

University of Northern Colorado
School of Theatre Arts and Dance
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI
as of 3/1/2017

Broadway – 25 Performers (55 Productions)

Josh Buscher – *West Side Story* 2009 (OC), *Pricilla Queen of the Desert* (OC), *Big Fish* (OC)
Ryan Dinning – *Machinal* (OC)
Jenny Fellner – *Wicked*, *Mamma Mia*, *The Boyfriend*, *Pal Joey* (OC)
Scott Foster – *Forbidden Broadway (Alive and Kicking)* 2013, *Brooklyn* (OC), *Forbidden Broadway (Alive and Kicking)* 2014
Greg German – *Assassins* (OC), *Biloxi Blues* (OC), *Boeing/Boeing*
Patty Goble – *Bye Bye Birdie* 2009 (OC), *Curtains* (OC), *The Woman in White* (OC), *La Cage Aux Folles* 2004 (OC), *Kiss Me Kate* 1999 (OC), *Ragtime* (OC), *Phantom of the Opera*
Derek Hanson – *Anything Goes (Sutton Foster)*, *Side Show* (2014 Revival), *An American in Paris* (2016),
Tamara Hayden – *Les Miz*, *Cabaret*
Autumn Hulbert – *Legally Blonde*
Aisha Jackson – *Beautiful: The Carol King Musical*, *Waitress* (OC)
Ryan Jesse – *Jersey Boys*
Patricia Jones – *Buried Child* (OC), *Indiscretions* (w/Kathleen Turner)
Andy Kelso – *Mamma Mia*, *Kinky Boots* (OC)
Beth Malone – *Ring of Fire* (OC), *Fun Home* (OC)+
Victoria Matlock – *Million Dollar Quartet* (OC)
Jason Olazabal – *Julius Caesar* (OC) (w/Denzel Washington)
Laura Ryan – *Country Roads The John Denver Musical* (OC)
Lisa Simms – *A Chorus Line*
Andrea Dora Smith – *Tarzan*, *Motown* (OC)
Erica Sweany – *Honeymoon in Vegas – The Musical* (OC)
Jason Veasey – *The Lion King*
Jason Watson – *Mamma Mia*
Aléna Watters – *Sister Act* (OC), *Adams Family Musical* (OC), *West Side Story* 2009,
Wysandria Woolsey – *Chess*, *Parade*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aspects of Love*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Cats*
Aaron Young – *A Fiddler on the Roof* (2015 Revival)

Note: OC = Original Broadway Cast

+ 2015 Tony Award Nomination for Best Female Performer in a Musical

Nancy Nagel Gibbs – Broadway Producing/Management – 321 Theatrical Management

Broadway Producer for – *Peter and the Star Catcher*, *All Shook Up*, *Man of La Mancha*, **General Manager Broadway** – *Fun Home*, *If/Then*, *Bring It On*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Sister Act*, *Next To Normal*, 25th Annual Putman County Spelling Bee, *Wicked*, *Man of La Mancha*, *The Graduate*, *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, **Off Broadway Producer** for *Striking 12*, *The Gospel of John*, *Bat Boy*, *The Big Bang*, *Fully Committed*, *Over the River and Through the Woods*, **General Manager Off Broadway** *4 Guys Named Jose*, *The Prince and the Pauper*, *Visiting Mr. Green*, *The Last Session*, *Full Gallop*, *John and Jen*, *Opal*, *Smoke on the Mountain*, **Company Manager Broadway** *Gypsy*, *The Speed of Darkness*

Stephanie Cowan - Director of Development at B. Swibel Presents and Playing Pretend Prods of NYC
Xanadu, *Will Ferrell's You're Welcome America*; *Speed The Plow*; *The Seagull*, *Amélie*

Alexis Jackson - Associate Producer at Harbor Entertainment in NYC

Broadway; *Amelie*, *Frankie And Johnny in the Claire De Lune* and *A Fiddler on the Roof*

Broadway – Musical Direction

Mike Ruckles – Associate Musical Director/Conductor for *A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder*

