

Kody C Jones

Theatre Artist/Educator

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

May 2013	MFA	Theatre, Acting	Western Illinois University
June 2007	BA	Theatre, Emphasis in Performance	University of Michigan-Flint
June 2007		Secondary Education	University of Michigan-Flint
		Emphasis in Speech and History (<i>coursework completed</i>)	

International Study Experience (2008)

Three Month Study Abroad Intensive in London, England

- Instruction with Benedict Cumberbatch
- Extensive Study in Stratford and at the Globe Theatre

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Level Courses Taught

THE 110 – Introduction to Theatre	Western Illinois University	Spring 2013
THE 110 - Introduction to Theatre	Western Illinois University	Fall 2012
THE 171 - Voice and Articulation	Western Illinois University	Spring 2012
THE 110 - Introduction to Theatre	Western Illinois University	Fall 2011
THE 110 - Introduction to Theatre	Western Illinois University	Spring 2011

Guest Lecturer/Instructor

THE 270 – Multicultural Theatre	Western Illinois University	Spring 2013
THE 172 - Acting One (<i>Non-Majors</i>)	Western Illinois University	Spring 2012
THE 373 - Acting III	Western Illinois University	Fall 2011
THE 120 - Analysis	Western Illinois University	Spring 2011
UNV 121 – Let’s Go Arts	University of Michigan-Flint	Summer 2011
THE 110 – Introduction to Theatre	Western Illinois University	Fall 2010
THE 251 - Auditions	University of Michigan-Flint	Spring 2010
THE 120 - Introduction to Acting	University of Michigan-Flint	Spring 2010

Florida Repertory Theatre – Director of Education (2016-2022)

Over the course of six years at Florida Repertory Theatre I was able to double the program offerings by and increase the number of participating students reached from 21,245 to 47,651. I oversaw the professional acting interns as well as the education intern company in charge of producing two TYA touring productions that reach over 100 schools each season and started a new program called “Shakespeare in the Schools” which added a third touring production to our programming. This new tour provides a fully funded Shakespeare production that visits area high-schools free of cost. This also included a Shakespeare Education component that allowed the actors and teaching artists to come back to the school and teach Shakespeare’s language and meaning.

I also re-designed a Conservatory program that allowed advanced high-school students the opportunity to perform on the Mainstage and collaborate with professional artistic and design team members. The Conservatory Program was originally producing two productions with 2 performances each and was evolved into a program that showcases three productions with 10 performances each that reaches more than 15,000 patrons each season. This program was successful enough for me to evolve it into what we call a “co-pro” so now starting this season with *West Side Story* we will produce a show each year that includes conservatory students, interns, and equity actors to perform in an equity Mainstage production together each season.

Through my team at the Rep, I established an ongoing artistic relationship with Playwright, Eric Coble and we produced three original plays together and are currently working on another production with author Lois Lowry. I’ve also started writing as well including my recent

adaptation of *Lord of the Flies* and am currently writing an original play that will tour at Florida Repertory Theatre during the 2022-2023 season called *History Traveler*.

The Stage at Island Park - Artistic Director/Education Director (2015-16)

As the Artistic Director I planned and designed all artistic programming and hiring which included the newly expanded studio season featuring new socially applicable works. I also designed the new (TYA) program in partnership with the three local universities in teaching college student how to perform for children and invite over a thousand children in the area to be our audience for each production. As Education Director, I added a new Conservatory program and expanded enrollment for Summer Programming by forty percent.

Trollwood Center for the Performing Arts - Program Director/Director/Instructor (2016)

Trollwood is traditionally known for producing outstanding Musical Theatre in their 2100 house Amphitheatre. As Artistic Director for the Stage at Island Park, I reached out to leadership at Trollwood about the possibility of partnering on a non-musical option for students that focused on classical text. I developed this program as an opportunity for non-musical students and an outlet to explore different types of actor training including Viewpoints, Laban, and Berry vocal techniques while utilizing classical text. The culmination of this program was a production of *A Mid Summer's Night Dream* in which I adapted and directed. During the Summer of 2016, I also taught all of Trollwood's Stage Combat classes in 2016 including unarmed combat, rapier and dagger, as well as broadsword.

Shawnee Summer Theatre – Artistic Director (2014-15) Associate Artistic/Education Director (2013)

As Artistic Director for Shawnee Summer Theatre, I ventured expand the type of work we produced to not only entertain our core demographic but challenge our audiences socially and artistically. I was also able to branch out and expand our hiring and recruiting efforts resulting in a more diverse and experienced artistic team and production crew. During my time as Artistic Director, ticket sales increased by 18% percent for my first season and 22% for my second and last season before taking a full-time Artistic Director position in Fargo. We were also able to expand our staff, apply and qualify for more grants, and expand our fundraising.

