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RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Adam Swartz Puppets, spring 2007-present

- Writing and performing original puppet shows and/or facilitating puppetry and acting workshops and programs for groups including: Public libraries, museums, public and private schools, summer camps, theaters, non-profit organizations, parks and recreation programs, special needs populations, senior and adult care facilities, and individuals.

- Directing and facilitating theater summer camp programs.

- Designing, building, leasing puppets for other companies and performers.

- Contact information for each venue available upon request.

Arts Erie: Arts in Action, Erie, Pa area schools, fall 2010-2014

- Performing original puppet shows and designing and implementing workshops and residencies for students in grades k-12

- Designing and implementing Professional Development workshops for educators

- Contact Holly Nowak (814) 452- 3427

Galaxy Arts in Education Program of CIU 10, Centre, Clearfield and Clinton counties, fall 2008-present

- Performing original puppet shows and designing and implementing workshops and residencies for students in grades k-12

- Contact: Renee McQuown (814) 342-0884

Nittany Valley Shakespeare Company, summer 2009- present (seasonal)

- Puppet construction and design, guest presenter for summer camps, puppeteer and actor in seasonal productions including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Tempest*, *Hamlet*, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged*

- Contact: Caitlyn Osborn (814) 867- 4183

Middle-earth Studios, based in Stoney Run, PA, May 1999-present (seasonal)

- Marionettes, hand puppets, full body puppets and storytelling for amusement parks and festivals nationwide

- Supervisor of performers ages 15-adult

- Contact: Carl Ohdner 1-888-756-4234

The Next Stage, State College, PA, 2002-present

-Multiple acting and technical theatre roles -Contact: Mary Skees (814) 404-2649

Itinerant Theater Company, based in Brooklyn, NY, summer 2000-present

- Charter member, credits include multiple roles/performances *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, Abridged*

- Teaching youth acting classes
- Presenting drug and alcohol awareness skits to middle school students
- Co-designing and presenting Theatre Workshop for Mid-Atlantic Network of Youth and Family Services Conference
- Contact: Jason Zanitsch (201) 705-9608

EDUCATION / TRAINING

Beyond the Sock Puppetry Workshop,

- Week-long professional puppetry workshop including building, manipulation, and video skills, University of North Texas, Denton, Texas
- Contact: James Martin, james.martin3@unt.edu

Brooklyn Puppet Conspiracy, Brooklyn, NY, Spring 2017

- Multiple professional workshops specific to TV, film, and video puppetry
- Contact: David Fino, BrooklynPuppetConspiracy@gmail.com

Sesame Workshop, New York, NY, August 2006

- Participated in week-long invitational puppetry workshop facilitated by employees of Sesame Workshop (an affiliate of Jim Henson Company and the Children's Television Workshop)
- Received hands-on training from current and former Muppet performers
- Contact: Heather Dixon (516) 457-9689

The Pennsylvania State University Park Campus, State College, PA, 1998-2002

- Graduated 2002 with honors, B.A. Integrative Arts (theater and visual arts)
- Contact: Advisor Bill Kelly (814) 865-1750

State College Community Theatre, Boalsburg, PA, 1996

- Apprenticeship
- Multiple acting and technical theatre roles
- Contact: Jason Zanitsch (201) 705-9608

State College Area High School, State College, PA, graduated 1998

- Advanced classes and independent studies in photography and film

REFERENCES

- Shannon Messick (814) 231-1061
- Jason Zanitsch (201) 705-9608
- Carl Ohdner 1-888-756-4234
- Additional references or letters of recommendation available upon request
- DVD of puppet work available upon request