Broadway - Direction/Choreography

Nathaniel Shaw – Associate Choreographer – *Once* (OBC and NT)

Broadway – Design/Technology

Don S. Gilmore – *Dracula: the Musical*, *700 Sundays*, *Dr. Suess’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Guy and Dolls (Revival)*, *700 Sundays (Revival)*

Danny Griego – *The Full Monty*, *Damn Yankees*, *Play On*

Jason Krueger – *The King & I*

Ken Scar – *The Full Monty*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Imaginary Friends*, *Ain’t Nothin’ But the Blues*, *Last Living Confederate Window Tells All*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Play On*

Broadway – Stage Management

Gail Luna – Assistant Stage Manager – *The Lion King*

Off Broadway – Playwright

Brian Watkins – *My Daughter Keeps Our Hammer* – Flea Theatre

Off Broadway - 35 Performers (45 Productions)

Blake Babbitt – *Seeking Savage Love*

Ashley Betton – *Forever Dusty*

Jessie Datino – *Sin*, *The Late Christopher Bean*

Ryan Dinning - *El Viaja de Beatriz*, *Awesome 80’s Prom*

Molly Fahey – *Fine, Funny & Female*, *It’s Only Sex*

Jenny Fellner – *Lizzy Borden*, *Tin Pan Alley Rag*, *The Devil’s Disciple*, *Marcy in the Galaxy*, *Crossing Brooklyn*

Dan Fischer – *From the Stoop on Orchard Street*

Scott Foster – *Forbidden Broadway*, *Sessions*, *Newsical: The Musical*

Blythe Gruda – *Room Service*

Autumn Hurlbert – *Tomorrow Morning*

Aisha Jackson – *Invisible Threads*

David Johnson – *The Rothchilds*

Blake Joseph – *Whoopee*, *Pardon My English*

Mary Kelley – *Karate Kid: The Musical*

Andy Kelso – *Deep Cover*

Beth Lake – *Sound Designer for Freud’s Last Session*

Maya Landauu – *Single Wide*

Alex Lanning – *Single Wide*

Joe LaRue – *Blue Man Group*

Jeremiah Light – *Naked Boys Singing*

Beth Malone – *The Marvelous Wonderettes*, *Fun Home*

Billy Marshall – *TRIO*

Victoria Matlock – *The Marvelous Wonderettes*

Cristine McMurdo-Wallis – *Small Craft Warnings*, *The Cripple of Inishman*

Monica Meadows – *Fashion*

Jake Mendes – *Bunnacula*
Kristin Mudge – *A Play About the Baby*
Catherine Pilafas – *Conviction*
Anthony Reimer – *Cactus Flower*
Amy Shute – *Evil Dead: The Musical*
Alexander Stein – *Stairway to Hell*
Jenny Stetzler – *The Washed Up Blondes*
Julia Tobey – *Twelfth Night*
Jason Veasey – *Spidermusical*
Heather Washburn – *Honestly Abe*
Jason Watson – *Mamma Mia* (Las Vegas)
Aléna Watters – *Newsical, Boobs: The Musical*

