

# Trent Stephens

## Director - Educator

Multidisciplinary theatre maker with a passion for teaching and learning. Patient, adaptable, and eager to grow. Extensive experience on and off stage.

**MFA - Shakespeare & Performance**  
*Mary Baldwin University '22*

**BA - Theatre Arts**  
*Palm Beach Atlantic University '11*

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## Skills

**Directing**

**Stage Acting**

**Lighting Design**

**Improvisation**

**Flexible & Adaptable**

**Self Motivated**

**Strong Graphic & Visual Sense**

**Leadership**

## Educator Resume

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### Graduate Teaching Fellow

Undergraduate Theatre Department  
Mary Baldwin University  
Staunton, VA - 2021-2022

#### **THEA 111: Voice and Diction**

Developed course materials, lesson plans, and online learning tools. Trained in the use of Canvas and Blackboard Collaborate.

#### **THEA 151: Scene and Lighting Design**

Developed course materials, lesson plans, and online learning tools. Trained in the use of Canvas, Blackboard Collaborate, and Vectorworks.

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### Education Director

Co-Founder  
Central Kentucky Improv - The Studio  
Lexington, KY - 2019-2021

- Oversaw development and implementation of diverse educational offerings for students aged 6 to 65.
- Taught two introductory level classes per session.
- Developed and maintained website and social media.
- Managed scheduling and upkeep of facilities and classroom spaces.
- Performed and traveled with ensembles to *the Del Close Marathon* in New York City, *the Atlanta Improv Festival*, *the Cincinnati Improv Festival*, *the Damn Good Improv Festival* in Louisville, and *the Asheville Improv Comedy Fest*.

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### Director of Theatre

Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY - 2015-2020

- Collaborated with teachers to develop season content that complemented arts-integrated education.
- Adapted three educational plays for students.
- Managed upkeep of a beautifully renovated historic theatre for both renters and school sanctioned events.
- Directed thirteen productions between 2015 and 2020.
- Solely responsible for all technical elements, including sound, lighting, costumes, and carpentry.

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## **Acting Instructor**

Lexington Senior Center  
Lexington, KY - 2018-2020

- Developed and taught four semesters of acting classes for active senior citizens.
- Highlights include two public improv shows and the broadcast of a radio drama.

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## **Director of Stage Acting**

Stage Right Acting Studio  
Lexington, KY - 2014-2019

- Developed and taught various course offerings including Adult Stage Acting, Student Stage Acting, Adult Improv, Student Improv, Musical Theatre, and Shakespeare.
- Developed and taught an upper level, multidisciplinary theatre course for auditioned students. Students learned playwriting, lighting design, sound design, stage management, costuming, and box office management.

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## **Teaching Artist**

Voices Inside  
Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex  
West Liberty, KY - 2017-2018

- Developed content to inspire creative thinking, increase communication skills, build self-esteem, and humanize and enrich the lives of those living behind bars.
- Annually produced a festival of plays that featured the creative writing of inmates to the public in an effort to foster connectivity with the social issues affecting the incarcerated.

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## **Teaching Artist**

Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival  
Jupiter, FL - 2014

- Developed a workshop about scansion and discovery through text-based research.
- Guided students through speeches connecting dramaturgy with performance.

# Director Resume

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## 2022

### **Richard II**

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival  
Seabreeze Amphitheatre  
Jupiter, FL

### **The Courage to Right A Woman's Wrong**

Ana Caro  
Assistant Director to Dawn Monique Williams  
Polaris Shakespeare Company  
Mary Baldwin University  
Staunton, VA

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## 2021

### **Coriolanus**

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Polaris Shakespeare Company  
Mary Baldwin University  
Staunton, VA

### **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival  
Seabreeze Amphitheatre  
Jupiter, FL

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## 2020

### **Frozen Jr.**

Jennifer Lee, Kristen Anderson-Lopez, and Robert Lopez  
Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY

### **A Midsummer Night's Dream**

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival  
Digital Release

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## 2019

### **Godspell Jr.**

Stephen Schwartz and John Michael Tebelak  
Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY

### **Romeo and Juliet**

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival  
Seabreeze Amphitheatre  
Jupiter, FL

### **Steel Magnolias**

By Robert Harling  
Leeds Center for the Arts  
Winchester, KY

### **Last Call: The Musical**

Margo Buchanan & Soni Cantrell-Smith  
Antagonist Productions  
Leeds Center for the Arts  
Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center  
Central Kentucky Tour

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## 2018

### **Mary Poppins Jr.**

Robert and Richard Sherman  
Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY

### **A Christmas Carol**

Adapted by Dr. James Rogers  
Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY

### **John Buchan's The 39 Steps**

Adapted by Patrick Barlow  
Leeds Center for the Arts  
Winchester, KY

### **The Importance of Being Earnest**

By Oscar Wilde  
AthensWest Theatre Co.  
Pam Miller Downtown Arts Center  
Lexington, KY

### **Antony and Cleopatra**

By William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival  
Seabreeze Amphitheatre  
Jupiter, FL

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## 2017

### ***The Fantasticks***

Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt  
Stage Right Acting  
StageBox Theatre  
Lexington, KY

### ***The Lion King Jr.***

Elton John and Tim Rice  
Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY

### ***Love's Labour's Lost***

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival  
Seabreeze Amphitheatre  
Jupiter, FL

### ***I Come From: Ten Minute Plays***

Written by the Prisoners of  
Northpoint Correctional Facility  
Antagonist Productions  
Moondance Amphitheatre  
Lexington, KY

### ***Don't Tell Me Who Done It***

Ross Carter  
Antagonist Productions  
StageBox Theatre  
Lexington, KY

### ***The Tempest***

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY

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## 2016

### ***Guys and Dolls Jr.***

Frank Loesser  
Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY

### ***The Taming of the Shrew***

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival  
Seabreeze Amphitheatre  
Jupiter, FL

### ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY

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## 2015

### ***Hamlet***

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
Palm Beach Shakespeare Festival  
Seabreeze Amphitheatre  
Jupiter, FL

### ***The Little Mermaid Jr.***

Doug Wright and Alan Menken  
Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY

### ***The Sound of Music***

Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein  
Trinity Christian Academy  
Lexington, KY

### ***Aristocats Kids***

George Burns and Ken Anderson  
Sts. Peter and Paul Regional Catholic School  
Lexington, KY

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## 2013/14

### ***The Spoon River Project***

Adapted for the Stage by Tom Andolora  
Trinity Christian Academy  
Lexington, KY

### ***A Midsummer Night's Dream***

William Shakespeare  
Adapted by Trent Stephens  
The Lightbulb Factory  
Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens  
West Palm Beach, FL