## VICTORIA WHITLEY BUCK

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# CURRICULUM VITAE (JUNE 2022)

#### **EDUCATION**

- MFA, Shakespeare & Performance: Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA (2019)
- MLitt, Shakespeare & Performance: Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA (2018)

Thesis: Commedia dell'Shakespeare: The Benefits of Basic Commedia Training for Modern Shakespearean Actors

BA, Theatre Arts, cum laude: Furman University, Greenville, SC (2014); Minor: French

#### SELECT PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

- Director of Education, Mill Mountain Theatre, Roanoke, VA, Spring 2021-Present Planning & implementing MMT's education initiatives & outreach programming; teaching MMTC classes.
- Visiting Lecturer in Theatre, Hollins University, Roanoke, VA, Spring 2020-Present Teaching classes for Hollins University's theatre department, including Acting Dynamics & Shakespeare.
- Guest Lecturer in Theatre, RUI Woodland Hills, Roanoke, VA, Spring 2020-Present Teaching classes in theatre and theatre history for RUI Woodland Hills residents and staff.
- Education Associate, Mill Mountain Theatre, Roanoke, VA, Fall 2019-Spring 2021

  Teaching classes for MMT's Conservatory as well as outreach classes in Roanoke schools & local organizations
- Guest Lecturer in Theatre, University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown, Johnstown, PA, Fall 2020 Taught a workshop for undergraduate students in the essentials of Commedia dell'Arte and performance.
- Visiting Instructor in Theatre, Patrick Henry High School, Roanoke, VA, Fall 2020

  Taught a Shakespeare workshop series and directing the showcase for Advanced Theatre students.
- Education Artist & Tour Guide, American Shakespeare Center, Staunton, VA, Spring 2017-Spring 2019

  Taught various workshops on Shakespeare and early modern staging conditions and skills to students of all ages.
- Graduate Teaching Fellow, English Composition, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA, Spring 2019

  Taught the essentials of literature, research, composition, editing, and peer reviewing to undergraduate students.
- Graduate Teaching Fellow, Intro. to Performing Arts, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA, Fall 2018

  Taught the background, basic techniques, and analysis of the performing arts, including theatre, music, & film.
- Graduate Teaching Fellow, Intro...Michael Chekhov Technique, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA, Fall 2017 Taught the essentials of the Michael Chekhov acting technique to undergraduates (Co-teacher: Chad Marriott).
- Teaching Artist, The Warehouse Theatre, Greenville, SC, Spring 2014-Spring 2016

  Taught workshops on Shakespeare, script analysis, acting, and theatrical techniques to students of all ages.
- Teaching Artist, Furman University, Greenville, SC, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

  Taught guest artist workshops and facilitated projects on acting & storytelling in Maegan M. Azar's classes.
- Teaching Artist, Greenville Literacy Association, Greenville, SC, Fall 2015

  Led GLA's "My Story, My Voice" writing and storytelling project for adults seeking their GEDs.
- Teaching Artist, The Springer Opera House, Columbus, GA, Summer 2011-Summer 2013

  Taught classes, including classical scene study, for students ages 5-18 in the Springer's summer academy.
- Teaching Assistant, Actor's Voice, Furman University, Greenville, SC, Fall 2013-Spring 2014

  Taught the basics of various vocal methods and techniques for actors (Professor: Maegan Azar).

# SELECT WORKSHOP & COACHING EXPERIENCE

Commedia dell'Shakespeare Workshop, Virginia Theatre Association Virtual Conference, Fall 2021 The World of Shakespeare Workshop, Virginia Theatre Association Virtual Conference, Fall 2020

Stage Combat & Shakespeare Workshops, North Cross School, Roanoke, VA, Fall 2019 - Spring 2020 Private Acting Coach, Greenville, SC, Fall 2015-Spring 2016, & Roanoke, VA, Summer 2019-Present Commedia dell'Arte & Character Building Workshops, Staunton, VA, Spring 2018

#### SELECT ACTING EXPERIENCE

Woman	A Woman Alone	Shakespeare at the Wharf	Kate Eastwood Norris
Emilia	Two Noble Kinsmen	Bards Ablaze (BATC)	Linda Bisesti
Duchess of Suffolk	History of Queen Jane	Bards Ablaze (BATC)	Ensemble Directed
Feste/Fabian	Twelfth Night	Bards Ablaze (BATC)	Hannah Roccisano
Friar Laurence	Romeo & Juliet	Bards Ablaze (BATC)	Bethany Thomas
Jailer's Daughter	Thursday Next	Bards Ablaze (BATC)	Doreen Bechtol
Tapster/Pockhole	KnightBurning Pestle	Motley Shakespeare Players	Ensemble Directed
Understudy/Swing	As You Like It	Motley Shakespeare Players	Elizabeth Bernardo
Tityrus/Alchemist	Gallathea	MBU Blackfriars Playhouse	Bethany Thomas
Nurse	Romeo & Juliet	MBU Blackfriars Playhouse	Matt Davies & Doreen Bechtol
Good Deeds	Everyman	MBU Blackfriars Playhouse	Chad Marriott
Mr. Hardcastle	She Stoops to Conquer	MBU Fletcher Collins Theatre	Mary Finch
The Mother-in-Law	Blood Wedding	MBU Fletcher Collins Theatre	Doreen Bechtol
Actor #1	The Homeless Dialogues	Front Porch Arts Collective	Cortney McEniry
Amélie	Madeline and the Gypsies	Springer Opera House	Taffee Patterson