During my time as Associate Artistic Director at Shawnee Summer Theatre I redesigned and expanded the entire Youth Theatre program and designed the curriculum for the new Shawnee Summer Youth Theatre for the summer of 2014. This included adding a college preparatory internship program, a free after-school outreach program, a Boal inspired project on bullying in schools as well as Creative Dramatics program to include ages 4-6.

American Theatre Company – Instructor (2014-15)

Instructor for Bridge and Mosaic Programs at Wells and Senn Arts High School.

Arts 4 All – Theatre Instructor (2014)

Designing and instructing students in the urban areas of Chicago with an emphasis on the fundamentals of acting and play-building.

Skinner West Elementary – Theatre Instructor (2014)

Designing and instructing the theatre portion of the After School Arts Enrichment Program for K-12. The courses range from creative dramatics to Boal inspired pieces about bullying to fully staged productions.

Courses Taught at Flint Youth Theatre (2008-2010)

Served as the full-time resident artist for three years.

Built and refined class curriculum and structure as well as designing an educational outreach program called T.A.P. (Theatre Arts Presentations).

WORKSHOPS PRESENTED

The Future of TYA	Saginaw Valley State University	2021
An Artistic Journey	SETC Louisville	2020
Business for the Actor	Broward College	2019
Intro to Unarmed Combat	Theatre Zone	2019
Producing an Original TYA Production	SETC Knoxville, TN Conference	2019
Swords and Sword Play	Florida Repertory Theatre	2019
Intro to Unarmed Combat	Bonita Center for Performing Arts	2018
The Professional Audition	University of Central Florida	2018
The Professional Audition	University of Tampa	2018
Integrating the Actor	SETC Mobile, AL Conference	2018
Making the Jump; HS to Academia	Florida Repertory Theatre	2018
Vaudeville to Wicked; History of Musical Theatre	Florida Repertory Theatre	2018
Foundations of Unarmed Combat	Florida Repertory Theatre	2018
Page to Stage <i>(with Eric Coble and Lois Lowry)</i>	Florida Repertory Theatre	2017
Fundamentals of Unarmed	The Laboratory Theatre	2017
Integrating the Art	KCACTF: Region 4 Conference	2017
Confessions of an Education Director	KCACTF: Region 4 Conference	2017
Call Back Techniques	Florida Repertory Theatre	2016
The Chemistry of the Audition	Florida Repertory Theatre	2016
Acting the Song	The Stage at Island Park	2016
Foundations of Unarmed Combat	The Stage at Island Park	2016
The Grad School Transition	KCACTF: Region 5 Conference	2016
Preparing for the professional Audition	KCACTF: Region 5 Conference	2016
TYA Performance Tactics	North Dakota State University	2015
What's Love Got to do, Got do to with it?	Senn High School	2015
Nothing this is an Audition Workshop		

Preparing for the Professional Audition	American Theatre Company	2015
Blades, Bends, and Bullets	Provision Theatre	2014
Audition like a Pro	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2014
Audition like a Pro	Clio Cast and Crew	2013
Cole Porter and Pre/Post War Musicals	Western Illinois University	2013
Laban: Voice and Body Integration	WIU Celebration of the Arts	2013
Audition like a Pro	WIU Celebration of the Arts	2013
Making the Professional Leap	KCACTF: Region 3 Conference	2013
Invisible Casualties: <i>Time Stands Still</i>	EGO Conference	2012
Unarmed Combat	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2012
Always a Bride's Maid Never a Bride	KCACTF: Region 3 Conference	2012
Laban in the Voice and Body	CTAM: Midland Center for the Arts	2011
Civil War Onstage	Flint Institute of Arts	2011
Auditioning in the Real World	University of Michigan-Flint	2010
Why Dramaturgy?	University of Michigan-Flint	2010

**Scheduled for the Future*

ACTING (Professional)

