAINING, ADDITIONAL LEADERSHIP

Master of Fine Arts Degree in ACTING — Resident Assistant in University Dorms,
Teaching Assistant for Meisner Undergraduate Course
Academy of Art University | San Francisco, CA

Bachelor of Arts Degree in MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE – Alpha Psi Omega National
Theatre Honors Chapter
Siena Heights University | Adrian, MI

Professional Training Certificate in MUSICAL THEATRE PERFORMANCE

CAP21 Musical Theatre Conservatory | New York, NY

Assistant Director for Croswell Opera House | 2015

Production Assistant for Kickshaw Theatre | 2017

Props Designer for Stubnitz Lab Theatre | 2018

West End On Demand – Summer Academy | London, England

State of Michigan Notary Public | 2016 to Present

Producer and Music Editor, Miss Monroe County Scholarship Program | 2015

Improv Actor | Trapped Toledo Escape Rooms | 2018

Director for RA's Are Superheroes Documentary | Post Production