

JULIE YORK COPPENS

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BIOGRAPHY

Born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio, I moved to Juneau in 2012 after falling in love with an Alaskan. I'm an actor/singer/dancer, a produced playwright (*Concessions*, South Bend Civic Theatre), pretty good on piano and baritone ukulele, but work primarily as an editor and writer on the national publications staff of the nonprofit Educational Theatre Association. I also coordinate and produce Thespian Playworks, EdTA's annual student playwriting program, which culminates at the International Thespian Festival in Nebraska each June. I run the selection contest, hire the directors and dramaturgs who mentor the four winning writers, manage auditions and oversee rehearsals of the scripts in development, serve as emcee for the staged reading performances, and finally edit the plays for publication. Here in Juneau I've performed as a Mudrooms musical guest, at Kindred Post for First Friday, at Public Market and elsewhere; I've coordinated costumes for school plays, run Bard-a-thon readings, directed youth drama activities for various organizations including Juneau Public Libraries and the Girl Scouts of Southeast Alaska, and been an arts scholarship judge for the JAHC. I'm eager to get more involved in the Alaskan arts scene, particularly theatre, now that I'm officially married in and somewhat settled. I have an 11-year-old daughter named Elsie and a 1-year-old Schnoodle dog named Simeo.

SELECT PRODUCTIONS

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| 12/2015 | THE NUTCRACKER, <i>Juneau Dance Theatre</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Played a parent in the party scene; Julie Diana and Zachary Hench, directors. Have also taken adult ballet at JDT and taught Broadway Boot Camp class in June 2016. |
| 11/2014 | THE CHRISTMAS DOLL, <i>Northern Lights Junior Theatre (Juneau)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Vocal director and co-producer of this Dickensian musical by Joan Cushing. |
| 11/1999 | HOW I LEARNED TO DRIVE, <i>South Bend Civic Theatre, Indiana</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">· Played lead role of Lil' Bit in this semiprofessional production. |

EDUCATION AND AFFILIATIONS

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| 1994 | Earned B.A. in theatre and journalism from Indiana University – Bloomington; also studied voice through the IU School of Music. |
| 1998-present | Member, American Theatre Critics Association; serve on national selection committee of the Primus Prize for emerging female playwrights. |