SpongeBob SquarePants: The Musical	Mr. Krabs	Florida Repertory Theatre	2021
Enemy of the People	Hovstad	Theatre Conspiracy	2019
Gary (<i>Play Lab with Bruce Graham</i>)	Doug	Florida Repertory Theatre	2018
Buyer and Cellar	Alex More	Theatre Conspiracy	2017
The Flower Room	Anthony	Florida Repertory Theatre	2017
Buyer and Cellar (regional tour)	Alex More	The Stage at Island Park	2016
When You Wish Upon a Star	Ensemble	The Stage at Island Park	2016
Scooter Thomas Makes it..	Scooter Thomas	The Stage at Island Park	2015
Frosty's Shakes and Dogs	Jack Frost	Lil Buds Theatre Company	2015
Death of a Salesman	Biff	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2014
The Drowsy Chaperone	Adolpho	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2014
Freedom Summer	Kristoff Grander	Civil Rights Arts Project	2014
Urania (<i>workshop</i>)	Clareuit	Loyola University	2014
The Full Monty	Reginald	Festival 56	2013
Treasure Island	Ben Gunn/Blind Pew	Festival 56	2013
Joseph and the Amazing...	Jacob/u.s. Pharaoh	Festival 56	2013
Hometown Anonymous	Ensemble	Festival 56	2013
Completely Hollywood Abridged	Reed	Festival 56	2013
Showdown at Resource Ranch	Sherriff Gooper	National Theatre for Children	2013
The Dream Eater	Yukio	Youth Performing Arts Series	2013
Clue the Musical	Professor Plum	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2012
Dial M for Murder	Max	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2012
Great Expectations	Pip	Flint Repertory Theatre	2011
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (<i>Tour</i>)	Doc Robinson	Flint Repertory Theatre	2010
Andersonville Trial	Col. N.P. Chipman	Flint Repertory Theatre	2010

The Man Who Planted Trees	Ensemble	Flint Repertory Theatre	2010
The Neverending Story	Creon/Ensemble	Flint Repertory Theatre	2010
Conference of the Birds	Falcon	Flint Repertory Theatre	2009
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Reverend/Judge/Will	Flint Repertory Theatre	2009
Angel in the Night	Ernst	Flint Repertory Theatre	2009
It's a Wonderful Life	Clarence	Flint Repertory Theatre	2009
Creepers	Ensemble	Flint Repertory Theatre	2008
Reminiscing with Anna	John	Flint Repertory Theatre	2008
Tuck Everlasting	Miles Tuck	Flint Repertory Theatre	2008
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are...	Horatio	Flint City Theatre	2007
Red, White, and Blue Review	Ensemble	Pritchard Theatricals	2006
Ravishment	Tyler	Flint City Theatre	2006
How to Play Jesus	Jesus	Flint City Theatre	2006
The Fantasticks	Matt	Theatre 57	2006
Running Scared	Charles	Pritchard Theatricals	2005
A Midsummer's Night Dream	Peter Quince	Flint City Theatre	2005
Footloose	Jeter	Pit & Balcony Theatre	2004
Damn Yankees	Rocky	Theatre 57	2003
To Whom It May Concern	Ensemble	Theatre 57	2003
Fiddler on the Roof	Mendel	Theatre 57	2002

ACTING (College)

Anything Goes	Moonface Martin	Western Illinois University	2013
Next Fall	Adam	Western Illinois University	2012
On the Open Road	Al	Western Illinois University	2012
Henry VI	Buckingham	Western Illinois University	2012
Rock 'N' Roll	Pan/Steven	Western Illinois University	2012
Arabian Nights	Jester/Ensemble	Western Illinois University	2011
She Loves Me	Steven Kodaly	Western Illinois University	2011
Ruthless	Sylvia St. Croix	Western Illinois University	2011
Trojan Women	Talthybius	Western Illinois University	2010
Dying City (guest artist)	Peter/Craig	University of Michigan-Flint	2009
Dog Sees God (guest artist)	CB	Saginaw Valley University	2008
I Love You; You're Perfect...	Man #2	University of Michigan-Flint	2007
Dog Sees God	Beethoven	University of Michigan-Flint	2006
Zombies from the Beyond	Billy	University of Michigan-Flint	2006
Pompey: <i>Measure for Measure Retold</i>	Claudio	University of Michigan-Flint	2005
Broadway Today	Ensemble	University of Michigan-Flint	2005
A Man of No Importance	Baldy	University of Michigan-Flint	2005
Henry V	Pistol	University of Michigan-Flint	2004
Picasso at the Lapin Agile	Schmendiman	University of Michigan-Flint	2004
How to Succeed in Business...	Mr. Jenkins	University of Michigan-Flint	2003