National/European/Asian Tours – Partial List

Joshua Archer – *Into the Woods* (Fiasco Theatre)
Paul Ashley – *Crazy For You* (with Loretta Switt)
Jonathon Bray – *Walking With Dinosaurs* (US and Asia)
Ben Burch – *Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer* (2015 and 2016)
Jason Burnside – *Walking With Dinosaurs* (US and Asia)
Cashelle Butler – *Mamma Mia*
Jake Corcoran – *Bullets Over Broadway*
Michael Covert – Silver Shadow Cruise Line, Tokyo Disney
Jeff Cyronek – *Ragtime, Showboat* (with Cloris Leachman)
Daniel Dawson – *Cats*, Disney Cruise Lines
TJ Dawson – *Grease*
Jenny Fellner – *All Shook Up, Wicked*
Pearl Thomas-Flanagan – *Hairspray, The Full Monty, All Shook Up*
Adam Fontana – *The Civil War*
Kathie France – *Victor/Victoria*
Jenny Gelwick – *Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*
Michael Grebe – *Walking With Dinosaurs*
Blythe Gruda – *Superstar, Cabaret*
Derek Hanson – *Shrek – The Musical, A Chorus Line, Cats*
Tamara Hayden – *Phantom of the Opera*
Ryan Heidenreich – *How to be a Pirate, Diary of a Worm and a Spider*
Suzanne Hepker – *Dora the Explorer, Dragon Tales Live*
Spencer Hughes – *Walking With Dinosaurs*
Ashley Hunt – *Swing*
Autumn Hurlbert – *Something Rotten, Little Women*
Ryan Jesse – *Jersey Boys, Cinderella* (with Lea Solonga), *Dirty Dancing*
David Bryant Johnson – Norwegian Cruise Lines
Andy Kelso – *Wicked*
Keir Kirkegaard – *Barbie Live, Rock of Ages* (Las Vegas)
Matt LaFontaine – *Forever Plaid*
Anna Landy – Disney Cruise Lines
Brenna Larson – *Pippa Pig* (2015/2016 and 2016/2017)
Joe LaRue – *M. Butterfly*
Beth Malone – *Sister Act*
Roberto Marin – *Walking With Dinosaurs*
McKayla Marso – *Wizard of Oz, Spamalot*

Victoria Matlock – *Wicked, Full Monty, Evita*
James May – *Beauty and The Beast, Falsettos, Jingle Bell Rock*
Kytt McLaughlin – *Charlotte's Web*
Jamie Mills – *Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer*
Lauren Parsons – *Happy Days*
Noelle Pedersen - *Disney Cruise Lines*
Joe Popiel – *Meet Me in St. Louis, High Button Shoes, Mack & Mabel*
Kurt Quinn – *Reduced Shakespeare Company's Complete History of Comedy Abridged*
Davey Rosenberg – *Hair*
Andrew Russell – *Jersey Boys (2016-2017)*
Brian Crawford Scott – *Hair, Beauty and the Beast*
Christopher Sergeoff – *Mamma Mia, Beauty and the Beast*
Joseph Serrano – *How to be a Pirate*
Brittney Shaffer – *Daniel Jones Neighborhood*
Andy Shute – *Grease*
Kevin Sims – *Beauty and the Beast*
Amada Blair Smith – *Oceania Cruise Lines*
Andrea Dora Smith – *Rent, Happy Days*
Hayden Stanes – *Cinderella, Disney Cruise Lines*
Jenny Stetzler – *Peter Pan*
Cameron Stevens – *Saturday Night Fever*
Erica Sweeney – *Cats, Tommy*
Justin Michael Terry – *Walking With Dinosaurs (US and Asia)*
Nikki Tomlinson – *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
Maren Uecker – *In the Mood (US and Australia)*
Jason Veasey – *The Lion King*
Randy Warshaw – *Aladin and the Magic Lamp*
Alena Waters – *Beehive, The Showgirl Must Go On (w/Bette Midler), Pippin*
Jason Watson – *Jekyll and Hyde, Mama Mia, Next to Normal*
Aaron Young – *Cabaret*
Jeffrey Zicker – *Shrek, The Musical*

Film, Television and Music – Partial List

Thomas Bradfield – *Gossip Girl*
Mike Campbell – *Homicide: Life on the Streets, Port Charles, Immaculate Springs, Mastered, Hollywood, IL*
Kristina Candelari – *The Young & the Restless*
Jason Chanos – *Numbers, Cold Case*
Gil Colon – *Young & The Restless*
Andi Davis - *Larry Gaye: Renegade Male Flight Attendant, Heaven Sent*
Rachelle Dimaria – *Beverly Hills 90210, Samantha Who?, Lie to Me, Los Paranoias, Welcome to Kain*
Steve Eastin – *Up in the Air, Field of Dreams -200 film and television appearances since 1974*
Molly Fahey – *All God's Creatures*
Greg Germann – *Bolt, Ned & Stacy, Sweet Justice, In Case of Emergency, Ally McBeal, Talladega Nights, etc.*
Ryan Grassmeyer – *The Brian McKnight Show, Livin' Loud*
Hannah Marie Hines – *Dead Thursday, Heaven Sent, Headgame*
Autumn Hurlbert – *MTV's The Search for Elle Woods (Legally Blonde)*
Andy Kelso – *The Producers (Directed by Mel Brooks)*
Melissa Kidd – *Costume Assistant – Major Crimes, The Closer, Big Love, True Blood, Aliens in the Attic*
Franklin Killan – *Glee*
Keir Kirkegard – *Now, Nat Geo, Glee*

