

SHONA STRAUSER

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PROFILE

- ◆ Dedicated professional theatre artist with a strong work ethic.
- ◆ Career-long teaching artist with experience in directing plays with and for youth, as well as providing long- and short-term residencies in public and private schools.
- ◆ Experienced in both the artistic and administration aspects of theatre.

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Artistic Associate, Perseverance Theatre, Juneau, AK **2010-present**

- ◆ Assist in choosing plays for season at a professional, regional non-profit theatre.
- ◆ Cast five mainstage shows throughout the season with both Equity and non-Equity actors.
- ◆ Artistic eye on mainstage shows at the theatre.

Director of Education, Perseverance Theatre, Juneau, AK **2007-present**

- ◆ Design, implement and teach theatre education programming for patrons and school-aged children at the theatre as well as in schools.
- ◆ Construct, operate and maintain education season budget.
- ◆ Liaison between community members, artists and staff.
- ◆ Hire and manage staff of professional teaching artists and season-long, post-college theatre interns.
- ◆ Direct two productions annually for Young Company, a program for young actors, and one production with disabled adult theatre artists.

Resident Teaching Artist, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Seattle, WA **2001-2004**

- ◆ Core member of a small, highly-skilled department within a large non-profit organization. Emphasis on team building and creating a positive workplace.
- ◆ Wrote and directed original scripts with numerous high schools throughout the Puget Sound region (ten-week residencies).
- ◆ Taught numerous theatre classes at Seattle Center School, a new arts-based public high school. Classes included beginning acting, one-act play study, monologue study and improvisation.
- ◆ Worked with teachers to create new arts-integrated curriculum to enhance the classroom experience.
- ◆ Administrative duties included: assist in managing freelance teaching artists, coordinating and leading backstage tours, and department liaison with education community.

EDUCATION

Education Intern, Seattle Repertory Theatre, Seattle, WA **1999-2000**
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre, Sam Houston State University **1998**