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EDUCATION

- 2003 D.M.A., University of Colorado, Boulder
Voice Performance and Pedagogy
- 1992 M.M., Eastman School of Music (Rochester, NY)
Opera Performance (Full Fellowship)
- 1987 B.M., University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA)
Voice Performance

WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2009-present University of Colorado, Boulder
Assistant Professor of Music
Director of Opera Program (Stage Director, Artistic Director, Producer)
Co-founder/Co-Artistic Director/Producer of CU New Opera
Workshop
- 2007-2015 Freelance Stage Director- Professional Companies listed below
- 2006-2009 Opera Colorado (Denver, CO)
Director of Education and Community Programs
Director of Ensemble Artists (Apprentice Program)
Stage Director for Ensemble Artists' tours
Main stage Assistant Director to James Robinson and Ron Daniels

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Guest Stage Director

International Opera Companies

Pafos Aphrodite Festival, Pafos, Cyprus	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	9/17	
Opera de Montreal, Montreal Canada	Nabucco*	9/2014	
Florida Grand Opera, Miami, FL	Nabucco	1/2014	
Piccolo Festival (Piccolo Region, Italy)**	La cambiale di matrimonio	2011	
Opera Philadelphia	Associate to Thaddeus Strassberger+	Nabucco	2013
Opera Futura	Associate Paolo Panizza	Madama Butterfly	2012
Teatro Nuovo, Salsamaggiore, Italy***(assoc)			
Opera Colorado	Assistant to Ron Daniels	Madama Butterfly	2008
Opera Colorado	Assistant to James Robinson	La Traviata	2007

National Opera Companies

Colorado Music Festival (Cond. Michael Christie)	Brundibar	2012
Stony Brook University, Long Island, NY	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	2011
Central City Opera Ensemble Artists	Opera Rocks the Rockies Tour	2010-11
Opera Colorado Ensemble Artist Program	The Music Shop (30 touring performances)	2009
Opera Colorado Ensemble Artist Program	Contemporary Opera Project	
Opera Colorado Ensemble Artist Program	La Cenerentola (30 touring performances)	2008
Opera Colorado Young Artist Outreach Ensemble	La Curandera (42 touring performances)	2007
Opera Colorado Young Artist Outreach Ensemble	Island of Tulipatan (15 touring performances)	2006
*Thaddeus Strassberger production		
** This production toured 11 cities in Italy throughout 2012-2013.		
*** Performances in Trieste, Bologna, Maniago, Tricesimo, Udine		

Regional Opera Companies

Opera Theatre of Fort Collins	Il barbiere di Siviglia	2007
Wildwood Opera Little Rock, AR	Noye's Fludde	2006
The Wesley Players (Highlands Ranch, CO)	The Sound of Music	2006
Rocky Mountain Center of Musical Arts	Amahl and the Night Visitors	2000

TEACHING

Productions Directed and Produced

Eklund Opera at CU Boulder	West Side Story	2018
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	If I Were You	2018
Eklund Opera at CU Boulder	Ariodante	2018
Eklund Opera at CU Boulder	Sweeney Todd	2018
Eklund Opera at CU Boulder	Die lustige Witwe	2017
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	The Gospel of Mary Magdalene	2017
Eklund Opera at CU Boulder	Die Fledermaus	2016
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	It's a Wonderful Life (Producer)	2016
Eklund Opera at CU Boulder	The Tender Land	2016
Eklund Opera at CU Boulder	Dialogues of the Carmelites	2016
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	Susan Smith	2015
Eklund Opera at CU Boulder	L'incoronazione di Poppea	2014
Eklund Opera at CU Boulder	Così fan tutte	2014
Eklund Opera at CU Boulder	Pirates of Penzance	2014
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	The Master (producer)	
CU Opera	Side by Side by Sondheim	2014
CU Opera	Hansel and Gretel	2014
CU Opera	La Bohème (producer)	2013
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	A Wrinkle in Time	
CU Opera	Little Women	2013
CU Opera	Falstaff	2013
CU Opera	The Rake's Progress	2012

CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	Ludlow (producer)	
CU Opera	la cambiale di matrimonio	2012
CU Opera	Suor Angelica/Gianni Schicchi	2012
CU Opera	Le nozze di Figaro	2011
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead	2011
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	Pride and Prejudice	2011
CU Opera	Bernstein Mass	2011
CU Opera	Susannah	2011
CU Opera	Carousel	2010
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	Sister Carrie	2010
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	Autumn Orchard	2010
CU Opera	Our Town	2010
CU Opera	Don Giovanni	2010
CU Opera	La Traviata	2009

Courses Taught 2009-present

Opera Theater 1 PMUS 4137 Opera Workshop for undergraduates. Students prepare and perform opera and musical theater scenes in a final public performance.

Opera Theater 2 PMUS 4147 Opera Workshop for undergraduates. Aria preparation, staging and audition preparation.

Opera Theater 1 PMUS 5137- Opera Workshop for Graduates. Students prepare and perform opera and musical theater scenes in a final public performance.

Opera Theater 2 PMUS 5147- Opera Workshop for undergraduates. Aria preparation, staging and audition preparation.

Opera Practicum PMUS 4157-Opera Performance lab for undergraduates.

Opera Practicum PMUS 5157. Opera Performance lab for graduates.

Opera Theater Singers-outreach ensemble.

AWARDS, HONORS AND GRANTS

2014 2nd Place: National Opera Association National Conference Scenes Competition. New York City.

La Bohème by Puccini.

2013 2nd Place: National Opera Association National Conference Scenes Competition. Portland, OR *The Rake's Progress* by Stravinsky.

2011 1st Place: National Opera Association National Conference Scenes Competition. Performed live scene from Act II of *Carmen* by Bizet.

3rd Place: National Opera Association National Conference Opera Video Production Competition: 2010 CU production of *Our Town* by Rorem.

2010 1st place: National Opera Association National Conference Scenes Competition: Presented live scene from *La Traviata* by Verdi.

Grants and Funding

2012 Outreach Award, Office for University Outreach, \$4170. Opera Theater Singers Outreach Award.

2012 Roser Visiting Artist Grant \$3000 – CU Opera international guest director artist travel \$3000-Emily Martin co-writer.

- 2011 Boulder Arts Commission mini-grant for CU New Opera Works, \$1000.00, 2011. Heather Beasley writer.
- 2011 Roser mini-grant for CU New Opera Works artist travel, \$1000.00, Heather Beasley-co-writer.
- 2011 Presidents Fund for the Humanities, CU New Opera Works, \$1000.00 2011. Heather Beasley-writer.
- 2010 BCAA Neodata project grant. CU New Opera Works, \$1000.00. 2011. Heather Beasley- co-writer.
- 2010 President's Fund for Humanities, \$3000. CU NOW.
- 2010 Outreach Award, Office for University Outreach, \$3600. Opera Theater Singers Outreach Award.
- 2010 Schramm Foundation, \$5000. Opera Outreach.
- 2009 Price Foundation, \$45,000 over 3 years through 2013. For Central City Opera/Opera Colorado Outreach Collaboration.
- 2009 President's Fund for Humanities, \$3000.
- 2009 Schramm Foundation, \$1000. Opera Outreach.
- 2009 Price Foundation, \$10,000. Central City Opera/Opera Colorado Outreach Collaboration.

Current Professional and Academic Memberships

AGMA

National Opera Association Board Member

Opera America, National * member. New Works Forum, Singer Training Forum

*meetings attended