Vanessa Strahan

Director, Choreographer, Teaching Artist

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Direction & Choreography (Select)

Cinderella	Choreographer	Aspen Community Theatre
The Addams Family Jr	Choreographer	Theatre Aspen Education
Little Shop of Horrors	Director/Choreographer	Aspen High School
Puffs	Director	Theatre Aspen Education
Anastasia	Director	Theatre Aspen Education
Xanadu	Director	Theatre Aspen Education
Anything Goes	Director/Choreographer	Aspen High School
Spamalot	Director	Theatre Aspen Education
25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee	Director/Choreographer	Theatre Aspen Education
Pirates of Penzance	Director	Aspen High School
Twelve Angry Jurors	Director	Theatre Aspen Education
The Drowsy Chaperone	Director	Theatre Aspen Education
Twelfth Night	Director	Theatre Aspen Education
You on the Moors Now	Director	Theatre Aspen Education
Urinetown	Choreographer	Theatre Aspen Education
Treasure Island	Director/Playwright	Mudlark Theater
A Christmas Carol	Music Director/Choreographer	Mudlark Theater
As You Like It	Choreographer	Mudlark Theater
The Wonderful Wizard of Oz	Director	Baker Demonstration School
Catch Me I'm…	Creator/Choreographer	Northwestern University
Yasmin's Alien Invasion Adventure	Director	Northwestern University
3:35PM	Associate Director	Mudlark Theater
Candide	Assistant Director	Mudlark Theater
The Frogs	Assistant Director	Chiaravalle Montessori
The Tragedy of Harriet Denmark	Assistant Director	Mudlark Theater
Heathers	Choreographer	Northwestern University

Teaching Artistry

10 years with students ages 4-20 in classroom, after-school, performance, & camp settings
4 years as public school teacher (Aspen High, Aspen Middle, & Aspen Elementary)
8 years as private 1:1 acting coach for middle, high school, and college students
Expertise working with students with developmental disabilities in adaptive performing arts settings

Theatre Aspen (K-12): Musical Theatre & Jazz Dance, Cabaret, Improv, Scene Studies, Musical Theatre Performance, Sketch Comedy, Stand Up Comedy
Mudlark Theater (K-12): Improv, Musical Theatre, Sketch Comedy, Devised Works, Playwriting, Acting
Northlight Theatre (K-12): Speak Up (Devised Social Justice Theatre), Playmakers (Playwriting to Production, Mainstream & Adaptive)
Actor's Gymnasium (K-8): Gymnastics, Intro to Tumbling, Intro to Aerial, Intermediate Circus

Technical Skills

Design Sound Design & Engineering / Costume Design and Basic Construction
Production Management 20+ productions from 100-500 seat theatres (resume upon request)

Education

Northwestern University
B.S. in Theatre / Musical Theatre Certificate / Political Science Minor / Musical Theatre Choreography Module
Cumulative GPA 3.91 / Dean's List / Magna Cum Laude