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THEATRE

Midsummer Night's Dream	Puck	Illinois Shakespeare Festival	upcoming
The Tragedy of Hamlet	Rosencrantz	Illinois Shakespeare Festival	upcoming
The Importance of Being Earnest	TBD	Illinois Shakespeare Festival	upcoming
The Winter's Tale	Hermione	Illinois Theatre Co.	2025
Hamlet	Laertes & Fight Director	New Canon Theatre Co.	2024
Coriolanus	Brutus	Illinois Theatre	2023
Dracula, a Feminist Revenge Fantasy	Dr. Van Helsing	Illinois Theatre Co.	2024
Bug	Agnes	Armory Free Theatre	2024
The Realness	Eko Ella	Illinois Theatre	2023
To Battle	Nat	Big Storm Theatre Co.	2023
The Summer Woman	Rosa	Tennessee Williams Festival	2022
Indian Summer	Izzy	LivingYard Theatre	2020
Dance Show: A Dance Show	Dancer	Big Storm	2020
The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet	Juliet	Hobnob Theatre Company	2019
All the Fights	Fighter	Big Storm	2019
SubUrbia	Sooze	Pinnacle Productions	2018
Wittenburg	Helen	New Renaissance Theatre Co.	2018
No Evil	Joseph	Raymond Laine One-Acts	2018
You on the Moors Now	Jo	Conservatory Theatre Co.	2017
(Tragic) Inspirations	Judy Garland	Pinnacle Productions	2017
Breaking the Chain	Jessica	Raymond Laine One-Acts	2017
Larry Dies in the First Scene	Satan	Point Park Devised Theatre	2016
Thanksgiving at Denny's	Victoria	City Theatre Co.	2016
Come Blow Your Horn	Peggy	Butler Little Theatre	2016

FILM

Fancy	Woman	Student Services	2025
Mini Series; Negotiation Scenario	Alexandra	NCPRE-HHMI-group	2024
Richard III, Fight Scene	Murderer	Shane McFarland Media	2023
Reminiscence Trailer	Fight Director	JET3 Studios	2021
The Ischerwood Incident Trailer	Fight Director	JET3 Studios	2021
Bright Side: Turn off the Dark	Sister Vampire	Anthony Peduzzi	2020
Indian Summer, Trailer	Izzy	Carousel Filmworks	2020
Yuletide Homicide	Fight Chgph/Director	Point Park Student, P3	2019

AWARDS / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

UIUC	"The Robin's Hood Award" for Excellence in Stage Combat	2023
UIUC	Awarded Artist Residency at Siebel Center for Design	2023
S.A.F.D.	"The David Boushey Award for Excellence in Unarmed Combat"	2018
Point Park University COPA	Selected for Point Park University's Senior Showcase, NYC	2018

CERTIFICATION / SKILLS

SAFD Certification: Unarmed, Rapier & Dagger, Broadsword, Knife, Single Sword, Quarterstaff, Sword & Shield, *Small Sword
Other Experience: Eskrima, Partner Acro, Lightsaber, Tae Kwon Do, Hubad, Capoeira, Boxing, Rolls, Lifts, Throws, Lifts, Rolls, Basketball, Dance, Drumset, Contact Improvisation, Rollerblading, Bartending, Alexander Technique

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign	Master of Fine Arts in Acting	2022 - 2025
Point Park University Conservatory of Performing Arts	Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting	2014 - 2018

ACTING: Daniel Sullivan, Lisa Dixon, Robert Anderson, Sheila McKenna, Nancy Bach, Zeva Barzell, Richard Keitel, April Daras, Phillip Winters, Nisi Sturgis, Kim McKean, Aaron Muñoz, Bill Kincaid, Brett Robinson, Latrelle Bright, Kelly Trumbull, Justin Gordon

MOVEMENT: Robin McFarquhar, Samuel Muñoz, Zev Stienrock, José Pérez IV, Genesee Spridco, Tonya Lynn, Jessica Stienrock

VOICE: Allison Moody, Amy Landis, Marie Ramirez-Downing, Robin Walsh, Amy Hartman, Gary Logan, Diane Robinson

