

Laura Beth Wells

43 Huckleberry Lane Hopewell Junction, NY 12533*Phone: 917-664-0250*Email:KSUAActor@gmail.com

University Teaching Experience

8/05-5/06 Adjunct Professor Syracuse University Syracuse, NY

*Taught DRA 105, the Level I acting class for non-major undergraduates, and DRA 305, the Level II acting/scene study class for non-major undergraduates.

8/05-5/06 Adjunct Professor SUNY Binghamton Binghamton, NY

*Taught THEA 207, the Level I acting class for undergraduates.

8/04-5/05 Resident Professional Teaching Artist Cornell University Ithaca, NY

*Taught THEA 280, the Level I acting class for undergraduates Creating and teaching a movement workshop on Rudolph Laban's Effort Shapes. Other work included coaching students on audition pieces and performing in season productions.

8/97-5/00 Teaching Fellow Kent State University Kent, OH

*Taught Art of the Theatre, a lecture-based generalist class for undergraduates, and Art of Acting, the Level I acting class for undergraduates.

Additional Teaching Experience

2/06-5/06 Teaching Artist/Director Hangar Theatre/Project 4 Ithaca, NY

*Worked with teachers and students in fourth grade classrooms during 3-week residencies to:
1)Identify the educational goals for each project, as related to the NYS Learning Standards and school curriculum. 2)Create original plays with music, inspired by their topic, with the students, teachers, and musician/songwriter. 3)Produce the final show performed for their school and families.

7/05-8/05 Teaching Artist/Director Hangar Theatre Summer Acting Conservatory Ithaca, NY

*Taught Acting Level 3 for students ages 14-18 teaching the basics of character development, monologue and scene study. Also co-directed **The Phantom Tollbooth**, a fully produced hour-long production on the Hangar Theatre mainstage using the conservatory students.

7/01-8/01 Teaching Artist SF Shakespeare Festival Summer Camps San Francisco, CA

*Taught Acting for the Beginner class (grades 2-8) and the Advanced class (grades 9-12). Also directed a fully produced, 50 minute adaptation of **Macbeth** with the Advanced students.

7/01 Teaching Artist Calaveras Repertory Theatre Summer Drama Conservatory Milpitas, CA

*Created and taught a curriculum teaching the fundamentals of Rudolph Laban's Effort Shapes, a movement and improvisation technique, to students grades 4-8.

8/00-6/01 Teaching Artist/Director Theatre of All Possibilities Santa Cruz, CA

*Performed as an actor with the company, as well as taught and directed the participating student and adult actors at the school site, integrating them into the performance.

Education

- University of Tennessee Knoxville, TN BA *Graduated Summa Cum Laude
- Kent State University Kent, OH MFA *Graduated with a 4.0 average

REFERENCES

Terri Kent
School of Theatre and Dance
Kent State University School of Theatre
Theatre Drive
Kent, OH 44242
Phone: 330-672-2082
Fax: 330-672-2889
Email: theatre&dance@kent.edu

Jeff Gruszewski
Former Managing Director
Porthouse Summer Theatre and Kent Theatre Ensemble
Current Managing Director
Tales & Scales, Inc.
PO Box 3672
Evansville, IN 47735
812/425-8741 phone
812/421-9218 fax

Alison Van Dyke
Director of Undergraduate Studies
Cornell Department of Theatre, Film and Dance
229 Schwartz Center for Performing Arts
Ithaca, NY 14853
Phone: (607)254-2720
Email: avd3@cornell.edu