

# A N D R E W N I E N A B E R

## STAGE DIRECTOR

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### Selected Directing Experience

<i>Strawberry Fields/Trouble in Tahiti (New Production)</i>	Director	Opera Las Vegas	Spring 2022
<i>Un Giorno di Regno (New Production)</i>	Director, Translator	Opera Orlando	Winter 2022
<i>Carmen (New Production)</i>	Director	Opera Idaho	Winter 2022
<i>Verdi By Veggies (Film)</i>	Director/Lead Puppeteer	Resonance Works	Summer 2020
<i>Elixir of Love</i>	Director	Permian Basin Opera	Winter 2020
<i>La Boheme</i>	Director	Opera Idaho	Winter 2020
<i>Glory Denied</i>	Director	Penn Square Music Festival	Fall 2019
<i>The Magic Flute (Touring School Production)</i>	Director	Salt Marsh Opera	Spring 2019
<i>Tosca (New Production)</i>	Director	Opera Birmingham	Spring 2019
<i>Don Giovanni</i>	Director	Opera Idaho	Fall 2018
<i>Rusalka (New Production)</i>	Director	Resonance Works	Spring 2018
<i>Tosca</i>	Director	Permian Basin Opera	Spring 2018
<i>Elixir of Love</i>	Director	Opera Idaho	Fall 2017
<i>Tosca</i>	Director	L'Opera de Montreal	Summer 2017
<i>Elixir of Love</i>	Director	Hubbard Hall Opera	Summer 2017
<i>Tosca</i>	Director	Opera Idaho	Winter 2017
<i>The Magic Flute</i>	Director	Piedmont Opera	Spring 2015
<i>Elixir of Love (New Production)</i>	Director	Resonance Works	Fall 2014
<i>Il Barbiere di Siviglia</i>	Director	Hubbard Hall Opera Theater	Summer 2013
<i>Il Barbiere di Siviglia</i>	Director	Piedmont Opera	Winter 2013
<i>Sid, the Serpent Who Wanted to Sing</i>	Director	Dayton Opera	Winter 2013

<i>Florencia en el Amazonas (Reduced)</i>	Director	Palm Beach Opera	Spring 2012
<i>Romeo et Juliette</i>	Family Performance Director	Palm Beach Opera ( <i>Kevin Newbury, Director</i> )	Winter 2012
<i>The Tender Land (Reduced)</i>	Director	Palm Beach Opera	Winter 2012
<i>Semele (Reduced)</i>	Director	Palm Beach Opera	Winter 2012
<i>Opera Scenes</i>	Director	Opera in the Ozarks	Summer 2010
<i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i>	Family Performance Director	Central City Opera ( <i>Catherine Malfitano, Director</i> )	Summer 2009
<i>Opera a la Carte</i>	Director	Central City Opera	Summer 2009
<i>The Star Child (World premiere)</i>	Director	Opera Pacific	Summer 2007
<i>Opera Scenes</i>	Director	Orange County High School of the Arts	2004 - 2007
<i>Christopher Columbus</i>	Director	Opera Pacific	Summer 2006
<i>Gianni Schicchi</i>	Director	Orange County High School of the Arts	Spring 2006
<i>L'Elisir d'Amore (Touring)</i>	Director	Opera Pacific	Spring 2006
<i>Das Püppet (World premiere)</i>	Director	Opera Pacific	Summer 2005
<i>La Traviata (Touring)</i>	Director	Opera Pacific ( <i>Amy Hutchison, original director</i> )	Spring 2005
<i>Fun With Opera!</i>	Director	Opera Pacific	Winter 2005
<i>Eye of God</i>	Director	Rude Guerrilla Theater Company	Fall 2004
<i>The Emperor's New Clothes</i>	Director	Opera Pacific	Summer 2004
<i>Little Red Riding Hood</i>	Director	Opera Pacific ( <i>Greg Fortner, original production</i> )	Spring 2004
<i>Kiss of the Spider Woman</i>	Director	Rude Guerrilla Theater Company	Fall 2001

