Megan McNerney

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EDUCATION

Master of Fine Arts, Drama, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT. Specialization: Puppet Arts. Thesis production: *Balloon*.

Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Theater, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, OH. Summa cum laude.

DIRECTION, DESIGN, and TEACHING

Adjunct Faculty, Directing for the Puppet Theater graduate course
University of Connecticut Drama Department. 2018-19

Workshop Co-Instructor, Introduction to Puppetry for cast of *Winnie the Pooh*
Bay Path University. 2015

Artist in Residence: Assistant Director, Puppeteer, Puppet Designer/Builder, *Robert's Étude*
National Puppetry Conference, Eugene O'Neill Theater Center. 2008
Dir. Ulysses Jones

Emerging Artist: Assistant Director, Mask Performer, Mask and Costume Designer, *Group Étude: A Study in Biomechanics*
National Puppetry Conference, Eugene O'Neill Theater Center. 2006
Dir. Ulysses Jones

Puppet Designer/Builder, *Thomas and Friends Live: Thomas to the Rescue*.
Touring Production. 2008-2009
Dir. Jenn Rapp

Puppet Designer/Builder, *Thomas and Friends Live!*
Touring Production. 2007
Dirs. Jenn Rapp & Jim Millan

Director/ Adaptor/ Puppet Designer, *Balloon*
University of Connecticut. 2006

Puppet Designer, *Peter Pan*
Connecticut Repertory Theatre. 2004
Dir. Hilary Adams

SELECT PUPPET, PROP, AND COSTUME CONSTRUCTION

Costume Construction, Coca-Cola Polar Bear costumes
The Jim Henson Company. 2011

Puppet Construction and Repair, *Spider-Man Turn Off the Dark*
Foxwoods Theater. 2010

Lead Skins Technician, *Walking with Dinosaurs: the Arena Spectacular*
North American Tour. 2009

Puppet & Costume Builder, *Avenue Q*
Rick Lyon. Multiple productions, 2008-2009

Art Dept. Production Assistant, *Seemore's Playhouse*
King Features Syndicate and Safety4Kids. 2007

Puppet Builder, *Gypsy*
City Center. 2007
Dir. Arthur Laurents

Stop-Motion Puppet Costume Builder, *Glenn Martin, DDS*
Charged Studios. 2007.

Puppet Builder, *Go, Diego, Go!*
Martin P. Robinson Productions. 2006.

SELECT PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

Puppeteer, television & web commercials
Bob's Discount Furniture. 2017-2019
Dir. Michael Bannon

Voodoo Puppeteer, *How to Train Your Dragon: Live Spectacular in China*
Beijing, China. 2014
Dir. Nigel Jamieson

Puppeteer, *The Cat Who Went to Heaven*.
The Kennedy Center Family Theater, 2011
The Culture Project, 2008 and 2009.
Dir. Will Pomerantz

Voodoo Puppeteer, *Walking with Dinosaurs: the Arena Spectacular*
North American Tour. 2009-2010
Dir. Scott Faris

Puppeteer, Company repertoire, including *Through the Looking Glass, Peter and the Wolf*, and *The Snow Queen*
Das Puppenspiel Puppet Theater, Inc. 2002-2003

ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Verification Specialist
University of Connecticut School of Nursing, Storrs, CT. 2024-Present

Administrative Program Support to the Associate Dean of Graduate Studies
University of Connecticut School of Nursing, Storrs, CT. 2022-2024

Instructional Assistant (Paraeducator), Related Arts & School Counseling
Mansfield Middle School, Mansfield, CT. 2019-2022

Substitute Teacher/Paraeducator
Mansfield Public Schools, Mansfield, CT. 2019

Research Assistant
Institute for Collaboration on Health, Intervention, and Policy, University of Connecticut. 2011-2017

Research Specialist
Center for Health, Intervention, and Prevention, Department of Psychology, University of Connecticut. 2003-2011

PERFORMANCE TRAINING

Sandglass Summer Puppetry Institute, Sandglass Theater, Putney, VT
Biomechanics training with Marianne Kubik, University of Connecticut
Biomechanics workshop with Kathleen Baum, New York, NY
Alexander Technique workshop with Elizabeth Huebner, University of Connecticut
Mask training with Larry Hunt and Augusto Cabrera, University of Connecticut
Mask workshop with Greg Webster, University of Connecticut