Scott Kruse – Lost Tapes (Animal Planet), Nat Geo
Greg LaVoi – Hollywood Costume Designer – Major Crimes, The Closer, State of Mind, Dirty Deeds, etc.
Cristine McMurdo Wallis – Award-winning regional theatre actor
Monica Meadows – Law and Order, The Sexes
Elizabeth Mihelich – Other People’s Parties, Repo, Asylum, Frankenstein Jr.
Victoria A. Morris – Over 30 feature film and television movie of the week appearances
Lia Ochoa – Pink Panther 2
Jason Olazabal – The Inside Man, Law and Order
Neyla Pekarek – Member of the Denver based band The Lumineers (Two 2013 Grammy Nominations)
Tom Phillips – The Maze (Wes Craven)
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Mark Piznarski – Director for Everwood, Friday Night Lights, My So Called Life, Veronica Mars, feature films
Elyse Porterfield – CSI New York, Project X, White Board Girl
Merwin Smith – Legendary Colorado television and radio broadcaster
Jason Thomas – Star Trek, Cold Case
Joey Thomas – Night Things, Two and a Half Men, How I Met Your Mother, The Office, Brothers and Sisters,
Julia Tobey – As the Words Turns, All My Children
Ricky Van Schnier – Alien Resurrection

Repertory Theatres where UNC Alumni Have Worked - Partial List

Alabama Shakespeare Festival (AL)
Alley Theatre (TX)
American Conservatory Theatre (CA)
Arena Stage (Washington, DC)
Arvada Center For the Performing Arts (Denver)
Berkley Repertory Theatre (CA)
Capital Repertory Theatre NY)
Colorado Shakespeare Company (Boulder)
Curious Theatre (Denver)
Denver Center for the Performing Arts (Denver, CO)
Denver Germinal Stage Company (Denver)
Goodman Theatre (Chicago)
Hartford Stage Company (CT)
Huntington Theatre (MA)
Indiana Repertory Theatre (IN)
Intimate Theatre (WA)
Laguna Playhouse (CA)
La Jolla Playhouse (CA)
Mark Taper Forum (LA)
McCarter Theatre (NJ)
National Shakespeare Theatre (DC)
New Jersey Shakespeare Festival (NJ)
Northlight Theatre (Chicago, IL)
Oregon Shakespeare Company (Ashland)
Papermill Playhouse (NJ)
Paragon Theatre (Denver)
Pasadena Playhouse (CA)
Portland Center Stage (OR)
Portland Stage Company (ME)
Seattle Rep (Seattle, WA)

Second City (Chicago, IL)
Steppenwolf Theatre Company (IL)
The Guthrie Theatre (MN)
Utah Shakespeare Company (Cedar City)

National Commercials – Partial List

Francis Corby – Squaresource (Super Bowl 48), Turbo Tax (Super Bowl 49)
Ryan Grassmeyer and Michael Grebe – Dodge Durango
Mike Black – Jack in the Box, Subway, CEW
Trysten Cain – Red Lobster, Cottonell Bathroom Tissue
Gary Culig – Duncan Doughnuts (Super Bowl)
Ryan Grassmeyer – EA Sports, Sears
Lincoln Hayes – Poor Richard PC
Hannah Marie Hines – www.pig.com, Wiskas Cat Food
Autumn Hurlbert – Flo TV (Super Bowl 47)
Kurt Larson – Colorado Lottery
Greyson Lewis – Conoco/Phillips 66, Geico Insurance
Talia Liccardello – Toshiba, Subway, Delta Dental, Colorado Lottery
Beth Malone – Progressive Insurance, McDonalds Chicken Strips (Super Bowl 46)
Andrea Dora Smith – Gillette, McDonalds, NY State Lottery, Mediaset Premium
Joey Thomas – Rent-a-Center
Nikki Tomlinson – Bank One
Jack Wefso – WalMart (Super Bowl 47)

