

# Andrew Coopman

# Director, Choreographer, & Teaching Artist

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SDC Associate & AGMA Union Member

# **EDUCATION**

University of Washington - Masters of Fine Arts in Directing (2021)

New York University - Steinhardt - Master of Arts in Educational Theater in Communities (2015)

Capstone Training: Physical Theatre Devising Workshop, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

Whitworth University, WA - Bachelor of Arts in Theater & English (cum laude) (2012)

# DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

#### REGIONAL PRODUCTIONS

#### Lakewood Playhouse, Tacoma, WA

Head Over Heels, 2022 (Director - Choreographer)\*

#### Tacoma Little Theatre, Tacoma, WA

Wizard of Oz, 2021 (Director - Choreographer)\*

#### SecondStory Repertory, Redmond, WA

The Revolutionists by Lauren Gunderson, 2022\*

#### Taproot Theater, Seattle, WA

Open on Christmas, Touring Show, 2021\*

#### CabLab, Cabaret Theater, Seattle, WA

Upcoming Play TBD, 2022\*

Love & Information by Caryl Churchill, Adapted for Online Performance. 2020 FROZEN: A Play by Bryony Lavery, 2020

#### Burien Actor's Theatre, Burien, WA

I & You by Lauren Gunderson, April 2021 (Online)
 The Half-Life of Marie Curie by Lauren Gunderson,
 May 2021 (Online)

#### Eclectic Theater, Seattle, WA

The Sunflower Sisters (Premier) by John Ruoff, 2017

#### Cooperative Performance, Milwaukee, WI

RE: Social/Divide, An Online Devised Show, 2021

#### Jones Playhouse, Seattle, WA

Rosmersholm by Henrik Ibsen, 2021 (Online) Body Awareness by Annie Baker, 2019

#### Tacoma Musical Playhouse, WA

Book Lovers, Aug. 2021 (Director - Choreographer)

#### Edmond's Driftwood Player's Theater, WA

Disney's Beauty & The Beast, 2017 The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, 2015

#### Kitsap Forest Theater, Kitsap, WA

Disney's The Little Mermaid, 2016

#### Seattle Musical Theater, Seattle, WA

Little Women the Musical by Allan Knee, Jason Howland & Mindi Dickstein, 2017

#### Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater, WA

Once Upon a Mattress by Marshall Barer, 2017 (Director - Choreographer)

#### **EDUCATIONAL THEATERS**

#### The University of Washington

4 Dogs and a Bone by John Patrick Shanley, 2020
Savage Conversations by LeAnne Howe
(Regional Premier), 2020
As Is by William H. Hoffman, 2019
The Tempest by Shakespeare, 2019
Machinal by Sophie Treadwell, 2019
The Baltimore Waltz by Paula Vogel, 2019
The Long Goodbye by Tennessee Williams, 2019

#### STAGED READINGS/WORKSHOPS

# Glenn Hughes Penthouse, Seattle, WA

Dead Man's Cell Phone by Sarah Ruhl, 2020

#### StageRight Theater, Seattle, WA

36 Views by Naomi Iizuka, 2017 Eurydice by Sarah Ruhl, 2017

#### Dacha Theater, Seattle, WA

Sorry I Missed You (Premier) by Ryan Long, 2019

## YOUTH PRODUCTIONS

#### Village Theatre, Issaquah, WA

James & The Giant Peach by Timothy Allen McDonald, Pasek & Paul, 2018

#### **Studio East**

Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, 2018
James & The Giant Peach by Roald Dahl, 2018
Into the Woods by Stephen Sondheim, 2018
Once Upon a Mattress by Marshall Barer, 2017
Seussical the Musical by Ahrens & Flaherty, 2016
The Odyssey by Mary Zimmerman, 2016

#### ASSISTANT DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

#### Seattle Opera, Seattle, WA

Orpheus & Eurydice, Jan. 2022\* Stage Direction by Chía Patiño

#### The University of Washington, Seattle, WA

So Far, So Good, A Devised Work, Online 2020 Directed by Libby King Incident at Vichy by Arthur Miller, 2018 Directed by Kelly Kitchens

#### Whitworth University, Spokane, WA

The Actor's Nightmare by Christopher Durang, 2012 Small World by Tracey Scott Wilson, 2010