DIRECTING

*American Idiot	Florida Repertory Theatre	2022
*The Last Five Years	Gulfcoast Symphony	2022
Elephants and Piggies (<i>TYA Tour</i>)	Florida Repertory Theatre	2021
Lord of the Flies	Florida Repertory Theatre	2021
West Side Story	Florida Repertory Theatre	2021
Sister Act Jr.	Florida Repertory Theatre	2021
Songs for a New World	Gulfcoast Symphony	2021
Into the Woods	Florida Repertory Theatre	2021
Godspell	Florida Repertory Theatre	2021
It's a Wonderful Life: Radio Hour	Florida Repertory Theatre	2020
Mockingbird	Florida Repertory Theatre	2020
The Outsiders (<i>Virtual</i>)	Florida Repertory Theatre	2020
The Laramie Project (<i>Virtual</i>)	Florida Repertory Theatre	2020
Bulletproof Backpack (<i>World Premiere</i>)	Florida Repertory Theatre	2020
Bulletproof Backpack (Play Lab Workshop)	Florida Repertory Theatre	2020
10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse	FRINGE: Fort Myers	2020
Fiddler on the Roof Jr.	Junior Theatre Festival	2020
Bat Boy: The Musical	Florida Repertory Theatre	2020
Junie B. Jones (<i>TYA Tour</i>)	Florida Repertory Theatre	2019
Spring Awakening	Florida Repertory Theatre	2019
Annie	Florida Repertory Theatre	2019
Newsies	Florida Repertory Theatre	2019
Refugee (World Premiere w/ Eric Coble)	Florida Repertory Theatre	2018
Singin' in the Rain Jr.	Florida Repertory Theatre	2018
A Chorus Line	Florida Repertory Theatre	2018
Miracle Worker (<i>Assistant Director</i>)	Florida Repertory Theatre	2018
Snow Me Away Cabaret	Florida Repertory Theatre	2017
Heathers	Florida Repertory Theatre	2017
The Giver (<i>TYA Tour</i>)	Florida Repertory Theatre	2017
Metamorphoses	Florida Repertory Theatre	2017
Fiddler on the Roof Jr.	Florida Repertory Theatre	2017
Peter and the Star Catcher	Florida Repertory Theatre	2017
The Shining (<i>World Premiere</i>)	The Stage at Island Park	2016
When You Wish Upon a Star	The Stage at Island Park	2016
Addams Family	The Stage at Island Park	2016
I Hate Hamlet	The Stage at Island Park	2015
Cocktails and Cabaret	The Stage at Island Park	2015
Rounding Third	Festival 56	2014
A Christmas Carol	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2014
The Hound of Baskerville	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2014
The Three Musketeers	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2014
Hancock County	Western Illinois University	2013
Rounding Third	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2012
The Haunting of Hill House	Shawnee Summer Theatre	2012
Execution of Justice	Western Illinois University	2012
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (<i>TYA Tour</i>)	Flint Repertory Theatre	2011
The Farnsworth Invention	Flint Repertory Theatre	2011

Doggy Style (original play)	Flint City Theatre	2007
Tape	University of Michigan-Flint	2007
Ravishment (ACTF Region 3 Second Place)	Pabst Theatre – Milwaukee	2006
Happy (original play)	Flint City Theatre	2006
Broadway Today	University of Michigan-Flint	2006

**In pre-production*

Film/Commercial/Voice-Over

Bad News Bob – West Nile	Bob	ABC 7	2020
Bad News Bob – Dark Web	Bob	ABC 7	2020
Bad News Bob – Algae	Bob	ABC 7	2020
Bad News Bob – Pork	Bob	ABC 7	2020
Bad News Bob - Animals	Bob	ABC 7	2020
Angry Man (TV Commercial)		Cornerstone Bank	2016
Kassasa Guy (TV Commercial)		State Credit Union	2016
Inside World	Ryan	Columbia University	2014
Rolodex Man in a Digital World	Travis	Columbia University	2014
Sloan Museum, Erie Canal Exhibit, 3 one min character spots			2011
Margaret Cho Live at Whiting Auditorium, 60-sec radio spot and 60-sec TV spot			2011

VOCAL COACH/DIRECTOR

It's a Wonderful Life	Flint Youth Theatre
Creepers	Flint Youth Theatre
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer	Flint Youth Theatre
Tuck Everlasting	Flint Youth Theatre

Extensive training in Berry, Linklater, Laban, and Alexander.

