

# Chaz Wolcott // theatremaker & educator

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## EDUCATION

### UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

2021-2023

#### Master of Fine Arts - Theatre Arts

Phi Kappa Phi Honors - 4.00 GPA

*Courses in: Theatre Pedagogy, Intimacy Direction, Directing, Nonprofit Fundraising, Organizational Leadership, Queer Theatre, Theatre for Social Change, Universal Design & Academic Ableism, Conflict Management, Acting Pedagogy, Musical Theatre History, Dramaturgy, Foundations of American Theatre & Projection Design. TA for: Foundations of Intimacy and Radical Empathy in Theatre & MFA Directing Studio*

#### Certificate - Culturally Responsive Pedagogy & Universal Design for Learning

*Courses in: Universal Design, Culturally Responsive Pedagogy, Gender & Sexual Diversity in Schools, Socio-Economic Diversity in Schools, Working with Native American Students and Communities, Racial & Ethnic Diversity in Schools, Theatre Pedagogy Lab & Academic Ableism*

### OKLAHOMA CITY UNIVERSITY

2006-2010

#### Bachelor of Fine Arts - Musical Theatre Dance

Summa Cum Laude -3.903 GPA

*Courses in: Tap, Jazz, and Ballet Pedagogy, Choreography, Musical Theatre History, Dance - Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Partnering, Pointe, Rhythm Tap, Theatre Dance, Hip Hop, Voice, Acting, Improv, Contracts and Management, Dance History, Anatomy and Physiology for Dancers, Psychology, Stagecraft, Stage Lighting*

## OTHER PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

### Theatrical Intimacy Education

Theatrical Intimacy Best Practices, Trauma-Informed Practices, Working with Trans & Non-Binary Artists, Modesty Garments & Barriers, Staging Sex (Intercourse & Outercourse), Consent in the Acting Classroom

### Kaja Dunn | Theatrical Intimacy Ed.

Foundations of Race & Intimacy

### National Council for Mental Well-Being

Certificate, Mental Health Aid First Aid

### QPR Institute

QPR Suicide Prevention Training

### BUILD at Penn State Initiative

EDI Training in: Workplace DEI, Understanding Unconscious Bias

### Learning for Justice

Anti-Racist Training

## ADDITIONAL SKILLS AND PROFICIENCIES

### Social Media / Marketing

trained in strategy, takeovers, content creation, and branding

### Fundraising

led campaign that raised over \$400k for Broadway Cares in 12 weeks

### Producing

produced multiple cabaret events to raise money - including directing, hosting, lighting/graphic design, press/marketing/development, ticketing, stage managing, video editing, choreography

## TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

Zoom, Google Suite, MS Office, YouTube / Video Editing, Stage Write, Powerpoint, Canvas LMS, Social Media (Instagram, X, YouTube, TikTok, etc.)

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Actors Equity Association

Screen Actors Guild

Musical Theatre Educators' Alliance

## COLLEAGUES DESCRIBE ME AS:

an excellent problem-solver  
goal-oriented leader  
organized, prepared

punctual, dedicated  
productive multitasker  
detail-oriented, meticulous

a compassionate mentor  
professional, but approachable  
reliable, adaptable, flexible

## PRODUCING EXPERIENCE

<i>Newsboys' Variety Show</i>	Creator/Producer/Host	Aronoff Center [Cincinnati]
<i>Newsboys' Variety Show</i>	Creator/Producer/Director	Broward Center [Ft. Lauderdale]
<i>Newsboys' Variety Show</i>	Creator/Producer/Choreographer	Burroughs School [St. Louis]
<i>Newsboys' Variety Show</i>	Creator/Producer/Host	Feinstein's /54 Below
<i>Seize the Slipper - Chicago</i>	Creator/Producer/Host	Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS
<i>The Stars Align</i>	Creator/Producer	<i>Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS</i>
<i>Cooped Up</i>	Creator/Producer/Lead	Dance Web Series
Spring Break Workshop	VP of Education (Programming)	OCU NYC Alumni Chapter
The Styles Revue	Creator/Producer	Penn State School of Theatre

## CREATIVE TEAM EXPERIENCE

### NEW YORK

<i>Red Bucket Follies</i>	Choreographer	New Amsterdam Theatre
<i>Broadway Backwards</i>	Choreographer	Al Hirschfeld Theatre
<i>Gypsy of the Year</i>	Choreographer	Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS

### REGIONAL

<i>Cats</i>	Director/Choreographer	MT Wichita
<i>Priscilla Queen of the Desert</i>	Director/Choreographer	Forestburgh Playhouse
<i>Altar Boyz</i>	Director/Choreographer	Forestburgh Playhouse
<i>Me And My Girl</i>	Director/Choreographer	Forestburgh Playhouse
<i>Mamma Mia</i>	Director/Choreographer	Forestburgh Playhouse
<i>Kiss Me Kate</i>	Director/Choreographer	Forestburgh Playhouse
<i>The Addams Family</i>	Director/Choreographer	Forestburgh Playhouse
<i>Newsies</i>	Director/Choreographer	Westport Country Playhouse
<i>Cats *</i>	Director/Choreographer	Interlakes Theatre [2x]
<i>Newsies</i>	Director/Choreographer	Interlakes Theatre
<i>Jersey Boys</i>	Director/Choreographer	Millbrook Playhouse
<i>Cabaret</i>	Director/Choreographer	Woodstock Playhouse
<i>Diamond Anniversary Revue</i>	Director/Choreographer/Creator	Forestburgh Playhouse
<i>Bright Star</i>	Director/Choreographer	The Legacy Theatre
<i>Newsies</i>	Choreographer/Co-Director	The Legacy Theatre
<i>Bullets Over Broadway</i>	Director/Choreographer	The Legacy Theatre
<i>Newsies</i>	Choreographer	Franklin Perf. Arts Center
<i>La Cage aux Folles</i>	Director	Interlakes Theatre
<i>Newsies*</i>	Choreographer	The Gateway
<i>Newsies*</i>	Choreographer	3D Theatricals
<i>Crazy for You</i>	Choreographer	Forestburgh Playhouse
<i>Mary Poppins</i>	Choreographer	Forestburgh Playhouse
<i>Newsies*</i>	Choreographer	NewArts
<i>Kinky Boots (upcoming)</i>	Choreographer	Short North Stage

### EDUCATIONAL THEATRE

<i>25th Annual...Spelling Bee</i>	Director/Choreographer	CCM - Univ. of Cincinnati
<i>Freshmxn Showcase</i>	Deviser/Director	CCM - Univ. of Cincinnati
<i>Cabaret</i>	Director/Choreographer	Penn State Centre Stage
<i>The Styles Revue</i>	Director/Choreographer/Creator	Penn State Musical Theatre
<i>First Year Showcase</i>	Director/Choreographer	Penn State Musical Theatre
<i>Into the Woods</i>	Choreographer	University of Idaho
<i>Silver Belles</i>	Director	University of Idaho - First Bite Series

\*restaged original choreography

## TYA / YOUTH THEATRE

<i>Funny Kid</i>	Choreographer	Gretna Theatre
<i>Sparkle</i>	Director/Choreographer/Deviser	TADA! Youth Theater

## FUNDRAISING CONCERTS / EVENTS

<i>Steps Conservatory Showcase</i>	Choreographer	Steps on Broadway
<i>BDC Showcase</i>	Choreographer	Broadway Dance Center

## VIRTUAL/ZOOM EVENTS

<i>The Stars Align</i>	Creator/Producer	Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS
<i>Cooped Up</i>	Creator/Producer/Lead	Dance Web Series

## THEME PARKS / CORPORATE

<i>Celebrate!</i>	Director/Choreographer	HolidayWorld (RWS & Associates)
<i>Capital Campaign Finale</i>	Choreographer	Penn State University
<i>President's Tailgate</i>	Choreographer	Penn State University

## RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

### ASST. PROFESSOR, CCM - COLLEGE-CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC , UNIV. OF CINCINNATI (CURRENT)

Faculty of Dance and Musical Theatre at one of the nation's top Musical Theatre programs

- \*Teaching all levels of tap, jazz, theatre dance and musical theatre courses
- \*Director/Choreographer for CCM shows (*25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, 2023)
- \*Mentor/Advisor for students, Freshmxn Showcase

### FUNDRAISER/PRODUCER, BROADWAY CARES/EQUITY FIGHTS AIDS 2015-2021

Coordinator of all volunteer efforts on the *Newsies* National Tour, produced & directed multiple concerts

- \*Developed fundraising plan, maintained fundraising schedule, and led a fundraising drive that raised \$406,437 for Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS in only 12 weeks
- \*Planned, produced, directed, choreographed and supervised four fundraising cabarets/concerts: *The Newsboys Variety Show* in Ft. Lauderdale, St. Louis and Cincinnati, *Seize the Slipper* in Chicago, and *Newsboys' Variety Show* at Feinstein's/54 Below in NYC - raising \$36,314 for BCEFA
- \*Scheduled autograph-signing parties and photo booths, and other innovative fundraising ideas
- \*Has since organized a 2-hour virtual concert featuring Tony Award-winners Kristin Chenoweth and Kelli O'Hara which raised \$7,700 for The Actors' Fund Emergency COVID relief fund

### FULL TIME LECTURER, PENN STATE MUSICAL THEATRE 2021-2023

- \*Taught all levels of jazz dance, Musical Theatre Dance Styles, 4th Year Studio
- \*Advisor and Choreographer for Senior Showcase in NYC, PLACES Concert Event
- \*Choreographed public performances for Penn State President's Office, Penn State Athletics
- \*Advisor for all Musical Theatre students, Summer Stock Advisor, Intimacy, Consent-Based Practices
- \*Organizer of Guest Artists / Master Classes in NYC, online, and on-campus
- \*Director / Choreographer for musicals at Penn State Centre Stage (*Cabaret*, 2022)

### VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION, OCUNYC 2017-2022

Coordinator of Educational Workshops for students at Oklahoma City University

- \*Developed budget, managed cash-flow, and managed financial analytics for non-profit organization
- \*Programmed a week-long workshop featuring Broadway casting directors, creatives, and performers
- \*Coordinated and facilitated Q&A sessions with industry professionals
- \*Created & maintained social media presence, including takeovers, online concerts, daily management
- \*Booked, managed, and supervised three-studio workshop

### FACULTY, STEPS ON BROADWAY 2017-2023

- \*Served on faculty at world-famous studio in NYC, teaching Theater Dance, Jazz, Tap, and serving as a mentor and choreographer for Steps Conservatory and Summer Study NYC.

**TEACHING ASSISTANT & GUEST DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER, UNIV. OF IDAHO 2022-2023**

\*Served as TA for MFA Directing Studio and Foundations of Intimacy & Radical Empathy in Theatre course for MFA in Theatre students. Facilitated class discussions, graded work, provided feedback

\*Led lessons and classes, and assisted in grading, office hours, mentoring students

\*Director/Choreographer for UI shows (*Into the Woods*, 2022; *Silver Belles*, 2022)

**FACULTY, BROADWAY DANCE CENTER****2015-2023**

\*Served on faculty at world-famous studio in NYC, teaching Theater Dance, Jazz, Tap, and served as a mentor and choreographer for Pro-Sem program. Taught all levels from Advanced down to Absolute Beginner Workshops.

**FACULTY, TADA! YOUTH THEATRE****2020-2021**

\*Served on faculty for youth theatre company, led workshops and classes in musical theatre to students age 5-20. Devised new musicals, directed, choreographed, and facilitated semester-long programs.

**FACULTY, VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL & TRAINING PROGRAMS****2008-2023**

\*Served as guest faculty member for Master Classes, Workshops and Intensives

Oklahoma City University	UC Irvine	University of Oklahoma
Nazareth College	Kent State University	Lipscomb University
Otterbein University	University of South Florida	University of Idaho
Disney On Broadway	Arena Stage	Broward Center - Ft. Lauderdale
Big Apple Tap Festival	KC Jazz Dance Intensive	Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS
BroadwayCon	Celebrity Dance Conventions	FB Playhouse Studio
3D Theatricals	Dancers Responding to AIDS	Long Island HS for the Arts
Smith Center - Las Vegas	Montfort College - Ireland	Stage Door School of the Arts

**RELEVANT PERFORMING EXPERIENCE****NEW YORK / NATIONAL TOUR**

<i>Newsies</i> [First National Tour]	Buttons	Disney / Jeff Calhoun / Chris Gattelli
<i>Cats</i> [National Tour]	Mistoffelees	Troika / Richard Stafford
<i>Me and My Girl</i>	Ensemble/Pearly King	NY City Center Encores! / Warren Carlyle
<i>25 Years of Disney on Broadway</i>	Ensemble	Disney / Chris Gattelli
<i>Easter Bonnet</i> [w/ Marin Mazzie]	Ensemble	BCEFA / Al Blackstone
<i>Gypsy of the Year</i>	Swing [Performed]	BCEFA / Kellen Stancil

**FILM/TV** [SELECTED]

<i>Newsies: The Broadway Musical</i>	Buttons	Disney / Jeff Calhoun/Chris Gattelli
<i>So You Think You Can Dance</i>	Self [Contestant]	FOX / Nigel Lythgoe

**REGIONAL** [SELECTED]

<i>Newsies</i>	Race [Crutchie u/s]	Arena Stage/ Molly Smith / Parker Esse
<i>42nd Street*</i>	Andy Lee	Lyric Theatre Oklahoma / Lyn Cramer
<i>Mary Poppins*</i>	Ensemble [Bert u/s]	The Rev / Brian Collier
<i>Gypsy</i>	Yonkers [Tulsa u/s]	The Fulton / Marc Robin
<i>Cats*</i>	Mistoffelees	MT Wichita / Dana Solimando
<i>Beauty and the Beast</i>	Ensemble [Lefou u/s]	The Gateway / Carlos Encinias
<i>Gentlemen Prefer Blondes</i>	Ens./ Dance Captain	The Rev / Lori Leshner
<i>Damn Yankees</i>	Mickey	MT Wichita / Mark Madama / John MacInnis
<i>Irving Berlin's White Christmas*</i>	Ensemble	The Gateway / Randy Skinner / Mary Giattino
<i>Hello Dolly*</i>	Ensemble	Gretna Theatre / John Sheridan
<i>Footloose</i>	Garvin	The Fireside / Ed Flesch / Kate Swan
<i>Singin' in the Rain</i>	Ens. / Dance Captain	Westchester Broadway / Richard Stafford
<i>Hairspray*</i>	Ensemble	MT Wichita / Greg Graham

\*Original Choreo