### **Selected Associate and Assistant Directing Experience**

<i>Tosca</i>	Associate Director	Michigan Opera Theater	Spring 2018
<i>Carmen (New Production)</i>	Associate Director	Opera in the Ozarks ( <i>Alan Hicks, Director</i> )	Summer 2010
<i>Tosca (New Production)</i>	Associate Director	Opera in the Ozarks ( <i>Sara Widzer, Director</i> )	Summer 2010
<i>Don Giovanni (New Production)</i>	Associate Director	Opera in the Ozarks ( <i>Sara Widzer, Director</i> )	Summer 2010
<i>Another Brick in the Wall</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Suzanne Crocker, Director</i> )	Summer 2018

<i>La Traviata</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Linda Brovsky, Director</i> )	Summer 2018
<i>JFK</i>	Assistant Director	L'Opera de Montreal ( <i>Thaddeus Strassberger, Director</i> )	Winter 2018
<i>La Fanciula del West</i>	Assistant Director	Michigan Opera Theater ( <i>Mario Corradi, Director</i> )	Spring 2017
<i>Silent Night</i>	Assistant Director	Michigan Opera Theater ( <i>Eric Simonson, Director</i> )	Fall 2016
<i>Tosca (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Jose Maria Condemi, Director</i> )	Summer 2016
<i>Fidelio</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Chris Alexander, Director</i> )	Summer 2016
<i>JFK (World Premiere)</i>	Assistant Director	Ft. Worth Opera ( <i>Thaddeus Strassberger, Director</i> )	Spring 2016
<i>Tosca</i>	Assistant Director	Dallas Opera ( <i>Ellen Douglas Schlaefer, Director</i> )	Fall 2015
<i>Morning Star (World Premiere)</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Ron Daniels, Director</i> )	Summer 2015
<i>Hamlet</i>	Assistant Director	Ft. Worth Opera ( <i>Thaddeus Strassberger, Director</i> )	Spring 2015
<i>The Marriage of Figaro</i>	Assistant Director	Dallas Opera ( <i>Kevin Moriarty, Director</i> )	Winter 2013
<i>Silent Night</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Eric Simonson, Director</i> )	Summer 2014
<i>Silent Night</i>	Assistant Director	Ft. Worth Opera ( <i>Octavio Cardenas, Director</i> )	Spring 2014
<i>Galileo Galilei (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Ted Huffman, Director</i> )	Summer 2013
<i>Glory Denied (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Ft. Worth Opera ( <i>Dean Anthony, Director</i> )	Spring 2013
<i>Maria de Buenos Aires (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Jose Maria Condemi, Director</i> )	Summer 2012
<i>La Traviata</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Jose Maria Condemi, Director</i> )	Summer 2012
<i>Le Nozze di Figaro</i>	Assistant Director	Ft. Worth Opera ( <i>Eric Einhorn, Director</i> )	Spring 2012
<i>Lucia di Lammermoor</i>	Assistant Director	Palm Beach Opera ( <i>Massimo Gasparon, Director</i> )	Spring 2012
<i>Romeo et Juliette</i>	Assistant Director	Palm Beach Opera ( <i>Kevin Newbury, Director</i> )	Winter 2012
<i>Giulio Cesare in Egitto</i>	Assistant Director	Ft. Worth Opera ( <i>David Gately, Director</i> )	Spring 2011
<i>Carmen (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>Renaud Doucet, Director</i> )	Spring 2010
<i>Il Barbiere di Siviglia (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>Renaud Doucet, Director</i> )	Winter 2010
<i>Lucia di Lammermoor (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>Renaud Doucet, Director</i> )	Winter 2010
<i>Pagliacci/Suor Angelica (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>Sandra Pocceschi, Director</i> )	Fall 2009
<i>Lucia di Lammermoor (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Central City Opera ( <i>Catherine Malfitano, Director</i> )	Summer 2009
<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>Bernard Uzan, Director</i> )	Spring 2009
<i>Le Nozze di Figaro</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>Stephen Lawless, Director</i> )	Spring 2009
<i>Lakmé</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>Adam Cook, Director</i> )	Winter 2009

