

Lauri Kraft

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Experienced choreographer, musical theatre performer and dance educator.

CHOREOGRAPHY:

Lyric Arts, Resident Choreographer

A Chorus Line, Peter and the Starcatcher, 9 to 5, Our Town, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, EVITA, Legally Blonde, Forever Plaid: Plaid Tidings, Shrek, Anything Goes, Guys and Dolls.
The Music Man (upcoming: director/choreographer)

DalekoArts

She Loves Me, White Christmas, The Rink, Stones in His Pockets

Normandale Community College

SpongeBob the Musical, In This Together

Totino-Grace High School

High School Musical, Hello Dolly, Sister Act

Shoot The Glass Theater

COMPANY

Stage Right Dinner Theatre, Wood Dale, IL

La Cage Aux Folles

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

Graffiti Dancers: Dancer, Choreographer and Producer

TEACHING/MENTORSHIP:

Lyric Arts

Created new paid mentorship for emerging choreographers to develop skills within the context of a professional production. Have conducted various workshops including musical theatre and tap.

Zenon Dance School, Minneapolis

Tap and Creative Dance Instructor

McDonald Dance Academy (Chicago area)

Jazz, Ballet and Musical Theatre Instructor

YOUTH/COMMUNITY EXPERIENCE:

Co-Chair, ECFE Parent Advisory Council, St. Louis Park, MN

Developed community programs for families with young children (Vehicle Fair, Fall Ball Family Dance, Winter Carnival, Spring Toy and Clothing Sale), and raised scholarship funds for low-income families to participate in ECFE programs.

Peter Hobart PTO, St. Louis Park, MN

Led effort to make PTO events low-waste, including recycling education and outreach. Worked with four elementary schools in district to increase awareness for organics recycling and develop low-waste events.

Master Recycler/Composter, Hennepin County

Completed training and required volunteer hours.

Reading Partners Volunteer

Reading Tutor, Bethune Community School, Minneapolis.

EDUCATION:

Northwestern University. Bachelor of Science, School of Speech.

TRAINING:

Extensive dance/vocal training. Dance training includes ballet, tap, jazz and modern. Early training in Nashville, TN; continuing training in Chicago, including Lou Conte and Joel Hall.

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SELECTED MUSICAL THEATRE CREDITS:

IN MINNESOTA:	ROLE:	PRODUCTION: (DIRECTOR, CHOREOGRAPHER)
Minnesota Opera	Dancer/Ensemble	<u>Rusalka</u> (Eric Simonson, Heidi Spesard-Noble)
Minnesota Orchestra	Ensemble	<u>Carousel</u> (Bob Neu, Penny Freeh)
Theatre Latte Da	Featured Dancer/Dance Capt.	<u>Evita</u> (Peter Rothstein, Michael Ferrell)
Bloomington Civic Theatre	Ensemble	<u>On The Town</u> (Wendy Lehr, Michael Ferrell)
Skylark Opera	Featured Dancer/Dance Capt.	<u>Wonderful Town</u> (Bob Neu, Penny Freeh)
	Ensemble/Dance Capt.	<u>On The Town</u> (Bob Neu, Penny Freeh)
	Bébé/Dance Captain	<u>Mademoiselle Modiste</u> (Kristin Kenning, Penny Freeh)
	Ensemble	<u>The Vagabond King</u> (Kristin Kenning, Linda Talcott Lee)
MVCT, Mounds View	Polly	<u>Crazy For You</u> (Joe LaForte, Heidi Spesard-Noble)
Eat Street Players	Marian	<u>The Music Man</u> (Michael Sheeks, Megan Kelly Hubbell)

NATIONAL TOUR:

<u>A Chorus Line</u> (Swing; u/s Diana, Maggie, Bebe, Connie, Kristine)	<i>Directed by Baayork Lee; included special engagement at Paper Mill Playhouse, NJ</i>
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WASHINGTON, D.C. AND CHICAGO AREA CREDITS:

PRODUCTION:	ROLE:	THEATRE:
<u>Bat Boy</u>	Meredith (<i>Helen Hayes Nominee</i>)	Studio Theatre, DC
<u>A Class Act</u>	Lucy	Studio Theatre, DC
<u>Gypsy</u>	Electra, u/s June, Dance Captain	Signature Theatre, VA
<u>Evita</u>	Eva Peron	Toby's Dinner Theatre, MD
<u>Dames at Sea</u>	u/s all females (Ruby/Joan/Mona)	Olney Theatre Center, MD
<u>Steel Pier</u>	Rita Racine (<i>WATCH Award</i>)	The Arlington Players, VA
<u>42nd Street</u>	Peggy Sawyer	Stage Right Dinner Theatre, IL
	Anytime Annie	Toby's Dinner Theatre, MD
<u>Singin' in the Rain</u>	Kathy Selden	Stage Right Dinner Theatre, IL
	Ensemble	Drury Lane Oakbrook Terrace, IL
<u>A Chorus Line</u>	u/s Sheila/Judy/Bebe/Christine	Drury Lane Evergreen Park, IL
	Connie	Northwestern University, IL
<u>Some Like it Hot</u>	Emily/Secretary/Dance Captain	Theatre at the Center, IN
<u>A Day in Hollywood...</u>	Masha/Dance Captain	Illinois Theatre Center, IL
<u>Damn Yankees</u>	Gloria Thorpe	Stage Right Dinner Theatre, IL
<u>West Side Story</u>	Dream Maria/Ensemble	Gallery Players, IL