

# LIZZIE NEWCOMB GUMULA

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Walnut Street Theatre - Philadelphia, PA**

#### Development Associate (Creative/Artistic Events) (2023-present)

- Member of the development team handling operations of fundraising and major gifts office, specializing in event planning, donor relations, and assisting in fundraising over \$1.6 million annually. Primary staff leader of the Annual Gala, which raises over \$250,000 for arts education.
- In the artistic department, responsible for assisting Assoc. Artistic Director in organization of casting database, selecting sides, serving as a member of literary committee, providing dramaturgical reports, preparation of season EPA and non-union open calls, and liaising with artistic/fundraising events with sponsors.

#### Professional Apprentice/WST for Kids Associate Director (2022-2023)

- Honed skills in educational direction, casting, dramaturgy, ticketing services, & serving as Assoc. Director for Frozen Jr.

### **Scranton Shakespeare Festival (SSF) - Scranton, PA**

#### Director of Education & Associate Producer (2020-present)

- Produces and cultivates all programming for the Scranton Shakes Education Department, including Youth Ensemble high school acting, orchestra, and designer programs, middle school programming, education special events, and alumni productions. Stewards for mission of community and accessibility, directs/teaches Shakespeare play/musical, and conducts scholarship fundraising/grant-writing, management of teaching artists, curriculum writing, and special events for students & community partnerships. Enrollment has grown by 121% in 3 years with students from 20 schools.

### **Freelance Teaching Artist and Director - Philadelphia, PA**

- Theatrical teaching artist for students ages pre-K-12th grade, focusing on ensemble movement, Shakespeare, musical theatre performance, and devising. Has taught outreach residency programs and/or programs at the Walnut Street Theatre, Wolf Performing Arts Center, The Media Theatre, and Theatre Horizon.
- Theatre director and associate for various productions around the Greater Philadelphia area, focusing on immersive productions, children's theatre, as well as Shakespeare and musical theatre. Has directed/associate directed productions at Yes...And! Collaborative Arts, Haddonfield Plays and Players, The Media Theatre, and The Walnut Street Theatre.

### **Williams Center for the Arts - Lafayette College**

#### Artistic Direction Fellow (2021-2022)

- Developed educational talkbacks/programming with visiting artists, wrote press releases, assisted in audience engagement, helped curate diverse and rich talent for our season.

## EDUCATION AND AWARDS

**Lafayette College:** B.A. Theater and English Literature, minor Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies (magna cum laude); members of Alpha Psi Omega, Iota Iota Iota, & Alpha Phi.

**Awards:** George Wharton Pepper Prize Finalist; Benjamin F. Barge Oratorical Prize; The Times Tribune Northeast Woman; Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Certificate of Merit; Alpha Phi Foundation Amber Weitzel Memorial Scholarship.

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## ARTISTIC RESUME

### DIRECTING CREDITS (selected)

<i>*Spring Awakening</i>	Steven Sater/Duncan Sheik	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>Into the Woods</i>	Stephen Sondheim/James Lapine	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>The Tempest</i>	William Shakespeare	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>Bonnie and Clyde</i>	Frank Wildhorn/Ivan Menchell	Haddonfield Plays & Players
<i>Be Careful What You Wish For</i>	Brooke Sexton	Yes...And! Collaborative Arts
<i>Twelfth Night</i>	William Shakespeare	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>The Lightning Thief Musical</i>	Joe Tracz/Rob Rokicki	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>Heathers: the Musical (Teen Edition)</i>	Kevin Murphy/Laurence O'Keefe	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>Shakespeare's R&amp;J</i>	William Shakespeare/Joe Calarco	Lafayette College
<i>Peter and the Starcatcher</i>	Rick Elice/Wayne Barker	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>Much Ado About Nothing</i>	William Shakespeare	Lafayette College
<i>Hansel and Gretel (TYA)</i>	Devised	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>The Sole of Christmas</i>	Mary Barile	Lafayette College
<i>Mary Poppins Jr.</i>	Julian Fellows	Our Lady of Peace Elementary
<i>The Music Man Jr.</i>	Meredith Wilson/Franklin Lacey	Our Lady of Peace Elementary

### ASSOCIATE DIRECTING CREDITS (selected)

<i>Seussical Jr.</i>	Amanda Pasquini, dir.	The Media Theatre
<i>Frozen Jr.</i>	Amanda Pasquini, dir.	Walnut Street Theatre
<i>The Wolves</i>	Mary Jo Lodge, dir.	Lafayette College
<i>Henry IV Parts 1 &amp; 2</i>	Emma Rosa Went, dir.	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>Richard III</i>	Emma Rosa Went, dir.	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>Cabaret</i> (site-specific)	Simone Daniel, dir.	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>Footloose</i>	Michael Bradshaw Flynn, dir.	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>How to Succeed...</i>	Bobby Temple, dir.	Scranton Shakespeare Festival
<i>Damn Yankees</i> (site-specific)	Michael Bradshaw Flynn, dir.	Scranton Shakespeare Festival

(\*Indicates upcoming/current project) (+Intimacy Direction)

### ADDITIONAL RELEVANT ARTS EXPERIENCE

**Production Stage Manager:** Scranton Shakespeare Festival, various productions (2016-2020); **Invited Guest Pianist:** Radio City Music Hall Rockette Alumnae Assoc. (2016), **Musical Director:** *The Music Man Jr.*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, Our Lady of Peace Elementary (2017-2018); **Ticketing Services:** Archtics software (2022)/Audience View (2019); **Associate Music Director:** Scranton Shakes (2016-2020).

### OTHER ARTISTIC TRAINING/CERTIFICATIONS

How to Stand Out Mentorship Program; Classical Piano (Ray Cramer, 2008-2018); Ballet, Pointe, Tap, Jazz dance styles (2015-2018); Intimacy Direction (Sean Patrick Gibbons/Jacqueline Holloway); Stage Combat (Brad Lemons/Dan Renkin/Jacqueline Holloway); CPR/AED (2020); PA Criminal Background Check (2022); PA Child Abuse Clearances (2022); Genie Lift Certification, Lafayette College (2018).