#### SELECT DIRECTING EXPERIENCE

High School Musical*	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Summer 2022
Curious GeorgeMeatball	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Summer 2022
As You Like It	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Spring 2022
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Spring 2021
Write Stuff! 2020-2022 (annual)	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Spring 2020-2022
Timeless Twenties	Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Spring 2020
Romeo & Juliet	Associate Director	Mill Mountain Theatre	Fall 2019
Richard III**	Director	MBU Blackfriars Playhouse	Spring 2018
Richard III	Assistant Director	The Warehouse Theatre	Spring 2015
The Sweetest Swing In Baseball	Assistant Director	Furman University	Fall 2014

<sup>\*</sup>Indicates a current or upcoming project; \*\*Indicates a showcase project

# SELECT TECHNICAL THEATRE EXPERIENCE

Costume Design	Peter & Wendy*	Mill Mountain Theatre
Costume Design	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Mill Mountain Theatre
Music Direction	Two Noble Kinsmen; Twelfth Night	Bards Ablaze (BATC)
Set & Props Design	Romeo & Juliet; Twelfth Night	Bards Ablaze (BATC)
Costume Design & Crew	Thursday Next; Romeo & Juliet	Bards Ablaze (BATC)
Stage Manager	Chronic Fatigue	Front Porch Arts Collective

# SELECT TRAINING & CERTIFICATIONS

Mary Baldwin University Shakespeare & Performance:

Dr. Paul Menzer, Doreen Bechtol, Dr. Matthew Davies, Dr. Ralph Alan Cohen, John Harrell, Dr. Kerry Cooke, J.P. Scheidler, Dr. Mary Hill Cole, Tovah Close

## Furman University:

Maegan M. Azar, Margaret R. Caterisano, Dr. Jay Oney, Rhett Bryson, Alan Bryson, Randall David Cook

#### The Warehouse Theatre:

Anne Kelly Tromsness, Thomas Azar, Jayce Tromsness, Robert Richmond, Melanie Trimble, Prentiss Standridge

Springer Opera House, Springer Theatre Academy & Springer Film:

Ron Anderson, Jens Rasmussen, Kimberly Faith Hickman, Michael Stiggers, Adam Archer, Jef Holbrook, Sally Baker, Jennifer Adams, Karen Estrada, Taffee Patterson, Dave Holland, Sara Lynn Holbrook

### Shakespeare Institute, Shakespeare Birthplace Trust:

Stanley Wells, Nick Walton, Paul Edmonson, Robert Smallwood, Gill Day, Jonjo O'Neill, Alex Waldmann, Gemma Fairlie, Anjna Chouan, Roxanne Bennis

#### Select Intensives & Masterclasses:

Lisa Harrow, Colleen Kelly, Isabelle Anderson, Chris Marino, Ted Van Griethuysen, Kate E. Norris, David A. Lewis, Miriam D. Burrows, Sara Lynn Holbrook, Doug Berky, Peggy T. White, Sara Topham, John Bellomo

## Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Training & Certification:

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Workplace Certificate Program via USF Muma College of Business

# COVID Compliance Officer Training & Certification:

AEA standard COVID-19 Compliance Officer Training & Certificate Program via Health Education Services

#### SELECT SKILLS & ADDITIONAL TRAINING/CERTIFICATIONS

Stage Combat: Broadsword (SAFD Certified, 2019), Single Sword/Rapier, Unarmed, Dagger/Knife

Movement: Viewpoints, Laban, Commedia dell'Arte, Michael Chekhov, Mask, Suzuki

Circus & Dance: Stilt Walking, Juggling, Basic Acrobatics; Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Waltz, Swing

Language & Music Skills: French, IPA; Vocal Training (Mezzo Soprano/Alto); Piano; Guitar

# ADDITIONAL RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL & VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Graduate Assistant to Dr. Julie Fox, Mary Baldwin, Staunton, VA (2016-2018)

Shakespeare & Performance Summer Intensive Coordinator, Mary Baldwin, Staunton, VA (2017)

Co-Coordinator for the ASC Blackfriars Conference, Staunton, VA (2017)

New Play Festival Evaluator for Centre Stage Theatre, Greenville, South Carolina (2014-2017)

Performer & Volunteer for the Front Porch Arts Collective, Greenville, South Carolina (2013-2015)

President's Assistant & Administrative Assistant for SCTA, Greenville, SC (2014-2015)

## SELECT ORGANIZATION AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Virginia Theatre Association Member (2020-Present)

Society of American Fight Directors (SAFD) Member (2019-Present)

Artistic & Education Committee Member, Mill Mountain Theatre (2019-Present)

Education, Hospitality, and Editorial Committee Member, Bards Ablaze Theatre Collective (2018-2019)

Educational Policy Committee Member and Student Representative/Liaison, Mary Baldwin University (2017-2018)

South Carolina Theatre Association (SCTA), Member (2013-2015); President's Assistant (2014-2015)

Southeastern Theatre Conference (SETC), Member (2011-2014)

## SELECT HONORS AND AWARDS

Broadway World 2021 Regional Awards: Winner - "Best Direction of a Stream – Write Stuff! 2021" (2021)

Broadway World 2021 Regional Awards: Nominee - "Best Direction of a Play – A Midsummer...Dream" (2021)

Broadway World 2021 Regional Awards: Nominee - "Best Costume Design...Play - A Midsummer...Dream" (2021)

Mary Baldwin University Shakespeare & Performance Graduate Teaching Fellowship (2017-2019)