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Education:

2013 – Master of Arts - Shakespeare and Theatre – University of Birmingham/Shakespeare Institute, UK
2001 – Bachelor of Arts – Theatre Arts(Summa Cum Laude) – UW-LaCrosse
1976 – Bachelor Science in Education (Magna Cum Laude) – UW-Whitewater

Directing Experience:

Production	Year	Type	Company
A Christmas Carol (internship)	2014	Musical	The Guthrie Theatre, Minneapolis, MN
Jen Dobray	2009	One-Act Festival	Heritage Community Theatre, St. Paul, MN
Narnia, the Musical	2009	Musical	Woodbury Community Theatre, MN
Still Life with Iris	2005	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
The Servant of Two Masters	2004	Play	Sparta High School, WI
The Friends of Julia Dark	2004	One-Act	Sparta High School, WI
Kiss Me Kate	2004	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
Camelot	2004	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
The Eleventh	2003	One-Act	Sparta High School, WI
The Foreigner	2003	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
A Penny for a Song	2003	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Lost in Yonkers	2002	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Nunsense	2002	Musical	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
The Cripple of Inishmaan (asst. director)	2002	Play	University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse
Forever Plaid	2001	Musical	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Little Women (also adapted0	2001	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Godspell	2001	Musical	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
The Miser (also adapted)	2001	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Don't Drink the Water	2000	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Till Death Do Us Part	2000	Dinner Theatre	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
West Side Story	2000	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
Les Liaisons Dangereuse (dramaturge)	2000	Play	University of Wisconsin – LaCrosse
The Curious Savage	2000	Play	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
M*A*S*H	1999	One-Act	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Antigone 1865	1999	One-Act	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Small Actors	1999	One-Act	Upstage Review Theatre Company, Sparta, WI
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	1999	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
A Midsummer Night's Dream	1998	Play	Sparta High School, WI
Joseph – Technicolor Dreamcoat	1998	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
The Nerd	1997	Play	Sparta High School, WI
Greater Tuna	1997	Play	Sparta High School, WI
Rosencranz and Guildenstern Are Dead	1997	Play	Sparta High School, WI
The Learned Ladies	1996	Play	Sparta High School, WI
The Comedy of Errors	1995	Play	Sparta High School, WI
The Man Who Came to Dinner	1991	Play	Sparta High School, WI
Carnival! (asst. director)	1990	Musical	Sparta High School, WI
The Sound of Music (asst. director)	1987	Musical	Sparta High School, WI

Design Experience:

[Abbreviations – S=Set, P=Props, C=Costume, SND=Sound, M=Makeup, L=Lights, SA=Scenic Art]

Production	Year	Position	Company
Private Lives	2012	S	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Narnia: The Musical	2009	S, L, SA	Woodbury Community Theatre
Seussical	2009	P	Ashland Community Theatre
Still Life with Iris	2005	S, P, C, L, SND	Upstage Review Theatre Company
The Servant of Two Masters	2004	S, P, L, C	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Kiss Me Kate	2004	S, P, L, SA	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Camelot	2004	S, P, L, C, SA	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Eleventh	2003	P, L, SND, C	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Foreigner	2003	S, P, L, SND, C, M	Upstage Review Theatre Company
A Penny for a Song	2003	S, P, L, SND, C, SA, M	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Lost in Yonkers	2002	S, P, L, SND, SA	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Nunsense	2002	S. P, L, SND, M	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Forever Plaid	2001	S, P, L, SND, SA, M	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Little Women	2001	S, P, L, SND, C, SA	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Godspell	2001	S, P, L, SND, C, M	Upstage Review Theatre Company
The Miser	2001	S, P, L, SND, SA	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Don't Drink the Water	2000	S, P, L, SND, SA	Upstage Review Theatre Company
'Til Death Do Us Part	2000	S, P, SND	Upstage Review Theatre Company
West Side Story	2000	S, P, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Curious Savage	2000	S, P, C, L, SND, SA	Upstage Review Theatre Company
M*A*S*H	1999	S, P, C, L, SND	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Small Actors	1999	S, P, C, L, SND	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Antigone – 1865	1999	S, P, C, L, SND	Upstage Review Theatre Company
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers	1999	S, P, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
A Midsummer Night's Dream	1998	S, P, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Joseph – Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	1998	S, P	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Nerd	1997	S, P, C, L, SND, SA	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Greater Tuna	1997	S, P, S, L, C,	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
Rosencranz & Guildenstern Are Dead	1997	C, P	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Learned Ladies	1996	S, P, C, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Comedy of Errors	1995	S, C, P, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Man Who Came to Dinner	1991	S, P, L, SND	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The Sound of Music	1987	S	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI
The King and I	1986	C	Sparta High School, Sparta, WI

Classroom Teaching Experience:

1976-1979 – Shullsburg School District, Shullsburg, WI - Special Education Contained Classroom – ages 5-21
1988-1991 – Coulee Region Christian School – Grade 5 & 6 Combined

Other Theatre-Related Experience:

2015 - Adjudicator – Minnesota Thespian Festival
2015-Present - Teaching Artist (Acting Shakespeare) – Turtle Lake Elementary School, Mounds View, MN
2015-Present – Head of Drama Ministry, Hope Church, Oakdale, MN

Additional Training:

Rhinelander School of the Arts, Rhinelander, WI – Lighting, Directing, Photoshop, Grant-writing
Master Class – Guthrie Theatre, Minneapolis, MN – The Language of Romeo and Juliet
Master Class – American Players Theatre, Spring Green, WI – Directing
Master Class – New Century Theatre/ Spotlight, Minneapolis, MN - Auditioning (with Laura Osnes)
Improv Workshop – ComedySportz, Minneapolis, MN
FutureLearn Courses – University of Birmingham, UK
- Shakespeare and His World - 2014
- England in the Time of Richard III - 2014
- Shakespeare's Hamlet - 2015

Much Ado About Nothing – 2015
Physical Theatre – 2015
Exploring English: Shakespeare - 2016

Awards and Honors:

1997 - Artistic Achievement Award – Area Community Theatre, Tomah, WI
2004 - Outstanding Directing – Wisconsin State High School Forensics Association
2014 - Outstanding Alumnus of Richland Center High School
2015 – Directing Intern, "A Christmas Carol," Guthrie Theatre

Professional Affiliations and Memberships:

Educational Theatre Association (EdTA)
Founder and CEO – Upstage Review Theatre Company and Dreamcoat Productions

Personal Websites:

Laurie Swigart – Online Portfolio – http://dreamcoat.org
Theatre on a Shoestring – Theatre Education Website – http://upstagereview.org