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Productions Directed

La bohème	University of Memphis Opera	04/23
Le docteur miracle	University of Memphis Opera	11/22
Trouble in Tahiti	University of Memphis Opera	11/22
Le nozze di Figaro (new adaptation)	University of Memphis Opera	04/22
Ruddigore	University of Memphis Opera	11/21
Carmen	Mobile Opera	10/21
Il barbiere di Siviglia	Intermountain Opera Bozeman	9/21
L'amico Fritz (new reduction)	University of Memphis Opera	11/19
La rondine (Act I only)	University of Memphis Opera	11/19
The Gondoliers	Memphis Light Opera	5/19
Die Zauberflöte	University of Memphis Opera	4/19
Il tabarro	Mobile Opera	3/19
H.M.S. Pinafore	Opera Memphis	2/19
Albert Herring	University of Memphis Opera	11/18
La bohème	Indianapolis Opera	9/18
The Tender Land	University of Memphis Opera	4/18
Così fan tutte	University of Memphis Opera	12/17
La traviata	Opera Memphis	10/17
Gianni Schicchi/Suor Angelica	University of Memphis Opera	4/17
Die Fledermaus	University of Memphis Opera	11/16
The Merry Wives of Windsor	University of Memphis Opera	4/16
The Beggar's Opera	University of Memphis Opera	11/15
Don Pasquale	Intermountain Opera Association	10/15
La finta giardiniera	Baldwin Wallace University	2/15
Ruddigore (new reduction)	Baldwin Wallace University	11/14
H.M.S. Pinafore	Intermountain Opera Association	10/14
La Cenerentola	Intermountain Opera Association	5/14
Hansel and Gretel	Baldwin Wallace University	2/14
The Pirates of Penzance (new reduction)	Baldwin Wallace University	11/13
La Cenerentola (new reduction)	University of Cincinnati Summer Program	8/13
The Turn of the Screw	Baldwin Wallace University	2/13
H.M.S. Pinafore (new reduction)	Baldwin Wallace University	11/12
Così fan tutte	Intermountain Opera Association	10/12
Le nozze di Figaro (new reduction)	University of Cincinnati Summer Program	8/12
Don Giovanni	Baldwin Wallace University	2/12
The Mikado (new reduction)	Baldwin Wallace University	10/11
Il barbiere di Siviglia	Intermountain Opera Association	5/11
Pagliacci	Tacoma Opera	2/11
Trouble in Tahiti	Tacoma Opera	2/11
Don Pasquale	Ashville Lyric Opera	1/10
Così fan tutte	Seattle Opera (YAP)	10/9
La bohème	Intermountain Opera Association	5/09
Semele	Baldwin-Wallace College	2/08
Il segreto di Susanna	Opera Theatre of Lucca (Italy)	7/07
The Dangerous Liaisons	University of Cincinnati/CCM	1/07
Amahl and the Night Visitors	Opera Theater of Pittsburgh	12/06
L'oiseau rebelle (Carmen adaptation)	University of Cincinnati/CCM	5/06

The Boor	University of Cincinnati/CCM	5/05
Trial by Jury	Pittsburgh CAPA	1/04
La grand'tante	Pittsburgh Opera (YAP)	4/03
Il segreto di Susanna	Pittsburgh Opera (YAP)	4/02

Artistic Director

Accademia Vocale Lorenzo Malfatti, Lucca Italy (2014-present) www.vocalacademyofitaly.org

Memphis Light Opera (founded 2019)

Assistant Director

Opera	Director	Company	Date
Suor Angelica	Bernard Uzan	Seattle Opera	5/13
La voix humaine	Bernard Uzan	Seattle Opera	5/13
Nabucco	Thaddeus Strassberger	Washington National Opera	5/12
Hamlet	Thaddeus Strassberger	Washington National Opera	5/10
Ariadne auf Naxos	Peter Kazaras	Seattle Opera (YAP)	3/10
Falstaff	Peter Kazaras	Seattle Opera	2/10
Il trovatore	José Maria Condemi	Seattle Opera	1/10
La traviata	Mark Streshinsky	Seattle Opera	10/09
Le nozze di Figaro	Peter Kazaras	Seattle Opera	5/09
A Midsummer Night's Dream	Peter Kazaras	Seattle Opera (YAP)	3/09
Bluebeard's Castle	Francois Raçine	Seattle Opera	2/09
Erwartung	Francois Raçine	Seattle Opera	2/09
Les pêcheurs de perles	Kay Walker Castaldo	Seattle Opera	12/08
Elektra	Christopher Alexander	Seattle Opera	10/08
Aida	Robin Guarino	Seattle Opera	8/08
Tamerlano	Chas Rader-Schieber	Washington National Opera	5/08
Der fliegende Holländer	Stephen Lawless	Washington National Opera	5/08
Le nozze di Figaro	Mark Streshinsky	Michigan Opera Theatre	11/07
Macbeth	Paolo Micciché	Washington National Opera	4/07
La fille du regiment	Emilio Sagi	Washington National Opera	3/07
Les contes d'Hoffman	Mark Streshinsky	Cincinnati Opera	7/06
Un ballo in maschera	Sandra Bernhard	Cincinnati Opera	7/06
Tosca	Marc Verzatt	Cincinnati Opera	6/06
Albert Herring	Nicholas Muni	University of Cincinnati/CCM	1/06
Rigoletto	Linda Brovsky	Cincinnati Opera	7/05
Summer and Smoke	Jonathan Eaton	Opera Theater of Pittsburgh	10/03
Street Scene	Sandra Bernhard	Pittsburgh Opera	2/02

Educator

Opera Stage Director, Associate Professor, University of Memphis, 2015-present

Director of Opera, Baldwin Wallace University 2010-2015

Master classes and workshops: Opera in the Ozarks UC-CCM, Penn State University, Western Washington University, Western Kentucky University

Acting Faculty: Accademia Vocale Lorenzo Malfatti, Lucca Italy (2014-present); CCM Spoleto Festival, Spoleto Italy (2010/11); UC-CCM Summer Festivals (2012/2013)

Education

Master of Fine Arts	Opera Stage Directing	University of Cincinnati/CCM	8/07
Master of Music	Vocal Performance	University of Cincinnati/CCM	6/03
Bachelor of Music	Vocal Performance	University of Cincinnati/CCM	6/99