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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

##### **University of Colorado, Boulder**

Associate Professor of Music

Director of Opera Program (Stage Director, Artistic Director, Producer) Founder/ Artistic Director/Producer of CU New Opera Workshop

##### **2007-2017 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

Mainstage 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	9/2017
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*	Philadelphia, PA	Nabucco	2014
Opera Futura Teatro Nuovo,**	Salsamaggiore, Italy	Madama Butterfly	2013
Opera Colorado***	Denver, CO	Madama Butterfly	2012
Opera Colorado****	Denver, CO	La Traviata	2007

\*Associate to Thaddeus Strassberger

\*\*Associate to Paolo Panizza

\*\*\* Assistant to Ron Daniels

\*\*\*\* Assistant to James Robinson

## *National Opera Companies*

### Colorado Music Festival (Cond. Michael Christie)

Stony Brook University	Long Island, NY	Die Entführung aus dem Serail	2011
Central City Opera Ensemble Artists	CO	Opera Rocks the Rockies Tour	2009
Opera Colorado Ensemble Artist Program	CO	The Music Shop (30 touring performances)	2008
Opera Colorado Ensemble Artist Program	CO	Contemporary Opera Project	2008
Opera Colorado Ensemble Artist Program	CO	La Cenerentola (30 touring performances)	2007
Opera Colorado Young Artist Outreach Ensemble	CO	La Curandera (42 touring performances)	2006
Opera Colorado Young Artist Outreach Ensemble	CO	Island of Tulipatan (15 touring performances)	

+ 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 The Master (producer)	2014
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop) CU Opera	Side by Side by Sondheim	2014
CU Opera	Hansel and Gretel	2014

CU Opera	La Bohème (producer)	A Wrinkle in Time	2013
CU NOW (New Opera Workshop)	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

2019 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: National Opera Association National Conference Video Competition for Turn of the Screw.

2014 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: National Opera Association National Conference Scenes Competition. New York City.

La Bohème by Puccini.

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

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

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

2010 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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

\*meetings attended