<i>La Cenerentola</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>A. Scott Parry, Director</i> )	Winter 2009
<i>La Traviata</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>Bliss Hebert, Director</i> )	Fall 2008
<i>La Traviata (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Bliss Hebert, Director</i> )	Summer 2008
<i>Florencia en las Amazonas</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Andy Morton, Director</i> )	Summer 2008
<i>Lucie de Lammermoor</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Mark Strashinsky, Director</i> )	Summer 2008
<i>Madama Butterfly</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Mark Lamos, Director</i> )	Summer 2008
<i>La Boheme</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>Nicola Bowie, Director</i> )	Spring 2008
<i>Les Pêcheurs de Perles</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>Andrew Sinclair, Director</i> )	Winter 2008
<i>Così fan Tutti (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Florida Grand Opera ( <i>David Gately, Director</i> )	Fall 2007
<i>Nixon in China</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Kevin Newbury, Director</i> )	Summer 2007
<i>Così fan Tutti (New Production)</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Alain Gauthier, Director</i> )	Summer 2007
<i>Faust</i>	Assistant Director	Cincinnati Opera ( <i>Bernard Uzan, Director</i> )	Summer 2007
<i>L'Elisir d'Amore</i>	Assistant Director	Opera Pacific ( <i>A. Scott Parry, Director</i> )	Spring 2007
<i>Carmen</i>	Assistant Director	Opera Pacific ( <i>Ron Daniels, Director</i> )	Winter 2007
<i>Don Giovanni</i>	Assistant Director	Opera Pacific ( <i>Chas Rader-Shieber, Director</i> )	Winter 2007
<i>L'Italiana in Algeri</i>	Assistant Director	Opera Pacific ( <i>Ed Hastings, Director</i> )	Spring 2006
<i>Tosca</i>	Assistant Director	Opera Pacific ( <i>Garnett Bruce, Director</i> )	Winter 2005
<i>La Traviata</i>	Assistant Director	Opera Pacific ( <i>Amy Hutchison, Director</i> )	Spring 2005

## Other Projects and Honors

Translated the libretto of Verdi's *Un Giorno di Regno* into English for performance by Opera Orlando

Creator and director of *Ariadne Auf Ludlow*, a combined opera and circus cabaret at the Ludlow Theater in Ludlow, Kentucky, 2019

Director of Permian Basin Opera's 2021 fall Concert, "A Life In Opera" featuring Kirsten and Keith Chambers

Director of Cincinnati Opera's Opera Ball and Fashion Show, 2018

Director of Opera in the Ozarks' Gala (*Die Fledermaus*, act II), 2010

Winner of The 2015 American Prize for Best Opera Performance for *The Elixir of Love* at Resonance Works

Wrote the English libretto for German Composer Hans Andre Stamm's *The Starchild*

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Translated Sartre's *No Exit* and translated and adapted Jarry's *Ubu Roi* from French to English for the Rude Guerrilla Theater Company

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## Training

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Directors Lab West attendee, 2019

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BFA in Dramatic Performance from the University of Cincinnati – College Conservatory of Music with a concentration in directing, 1998

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Completed actor combatant training at the Society of American Fight Directors annual conference, 1999

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Conversant in French and Italian

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## Related Experience

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*Creative Director, Beerhall Opera*

**Fall 2019-Present**

Duties include conceiving, creating and directing cross-discipline shows for all audiences that include elements of opera, circus, dance and other art forms.

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*Artistic Director, Permian Basin Opera*

**Winter 2019-Present**

Duties include programming, casting, and advising the Board of Directors on all aspects of artistic import at the company.

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*Assistant Director of Opera Conservatory, Orange County High School of the Arts (OCHSA)*

**Spring 2004 – Spring 2007**

Duties included serving as resident stage director, general administration and instruction. Areas of instruction included acting, script analysis, stage combat and general opera education

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*Opera Pacific Children's Composition Project Administrator, Opera Pacific*

**Fall 2004 – Summer 2005**

Duties included the supervision of all aspects of the creation and production of an original two-act children's opera for Opera Pacific

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*Board of Directors member, Rude Guerrilla Theater Company*

**Fall 2001 – Fall 2002**

Duties included overseeing the operations of the company, making policy, contributing to the artistic vision of the company, and being the on-site manager of the theater.

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References available upon request

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