



Meet the Director

Miss Cervantes

Theatre Background

My love for theatre was cultivated through playwriting and performing for my family as a child. I devoted countless journals to drafting plays before typing them out and printing them as "official copies". I was obsessed with the details - making tickets, hair, makeup, costumes - and fell in love with the art of making people laugh or surprising them from the stage. Growing up, there was always some kind of performance that I was putting on with my little brother (who I had bribed to help me) on our humble stage: a bed sheet draped over a painting rod balancing on the top of two kitchen chairs. My passion for theatre grew even stronger by being involved in the theatre department at my high school. I was in all four musicals - *The Wizard of Oz*, *1776*, *Into the Woods*, and *Chicago* as well as the play *The Girls of the Garden Club*. After high school, I went to Creighton University and double majored in Spanish and Theatre Performance. In class, I was educated in areas such as set-building, costume-design, directing, and acting while outside of class I was casted in *Elektra*, starred in *Eurydice*, and worked tech for *The Secret Garden*, *The Nutcracker*, and *Heathers*. I also had the opportunity to direct a couple of student-led productions... in Spanish! During this time, I was also casted in *Cinderella* at the Rose Theatre and did an internship there as a 'Teaching Artist' for a variety of age groups where I learned methods for teaching theatre to youth.



Directing Philosophy

Theatre is play. It requires imagination and exploration. It is my role to foster an environment that is fun, welcoming, and empowering so that actors feel safe enough to take risks, make strong choices, and just play on stage. As a director, I am a guide and an educator throughout the production process, valuing student voice and teaching cast and crew how to succeed as a team.

Favorite Show

Hairspray by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan

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