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Education

Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Theatre (2007-2009)

Columbia College Chicago, Chicago, Illinois

Associate in Arts (2005-2007)

Illinois Central College, East Peoria, Illinois

Selected Projects

- “Compensation” – Pre-production/Dev.
- “Define: Normal” – Digital Video Pilot
- “The Red String Theory: Remote” – Digital Video Series
- “Delay”- Digital Video Short Film (48-Hour Film Fest Project)
- “Under My Skin”-Digital Short Film
- “Shallow”- Digital Short Film
- “Cold Service”- Digital Short Film
- **Producer (Live Events)**
- “Cactus Skeleton Saloon” – Interactive Haunted Attraction (City of Carefree, AZ)
- “They Came From Beyond” – Interactive Haunted Attraction (City of Carefree, AZ)
- “The Freak Show”- Concert (Peoria Pizza Works, Peoria, IL)
- **Writer**
- “Delay”- Screenplay
- “Shallow”- Screenplay
- “Recycled & Re-Imagined”- Article (ArtzBeat Magazine)
- **Director**
- “Freud’s Last Session” – Stage Play(Desert Foothills Theater, Scottsdale, AZ)
- **Production Management**
- “Define: Normal”- Digital Video Pilot
- “Shallow”- Digital Short Film

- “Cold Service”- Digital Short Film

Professional Experience

Exit Reality Entertainment LLC.- Title- Managing Director/Associate Creative Director (2017- present) - Phoenix, Arizona Contact: Dakota Kuhlman: Creative Director (309) 696-8196, David Dunn: Co-Founder (479) 208-2213

- Casting Director, Writer, Producer, Performer, Content Creator.
- Develop and manage comprehensive budgets, schedules and production elements for company projects including live events, interactive attractions, short films, music videos and online content.
- Develop contracts, waivers, and other essential documents for productions.
- Coordinate auditions, rehearsal schedules, and other essential activities in regards to projects.

Desert Foothills Theater: Director, Instructor (2019-2020)- Scottsdale, AZ Contact: Tia Wooley (480) 819-7525

- Director for “Freud’s Last Session” Season 2019/2020
- Instructor: *The Reel Deal Introductory Filmmaking*
- Instructor: *Introductory Stage Combat*

WTVP Studio 47 PBS: Studio Crew (2014-2016)- Peoria, IL Contact: Tracy Simmons (309) 258-5522

- Crew: Operated camera with floor crew during auctions, interviews, and special programming.
- Host/Talent: *The Screening Room (2 episodes) (2015/2016)*

The Second City Chicago: Host/Usher/Cook (2010)- Chicago, IL Contact: Heather Whinna (Manager at the time)

- Change over rooms between shows on the Main and ETC. Stages
- Prepare bar style food for 2 stages, 2 shows a night
- Direct patrons to their seats, assist in coat check area/box office area

Illinois Central College: Theater Shop (2006-2007)- East Peoria, IL *Contact: Robin Berkley*

- Build and assemble/paint sets for season shows
- Load in sets for performances/Tear down load out after show closing
- Manage and organize shop inventory for efficiency
- Basic stagecraft knowledge

Additional Skills/Experience

Acting Coach - Tudor/Instructor - Screenwriter - Story Development - Improvisation

Voice Over - Dialects -