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FIGHT / MOVEMENT DIRECTING

Midsummer Night's Dream	Movement Choreographer	Illinois Shakespeare Festival	Ewing Cultural Center	upcoming
The Tragedy of Hamlet	Movement Choreographer	Illinois Shakespeare Festival	Ewing Cultural Center	upcoming
The Importance of Being E.	Movement Choreographer	Illinois Shakespeare Festival	Ewing Cultural Center	upcoming
Skeleton Crew	Intimacy Director	Station Theatre	Station Theatre	2025
The Tragedy of Hamlet	Fight Director & Laertes	New Canon Theatre Co.	Blue Fox Cellars	2024
Orlando	Movement/Intimacy Dir.	Illinois Theatre Co.	Krannert Center	2024
Macbitches	Fight Director	Armory Free Theatre	The Armory	2024
Coriolanus	Asst. Fight Chgh	Illinois Theatre	Krannert Center	2023
The Realness	Fight Chgh/Combatant	Illinois Theatre Co.	Krannert Center	2023
To Battle	Co-Chgh/Combatant	Big Storm Theater Co.	Pittsburgh Public	2023
Coriolanus	Asst. Fight Chgh	Illinois Theatre	Krannert Center	2023
Paradise Blue	Asst, Fight Chgh	City Theatre Co.	City Theatre	2023
Valientè	Fight Director	Illinois Theatre	Krannert Center	2023
Arsenic and Old Lace	Fight Director	CU Theatre Co.	The Station Theatre	2023
Robin Hood	Asst. Fight Chgh	Pittsburgh Public Theater	Multiple Amphitheaters	2022
Children's Hour	Fight/Movement Director	Conservatory Theatre Co.	Pittsburgh Playhouse	2022
Romeo and Juliet	Fight Director	Hobnob Theatre Co.	Preston Park	2020
Good Grief	Fight Director	Point Park University	Pittsburgh Playhouse	2019
Children's Hour	Fight/Movement Director	Conservatory Theatre Co.	Pittsburgh Playhouse	2022
The Rivers Don't Know	Asst. Fight Chgh	City Theatre Co.	Pittsburgh Playhouse	2021
Romeo and Juliet	Fight Director	Hobnob Theatre Co.	Preston Park	2020
Good Grief	Fight Director	Conservatory Theatre Co.	Pittsburgh Playhouse	2020
You on the Moors Now	Fight Chgh	Conservatory Theatre Co.	Pittsburgh Playhouse	2018
Robin Hood	Asst. Fight Chgh	Conservatory Theatre Co.	Pittsburgh Playhouse	2018
All the Fights	Fight Captain	Big Storm Theater Co.	PearlArts Studios	2018
SubUrbia	Fight Director	Conservatory Theatre Co.	Pinnacle Productions	2018
Rise & Fall of Dan' R.	Fight Director	Butler Little Theatre	Butler Little Theatre	2018
Raymond Laine One-Acts	Fight Chgh/Consultant	Conservatory Theatre Co.	Pittsburgh Playhouse	2017

FILM

IDC Accelerator Program	Actor Performing Intimacy	IDC, dir. Alicia Rodis	Champaign, IL	2024
Lover's Quarrel	Actor Combatant	Student Services	Champaign, IL	2024
Reminiscence Trailer	Fight Director	JET3 Studios	Pittsburgh, PA	2021
The Ischerwood Incident Trailer	Fight Director	JET3 Studios	Pittsburgh, PA	2021
Yuletide Homicide	Fight Director	Point Park Student, P3	Pittsburgh, PA	2019

COMBAT TRAINING

Society of American Fight Directors	RADMOON Stage Combat Intensive	2023
Society of American Fight Directors	Winter Wonderland Workshop	2022
Society of American Fight Directors	Winter Wonderland Workshop	2020
Society of American Fight Directors	Allegheny Alley Fight Workshop	2019
Pittsburgh Public Theater	Adult Stage Combat Course	2019
Society of American Fight Directors	National Stage Combat Workshop	2018
Big Storm, Jose Perez	Crash Course Combat	2018 - 2023
Point Park University, Samuel Munõz	Stage Movement/Combat Courses	2014 - 2018

TEACHING COMBAT

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign	Stage Combat Assistant Teacher	2022-2025
RADMOON Stage Combat Intensive	Stage Combat Assistant Teacher	2024
Point Park University	Stage Combat Assistant Teacher	2020 - 2022
Point Park University	Student Stage Combat Assistant Teacher	2017 - 2018
Mandi's Dance Studio	Youth Acting/Combat Teacher	2018

AWARDS / ACCOMPLISHMENTS

University of Illinois Urbana Champaign	"The Robin's Hood Award" for Excellence in Stage Combat	2023
Society of American Fight Directors	"The David Boushey Award" for Excellence in Unarmed Combat	2018

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