Others of Note – Partial List

Barbara Andrews and Michael Stricker – Co-Founders of Denver’s Paragon Theatre
Mike Black – Stand-up Comic
Catherine (Bowers) Burdette – Producer for WFAA (ABC) Dallas, TX
Susan Crabtree – Scenic artist/professor and author of a widely used text on scenic painting
Steven Dietz – Award-winning playwright, Distinguished Professor of Playwriting at UT - Austin
Steve Eastin – Film actor (200 TV/films) and owner of Eastin Acting Studio in LA
James Edmonson – Associate Director/actor for Oregon Shakespeare Festival (100+ roles)
Danny Griego – Scenic artist for 3 Broadway Shows
Bill Hahn – Published author and filmmaker
Jessi Hill – Theatre Director in NYC and Chicago
Jeff Horgan – Principal dancer and choreographer for the David Taylor Dance Company
Tim Jarrell – Sound technician at DePaul University
Chris Johnson – Audio Engineer for Chicago’s Steppenwolf Theatre
Josh Johnson – LA Casting Agent
Goeff Kent – President of the Society of American Fight Directors
Jason Kruegar – Sound Designer on Broadway
Beth Lake – Sound Designer for Off Broadway Production of *Freud’s Last Session*
Alf LaMont – LA Talent Manager
Joe LaRue – Director for nine Off-Broadway shows
Andrea Loverro Sprick – Founder of the Glenwood Springs Dance Festival
Tara Masimer – Teaches dance at the Dance Center in Amsterdam, Netherlands
Robert Mills – Las Vegas stage manager
Randall Murphy – Director of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Las Angeles
Travis Palmer – Technical Director at the University of Florida
Jeanette R. Prentice – Founder of the Westminster’s Gaslight Theatre Company
Anthony Reimer, – Sky Seals, Founders of New York City’s Wide Eyed Productions Theatre Company

Patricia Renzetti – Artistic Director of Academy of Colorado Ballet
Ed Saindon – Assistant Technical Director of Minneapolis’s Guthrie Theatre
Janice Sinden – President and CEO of the Denver Center for the Performing Arts
Ken Scar – Lead Scenic Artist on seven Broadway Shows
David Schmitz – Managing Director of Chicago’s Steppenwolf Theatre
Brian Crawford Scott – Former Ringmaster for Barnum & Bailey Circus
David W. Shaffer – Manager of the Capezio Dance Theatre Shop in New York City
Dr. Jay Ver Linden – Professor of Communications Studies at Humbolt State University
Rita Vreeland – Chicago area Stage Manager
Steve Wasson – - Artistic Director of Theatre de l’Ange Fou London England
Vanessa Whitney – Stand-up Comic
Kimb Williamson – Theatre Department Chair at the University of Scottsdale

Graduate Programs where UNC Alumni have attended on scholarship – partial list

California Institute of the Arts
Carnegie Mellon
Florida State University
HB Studios
Moscow Art Theatre
National Theatre Conservatory
Neighborhood Playhouse
New York Conservatory of Dramatic Arts
NYU
Ohio State University
Ohio University
Penn State University
Purdue
Roosevelt University
Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts
Rutgers
San Jose State University
Second City Conservatory
The Actor's Studio
UC - Irvine
UMKC
University of Alabama/Alabama Shakespeare Festival
University of Arizona
University of Denver
University of Florida
University of Illinois
University of Iowa
University of Mississippi
University of Montana
University of North Carolina
University of Tennessee
University of Texas at Austin
University of Washington
Yale School of Drama

Teachers

UNC alumni are teaching in colleges and universities from coast to coast, The School of Theatre Arts and

Dance also has alumni teaching high school drama in nearly all fifty states. Note: one out of three high school drama teachers in the state of Colorado graduated from UNC.