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DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER

- **THE SOUND OF MUSIC (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER-Jeff Nominated Best Production)**
Paramount Theatre, Holidays 2022-2023, 5 Jeff Award Nominations
<https://www.theatreinchicago.com/the-sound-of-music/reviews/11637/>
- **R&H CINDERELLA (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)**
Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre, Holidays 2023-2024
- **BUDDY: THE BUDDY HOLLY STORY (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)**
Marriott Theatre, Summer 2023, Created new 90 minute book for Production
- **DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)**
Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Summer 2023, TYA 16 Cast, 75 minute Version of Show
- **ROCK OF AGES (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)**
Paramount Theatre, Spring 2022
- **WIZARD OF OZ (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER- Jeff Nominated Best Production/Best Director),**
Paramount Theatre, Holidays 2018-2019, 7 Jeff Award nominations
- **DISNEY'S BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (DIRECTOR/CO-CHOREOGRAPHER-Jeff Nominated Best Production),**
Paramount Theatre, Holidays 2019-2020, 6 Jeff Award Nominations, Jeff Award for Best Costumes
- **DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER-Jeff Nominated Best Production),**
Paramount Theatre, Holidays 2016, 5 Jeff Award Nominations, 3 Jeff Awards for Scenic, Costumes and Puppetry
- **PETER PAN, A MUSICAL ADVENTURE by Stiles and Drew (DIRECTOR/CHOREO),** Chicago Shakespeare, Summer 2018, World Premier of 80 minute TYA production
- **HAIRSPRAY (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER),** Paramount Theatre, Winter 2016, 3 Jeff Award Nominations
- **ELF THE MUSICAL (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER),** Paramount Theatre, Holidays 2017, Highest Grossing Production in History of Paramount Theatre
- **SINGIN' IN THE RAIN (CHOREOGRAPHER-Jeff nominated),** Dir. Bill Jenkins, Drury Lane Oakbrook, Holidays 2012, starring Sean Palmer and Tony Yazbek
- **MARY POPPINS (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER),** Little Theatre on the Square, June 2015
- **SWING (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER),** Little Theatre on the Square, July 2015
- **THE SECRET OF MY SUCCESS (CHOREOGRAPHER),** Dir. Gordon Greenberg, Paramount Theatre, Spring 2020, World Premier Production
- **NELL GWYNN (CHOREOGRAPHER),** Dir. Christopher Luscombe, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Aug-October 2018
- **LEGALLY BLONDE (CHOREOGRAPHER),** Little Theatre on the Square, August 2014
- **SOUND OF MUSIC (CHOREOGRAPHER),** Little Theatre on the Square, July 2014
- **THE MUSIC MAN (CHOREOGRAPHER),** Dir. Risa Brainin, The Clarence Brown Theatre/University of Tennessee
- **LITTLE THEATRE ON THE SQUARE'S CHRISTMAS SHOW! (DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER),** Little Theatre on the Square, Sullivan, IL

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER

- **BIG FISH Broadway (SDC OBSERVERSHIP with SUSAN STROMAN)**, Feb-May 2013 Chicago World Premiere (Nederlander Theatre), Aug-October 2013 Broadway (Neil Simon)
- **RAGTIME (ASSOCIATE DIR/ CHOREOGRAPHER)**, Dir. Rachel Rockwell, Drury Lane Oakbrook, 7 Jeff Awards including 2010 Jeff Award for Best Musical.
- **SWEENEY TODD (ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)**, Dir. Rachel Rockwell, Drury Lane Oakbrook, starring Gregg Edelman, 5 Jeff award nominations
- **SOUND OF MUSIC (ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)**, Dir. Rachel Rockwell, Drury Lane Oakbrook, Archival Tape chosen for Lincoln Center Library for the Performing Arts, with Patti Cohenour, 5 Jeff award nominations
- **MARY POPPINS (ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)**, Dir. Rachel Rockwell, Paramount Theatre
- **XANADU! (ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER.)**, Dir. Rachel Rockwell, Drury Lane Oakbrook
- **THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES (ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER)**, Dir. Rachel Rockwell, Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, World Premier
- **SHOUT! (ASSOCIATE CHOREOGRAPHER)**, Dir. Rachel Rockwell, starring Jessie Mueller

UPCOMING:

- **BRIGHTER FUTURES TYA**, Commissioned work by Paramount School of the Arts, Winter 2024

EDUCATION and SKILLS

Dance: Northwestern University (B.S. in Dance and Communication Studies with Certificate in Musical Theatre); Lou Conte's, Joel Hall, Broadway Dance Center, Steps on Broadway

- Extensive training in partnering, pointe, tap, ballet, jazz, Fosse style, contemporary and swing dance
- Competitive Figure Skater for 16 years
- Selected teachers: Joshua Bergasse, Lane Alexander, Billy Siegenfeld, Susan Lee, Laura Wade

Acting/Directing • Extensive study in Meisner & training in View Points with Kim Rubenstein

Music/Voice: Roberta Duchak, Andrew Byrnes, and Ann McMann

Extensive Work in Flight Choreography on *Disney's Little Mermaid, Peter Pan, A Musical Adventure, The Wizard of Oz and Elf.*

Figure Skating: Competitive Figure Skater passing up to Junior level (USFSA)

Flying Choreographer and Cirque Work: Extensive Flying Choreography working with ZFX on productions of *Mary Poppins, The Little Mermaid, Peter Pan, a musical adventure, Elf and The Wizard of Oz.* As well as being trained in Cirque with Actor's Gymnasium for Silks and Spanish Web.

Puppetry Work: Extensive collaboration and work with puppetry for productions of *Disney's The Little Mermaid, The Wizard of Oz, Peter Pan, and R&H Cinderella.*

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Artistic Producer and New Works Development Director for the Paramount Theatre in Aurora, IL (2016-2022)
- Founding Artistic Director for FWD THEATRE PROJECT which produced one night only concerts of new musicals in development. Worked with Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg on *La Revolution Francaise.*
- Performer and Equity Dance Captain: 40+ shows (some including; *West Side Story, Legally Blonde, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, Crazy for You, Singin' in the Rain, Wizard of Oz, Cabaret, Kiss Me, Kate, Thororoughly Modern Millie, The Music Man, Beauty and the Beast, +.*)
- Dance Instruction: Northwestern University, National High School Institute, Chicago Dance Connection,