#### New York University, New York, NY

The Sorry Play by Chelsea Hackett, World Premier, New Works Festival Spring 2015 Poetry Walk by Craig Purcell-Beard, A Devised Piece, Premier, Fall 2014

#### American Blues Theater, Chicago, IL

On the Greenbelt (Premier) by Karissa Murrell Myers, 2021 (Online)

#### Ghostlight Theater Ensemble, Chicago, IL

Convent of Pleasure by Margaret Cavendish, 2021

#### **The SCRATCH - Seattle Workshop Series**

Black Water (Premier) by Lydia Hayes, 2019

### Youth Opera Project, Seattle Opera, WA

Youth Opera Project TBD, 2022\*
Brundibar (Regional Premier, Online) by Hans
Krása & Adolf Hoffmeister, 2021
La'ie'ikawai (Regional Premier, Online) Music &
Lyrics by Neil McKay, 2020
Wilde Tales (Regional Premier) by Laura
Karpman & Kelley Rourke, 2020

#### Opening Act, New York, NY

A Devised Work Created by Students, 2015

#### Coeur d'Alene Summer Theater, ID

A Little Night Music by Stephen Sondheim, 2011
Directed by Roger Welch
The Wizard of Oz, July 2011
Directed by Kasey Graham

# **TEACHING ARTIST EXPERIENCE**

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- Village Theatre- Institute Instructor & Teaching Artist, Issaquah & Everett, WA (Sept. 2015 Current)
  Classes Taught: Directing, Devising, Acting Intensive, Scene Analysis, Stage Combat,
  Improvisational Acting, Physical Theatre, Summer Camps
- Seattle Repertory Theatre Residency Teaching Artist, Seattle, WA (Aug. 2021 Current) Classes Taught: Acting, Monologue Coaching, Character Creation, Scene Analysis
- Seattle Children's Theater-Teaching Artist. Seattle, WA (2015 Current)
  Classes Taught: Mental Health in Creative Drama, Story Drama, Movement, Intro to
  Acting, Summer Camps
- Seattle Opera Teaching Artist & Director, Seattle, WA (July 2019 Current)

  Classes Taught: Opera Scene Devising, Youth Acting, Storytelling through Acting
- Youth Theater Northwest Teaching Artist, Mercer Island, WA (Aug 2020 Sept. 2021) Classes Taught: Improv, Acting, Scene Study, Devising, Musical Theater
- Broadway Bound Theater Teaching Artist, Seattle, WA (July Sept. 2021)

  Classes Taught: Musical Theater, Dance, Acting, Improv through Online Production camps for *Descendants* and *Frozen*.
- Studio East- Teaching Artist, Kirkland, WA (Sept. 2015 2018)

  Classes Taught: Acting Intensive, Improvisational Acting, Play Production, Musical Theatre, Story Drama, Play Creation, Devised Theater, Physical Theatre, Shakespeare, Scene Analysis, Stage Combat, Summer Camps
- Woodland Park Zoo Teaching Artist, Seattle, WA (2015)
  Classes Taught: Story Drama, Character Creation, Acting, Zoology
- Opening Act Teaching Artist & Co-Director/Facilitator, New York City, NY (2014 2015)
- Stages on the Sound Teaching Artist, New York City, NY (2014 2015)
- Missoula Children's Theatre Touring Actor/Director (May 2012 Aug. 2015)

  Toured multiple shows around the world as Director, Actor, and Teaching Artist. Taught workshops in Story Drama, Stage Make-Up, Musical Theater, Improv, Acting
- Spotlight Youth Theater Teaching Artist, Chicago, IL & Spokane, WA (June 2006 Sept. 2011) Classes Taught: Improv, Musical Theater, Swing Dancing, Acting, Choreography

#### TEACHING LECTURER

- University of Washington, Seattle, WA- Teaching Assistant (2018-2021) Classes: Drama 460 - Intro to Directing, Drama 252 - Acting 2
- Green River Community College, Kent, WA- Adjunct Faculty, Drama Dept. (2016-2017) Classes Taught: Improv, Stage Combat

# **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

Union Steward - School of Drama, UAW 4112, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2019-2021) Duties included:

- Attending monthly union meetings.
- Organizing conversations between students and faculty about contract violations
- Communicating with Grad Student workers

Member - Grad Student Representative Committee, University of Washington, Seattle, WA (2019-2021)

Duties included:

- Attending monthly meetings
- Checking Committee E-mail and communicating any correspondence
- Organizing Representation at & Attending Faculty Meetings
- Presenting any Grad Student issues to Faculty via letter or presentation
- Organizing Grad Student Community Engagement

Partner Organization Liaison - GSBA, Play Your\* Part, Seattle, WA (2019)

#### Duties included:

- Organization of meetings and marketing discussions surrounding Organization's involvement with production.
- Coordinating publicity exchange between organizations.
- Getting partnership involvement for productions and fundraising events.

