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*Society of American Fight Directors Certified Teacher
Fight Directors Canada Certified Fight Instructor*





Instruction Experience

Smallsword

Sept 2019- Jan 2020

Philadelphia, Pa

A formal SAFD course in smallsword, ending in an SAFD Skills Proficiency Test.

A Taste of Violence Workshops

Sept 2019 - Present

Created a workshop to introduce new students to theatrical combat as a discipline of study. Taught basic unarmed and sword techniques to beginning students.

Broadsword

May - Sept 2019

Philadelphia, Pa

A formal SAFD course in broadsword, ending in an SAFD Skills Proficiency Test.

Knife

Philadelphia, Pa

Dec 2017 - April 2018

A formal SAFD course in knife, ending in an SAFD Skills Proficiency Test.

Private Instruction

2013-Present

Philadelphia, Pa

Taught all weapon disciplines to students of all skill levels, both for certification training and for general skill improvement.

Temple University

2013-Present

Substitute Instructor

Taught unarmed and sword to beginning and intermediate students during absence of their regular professor.

- Arcadia University** 2013
 Substitute Instructor
Taught unarmed and sword to beginning and intermediate students during absence of their regular professor.
- The Fast and Furious** 2015-Present
 Intensive Certification Course | Instructor
Taught disciplines to intermediate students. Brought students a level that they may attempt to certify with Fight Directors Canada and the Society of American Fight Directors.
- Philadelphia Stage Combat Workshop** 2012-Present
 Instructor | Quartermaster
Taught a variety of disciplines to students of all skill levels, including Skill Proficiency Renewal tests for the Society of American Fight Directors. Quartermaster of the Armory.
- Theatre Alberta Workshops by Request** 2014
 Guest Instructor
 Grande Prairie Live Theatre | Grande Prairie, AB
Taught basic unarmed and sword techniques to beginning students.
- Edmonton Preparatory Workshop** 2014
 Instructor
 Edmonton, Alberta
Created a workshop aimed at preparing students for the rigors of Fight Directors Canada's National Workshop. Taught various disciplines to students of several levels.
- Edmonton Private Intensive Workshop** 2014
 Instructor
 Edmonton, Alberta
Taught basic disciplines to beginning students. Brought students to a level where they may attempt to certify with Fight Directors Canada.
- Mercy Vocational High School** 2013
 Guest Instructor
Taught basic unarmed and sword technique to beginner students.
- Summer Theatre Conservatory** 2014-2015
 Guest Instructor
 Dreamcatcher Repertory Theatre
Taught basic unarmed stage combat technique to beginner students.

Awards and Distinctions

- Examiner's Award for Excellence Quarterstaff Dec 2007
- Examiner's Award for Excellence Broadsword & Shield May 2008
- Best Dramatic Combat Scene FDC Dramatic Combat Workshop July 2010

Education

- The Pennsylvania State University Bachelor of Arts (Theatre) May 2005
- World Teacher's Conference August 2016
 - *World Stage Combat Conference hosted by Fight Directors Canada*
- Instructor Candidate July 2016
 - *Society of American Fight Directors National Stage Combat Workshop*
- Instructor Candidate July 2012
 - *Fight Directors Canada Dramatic Combat Workshop*
- Journeyman July 2011
 - *Fight Directors Canada Dramatic Combat Workshop*
- Advanced Actor/Combatant Candidate July 2010
 - *Fight Directors Canada Dramatic Combat Workshop*
- Intern July 2008
 - *The Society of American Fight Directors National Stage Combat Workshop*
- Actor/Combatant Candidate July 2006
 - *The Society of American Fight Directors National Stage Combat Workshop*
- The Philadelphia Stage Combat Workshop 2007-2014
- The Winter Wonderland Workshop 2009-2012
- The Summer Sling Workshop 2006-2009
- SAFD, FDC Fight Master Ian Rose
 - Private Instruction 2007-2015
 - Assistant 2008-2015
 - Apprenticed 2010-2012
- SAFD Certified Teacher Mark Olsen
 - Private Instruction 2004-2005

Fight Direction

Show

Woman and Scarecrow
Da
Wet, or, Isabella the Pirate Queen Enters the Horse Latitudes
The Sea Voyage
Lay Me Down Softly
Les Liaisons Dangereuse (asst. FD)
An Octoroon (asst. FD)
The Rover
Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead (asst. FD)
Hamlet (asst. FD)
Tale of the Phantom Ship
Les Liaisons Dangereuses
Family Debt
Noir
Criminal Genius
Dust to Dust
The Red Suitcase
The Diary of Lisa Quig
Sex & Violence
Featuring Loretta
A Brief History of Bar Brawls (Part 1)
North
Seventeen Missing Years
The Complete Works of William Shakespeare - Abridged
Ubu Roi
Simulations
The Last Days of Judas Iscariot
Romeo & Juliet
Romeo & Juliet
Romeo & Juliet
Henry V
Quentin Tarantino's Kill Ayatollah
The Cereal Life
Spectamus Te
Shady Grove – We Care About All of You
Alleycat Memories

Produced By

Irish Heritage Theatre
 Irish Heritage Theatre
 Once More Theatre
 Pheonixville Area High
 Irish Heritage Theatre
 The Booth Theatre
 The Wilma Theatre
 The Drama Group
 The Wilma Theatre
 The Wilma Theatre
 Temple Theatre Sidestage
 ActorsNET
 Philly's Primary Stages
 GDP Productions
 B. Someday Productions
 The 95 Runagates
 BRAT Productions
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 B. Someday Productions
 The 95 Runagates
 The Temple Film Collective
 GDP Productions
 Fever Dream Repertory
 GDP Productions
 Plays and Players Theatre
 Fever Dream Repertory
 Tristate Actor's Theatre
 Shakespeare '70
 The Barnstormers
 No Refund Theatre
 Penn State Park Projects
 Outlaws Theatre
 PSN-TV
 Outlaws Theatre
 Outlaws Theatre