FIGHT DIRECTOR

West Side Story	Florida Repertory Theatre
Macbeth (TYA Tour)	Florida Repertory Theatre
Midsummer's Night Dream	Florida Repertory Theatre
Tonya/Nancy Rock Opera (with Andrea McArdle)	Theatre Zone
The Lion, The Witch, and The Wardrobe	Florida Repertory Theatre
Aladdin Jr.	Florida Repertory Theatre
Newsies	Florida Repertory Theatre
Native Gardens	Florida Repertory Theatre
Marian or The True Tale of Robin Hood	Theatre Conspiracy
Fences	Florida Repertory Theatre

Heathers	Florida Repertory Theatre
Cabaret	Florida Repertory Theatre
How the Other Half Loves <i>(with Paxton Whitehead)</i>	Florida Repertory Theatre
Noises Off	Herb Strauss Theatre
Night and Day	Florida Repertory Theatre
Sordid Lives	The Laboratory Theatre
Whatever Happened to Baby Jane: A Parody of the Horror	The Laboratory Theatre
Addams Family	The Stage at Island Park
The Shining	The Stage at Island Park
Boom	The Stage at Island Park
Coyote on a Fence	Barnum Productions
Company	Music Theatre Fargo Moorhead
Cabaret	Music Theatre Fargo Moorhead
Hound of Baskerville	Shawnee Summer Theatre
Death of a Salesman	Shawnee Summer Theatre
Clue the Musical	Shawnee Summer Theatre
Moon Over Buffalo	Shawnee Summer Theatre
Dial M for Murder	Shawnee Summer Theatre
Treasure Island	Festival 56
Macbeth	Festival 56

Firearms Master

West Side Story	Florida Repertory Theatre
Heathers the Musical	Florida Repertory Theatre
Angel in the Night	Flint Youth Theatre
Tuck Everlasting	Flint Youth Theatre
She Loves Me	Western Illinois University
Moon Over Buffalo	Shawnee Summer Theatre
The Three Musketeers	Shawnee Summer Theatre

Recommended Pass Accreditation from the Stage of American of Fight Directors and Level Two Pass from Dueling Arts for Unarmed Combat and Rapier and Dagger 2011. Extensive experience in broadsword.

PROP DESIGN

Expecting Isabel	University of Michigan-Flint
Rumors	Fischer Theatre
Take Me Out	Western Illinois University
Scar Tissue	Western Illinois University
Tartuffe	Western Illinois University
Heidi Chronicles	Western Illinois University
Rounding Third	Shawnee Summer Theatre
Dial M for Murder	Shawnee Summer Theatre

Prop Room Manager for Western Illinois University 2010-2012

Assistant Prop Design

Clue the Musical	Shawnee Summer Theatre
Moon Over Buffalo	Shawnee Summer Theatre
Zombies from Greene County	Shawnee Summer Theatre
The Haunting of Hill House	Shawnee Summer Theatre

RELATED THEATRE EXPERIENCE

Dial M for Murder	Special Effects	Shawnee Summer Theatre
Rounding Third	Set Design	Festival 56
The Heidi Chronicles	Set Design	Western Illinois University
The Baltimore Waltz	Set Design	University of Michigan-Flint
Quilters	Stage Manager	Act Fest – Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
It's a Wonderful Life	Dramaturg	Flint Youth Theatre
Andersonville Trial	Dramaturg	Flint Youth Theatre
The Never-ending Story	Dramaturg	Flint Youth Theatre

SERVICE

SETC ACTING COMMITTEE (Chairperson)	2021-2024
SETC Diversity and Inclusion Council	2020-2022
SETC TYA Committee	2020-2023
SETC Audition Screening Judge	2017-2021
SETC Secondary Scholarship Committee	2016-20
KCACTF: Region Four Respondent's Committee	2017-20
KCACF: Region Six Respondent's Committee	2015-16
SENN Performing Arts Selection Committee	2015-16
KCACF: Region Three Respondent's Committee	2014-15
Chicago Public Schools Curriculum Committee	2014-15
Western Illinois University Recruitment Committee	2012-13
Flint Cultural Center Special Events Committee	2009-10
Flint Cultural Center Interact and Outreach Committee	2008-10
Flint Youth Theatre Educational Outreach Committee	2008-10
University of Michigan: Student Representative Faculty Selection Committee	2007-08

AWARDS

Southwest Florida Chrysalis Award Nomination for Arts Education	2020
Broadway World Award: Best Director of a Play – <i>Refugee</i>	2019
Broadway World Award: Best Play – <i>Refugee</i>	2019
Broadway World Award: Best Actor in a Play for <i>Buyer and Cellar</i>	2019
Broadway World Award: Best Play for <i>Buyer and Cellar</i>	2019