Teaching Artist Training Specialist, Studio East, Kirkland, WA (2017-2018)

#### Duties include:

- Observing teaching artists during teaching hours and writing reviews
- Creating curriculum for various introductory theater classes for new teachers.
- Facilitating trainings with new and veteran teaching artists
- Maintaining the standard of educational experiences for young artists.
- Supporting administrative staff in short-notice substitutions and management of classroom spaces.
- Supporting fellow teaching artists in difficult situations to help accomplish teaching goals.
- Offering support to teaching artists and education staff in all education offerings.

Tour Actor/Director, Missoula Children's Theater, Touring (2012-2015)

#### Duties Include:

- Creating, Maintaining, and Sending weekly financial reports.
- Balancing Tour Funds Weekly
- Communicating and Organizing with the Next Tour Stop
- Facilitating Workshop Planning for Schools & Local Organizations
- Weekly Phone Check-Ins

Box Office Sales Associate, Coeur d'Alene Summer Theater, Coeur d'Alene, ID (2012)

#### **Duties Included**

- Handling Phone Sales of Tickets
- Organizing Will Call Pick-Up Table
- Greeting Audience Members & Ushering
- Data Input for Sales and Customer Feedback
- Cash Handling & Deposits

# PRODUCER EXPERIENCE

Public Programs Producer, The Scratch - Seattle Workshop Series (Summer 2019)

Duties included:

- Creation, Organization, & Facilitation of new educational programming for young playwrights in the Seattle area.
- Reading & Selection of scripts for the Workshop series.
- Assisting with Public Interactions with the company including potential support team members, donors, and selected artists.
- Teaching workshops for Young Playwrights.
- Overseeing social events and parties facilitated through The Scratch.

Producer - Page to Stage Play Reading Series, STAGERight, Seattle, WA (2017)

Duties included:

- Organizing Directors, Casts, Performance Venue Staff for Readings
- Choosing Scripts for the Play Reading Series
- Creating Event pages and RSVP options for Audience Members
- Welcoming Audience members at Performances.

Producer & Facilitator, Poetry Walk, New York University - Steinhardt (Spring 2015)

Duties included:

- Organization and Selection of poetry pieces and performers
- Directing a piece for the performance
- Organizing audiences and timing of performances.

Producer & Facilitator, Festival of One Acts, Whitworth University (December 2011)

Duties included:

- Organization of Performances
- Assisting in Choosing of Scripts
- Overseeing & Checking-In with Directors and Advisor

# CHOREOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

#### Village Theatre, Issaquah, WA

In the Heights by Lin Manuel-Miranda, 2019 Directed by Faith Bennett Russell

#### Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater, WA

Once Upon a Mattress by Marshall Barer, 2017 Directed by Andrew Coopman

#### Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, WA

Pride & Prejudice by Marcus Goodwin, 2022\* Directed by Faith Bennett Russell

#### The University of Washington, Seattle, WA

Ada & The Engine by Lauren Gunderson, 2019 Directed by Kristie Post Wallace

#### Studio East, Kirkland, WA

Once on this Island by Ahrens & Flaherty, 2018 Directed by Faith Bennett Russell

# FIGHT DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER EXPERIENCE

#### **CERTIFICATION**

Single Sword Certification, American Society of Fight Directors, Certified by Geoff Alm (2019 - Current) Unarmed Certification, American Society of Fight Directors, Certified by Geoff Alm (2019 - Current)

#### FIGHT DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER

In the Heights, Village Theater, Directed by Faith Russell Cabaret, Renton Civic Theater, Directed by Vincent Orduña Once on this Island, Studio East, Directed by Faith Russell

#### FIGHT CAPTAIN

Disney's Beauty & The Beast, Edmond's Driftwood Players, Directed by Andrew Coopman Narnia, Spotlight Youth Theater, Directed by Danielle Suave

# **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

Valerie Curtis-Newton

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