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## **FIGHT/MOVEMENT DIRECTION**

**CONTEMPORARY THEATRE**

**Sherwood: The Adventures of Robin Hood**

**(Upcoming)** Weathervane Playhouse Brian Guidry LeTraunik

**Deathtrap (Upcoming)** Coker University Brian Guidry LeTraunik

**Soul Samurai** Port Arthur Little Theatre Jared Hinson

**The Curious Incident of the Dog…** Lamar University Carolyn Johnson

**Mauritius** Lamar University Carolyn Johnson

**Boeing Boeing** Lamar University Brian LeTraunik

**The 39 Steps**  Lamar University Brian LeTraunik

**The Last Night of Ballyhoo** Lamar University Brian LeTraunik

**Almost, Maine** Lamar University Brian LeTraunik

**A View From the Bridge** Lamar University Steven Hoffman

**Dutchman** Eastern Illinois University Jenni Passig

**Tunnel Rat** (U.S. Premiere) Genesis Theatricals Brian LeTraunik

**Reasons to Be Pretty** StageWest Theatre Co. Todd Buchacker

**The Outsiders** Hoover High School Elizabeth Sheridan

**The Glory of Living** Drake University Deena Conley

**Doo Lister’s Blues** National Pastime Theatre Victor Cole

**Robin Hood of Barnsdale Wood** Theatre Hikes Dan Scurek

**Dog Sees God** Western Illinois University Tommy Iafrate

**The Pillowman** Western Illinois University Jeff Day

**Moon Over Buffalo** Western Illinois University DC Wright

**Rashomon** Lincoln Square Theatre Kris Schramm

**The Chopin Playoffs@** Chicago Jewish Theatre Elayne & Brian LeTraunik

**The Stroop Report~@** Chicago Jewish Theatre Elayne & Brian LeTraunik

**The Golem~** Chicago Jewish Theatre David Zak

## **Jack O’Shea: The Saga Begins** Hairy Calahan Productions James Cook

## **Close Your Eyes** (World Premiere) Pyewacket Ken Lee

## **That Championship Season~\*** Red Hen Productions Steve Scott

**Bloody Bess~** Red Hen Productions Scott Cummins

**Jack O’Shea in Cas O’Blanca** Hairy Calahan Productions Andy Lawfer

**Jack O’Shea: Trouble in Toyland** Hairy Calahan Productions James Cook

**The House of Yes** Circle Theatre Greg Kolack

**Jack O’Shea: Return of the Jack** Hairy Calahan Productions Don Victorine

**The Moon’s the Madonna** Circle Theatre Greg Kolack

**Tough** Smash Theatre Jared Leal

**Pitz and Joe**~@ Red Hen Productions Greg Kolack

**Macbett**~\* greasy joan/Division 13 Joanna Settle

**Brave Smiles** Bailiwick Repertory Laurie Attea

**American Buffalo**\* Circle Theatre Tony Vezner

**Naked Will** Bailiwick Repertory David Zak

**Abundance**\* Pendulum Theatre Bill Redding

**Class Enemy**~\* Red Hen Productions Steve Scott

**When You Comin’ Back Red Ryder**\* CollaborAction Lou Saliba

**Incorruptible**\*@ LeTraunik Productions Mark-John McSheehy

**Softcops** Green Highway Theatre Janel Winter

**Black Angel**\*@ LeTraunik Productions Mark-John McSheehy

**Deathtrap** Village Theatre of Palatine Larry Boller

**I Hate Hamlet** Village Theatre of Palatine Sally Moomey

**CLASSICAL THEATRE**

## **The Comedy of Errors** Lamar University Brian LeTraunik

## **Romeo and Juliet** Lamar University Rutherford Cravens

## **Macbeth** Festival 56 Eric Wegener

**Twelfth Night** Coe College Dennis Barnett

## **Hamlet** Simpson College Jennifer Nostrala

## **Romeo and Juliet** Arts Lanes Page Hearn

**Twelfth Night** St. Ignatius College Prep Mary Pat Haley

**Othello** Chronicles Theater Company Bobby Zaman

**Romeo and Juliet** Talisman Theatre Mark Hardiman

**Edward II**~ Red Hen Production Mark-John McSheehy

**Romeo and Juliet** Elgin Community College Terry Domschke

**MUSICAL THEATRE**

**Legally Blonde** Coker University Brian Guidry LeTraunik

**Man of La Mancha+**  Central City Opera Paul Curran

**Sweet Charity** Lamar University Deena Conley

**Children of Eden** Summer Music Theatre Karen Lamb

**The Scarlet Pimpernel**  Highland Park High School Scott Shallenbarger

**Sweeney Todd~\*** Porchlight Music Theatre Walter Stearns

**The Pirates of Penzance~** Light Opera Works Lara Teeter

**Dear Friends and Gentle Hearts**  Bailiwick Repertory David Zak

**Cyrano** Circle Theatre Kevin Bellie

**Peter Pan** Highland Park Players Catherine Davis

**OPERA**

**La Traviata+**  Central City Opera Elise Sandell

**The Patriots** (World Premiere) Northeastern Illinois University Ronald Combs & Edward Kerros

~*AEA Production* \**Jeff Recommended* +*AGMA Production* @*Chicago Premiere*

**POSITIONS HELD**

* Assistant Professor of Theatre at Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, 2016-2021
* Instructor of Theatre at Lamar University, Beaumont, TX, 2013-2016
* Resident Fight Choreographer/Stage Combat Instructor for Central City Opera, Central City, CO, 2015
* Member of SAFD History Committee, 2020-present
* Chair of SAFD Professional Development Committee, 2016-present
* Chair of SAFD Merchandise Committee, 2001-2008
* Resident fight choreographer for Red Hen Productions and Chicago Jewish Theatre, 1999-2006
* Founder and Executive Director of the Chicago Stage Combat Academy, 2001-2002

###### **TEACHING**

**2018 Lonestar Smash Workshop (Dallas, TX)**

* *History of Stage Combat* workshop
* *You Know What Really Grinds My Gears* workshop
* *Intro to Rapier & Dagger*
* *Intro to Quarterstaff*

**2018 Lamar University (Beaumont, TX)**

* Semester long course, resulting in Rapier/Dagger SPT

**2017 Texas Thespians State Festival (Grapevine, TX)**

* Unarmed stage combat master class

**2017 Lamar University (Beaumont, TX)**

* Unarmed Stage Combat Intensive

**2017 Southeastern Theatre Conference (Lexington, KY)**

* *Acting & Fighting* workshop

**2016 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Chicago, IL)**

* *Yes…But Why?* specialty class
* *Slop it Up* specialty class
* *Why Can’t We Be Friends?* specialty class
* *Stay on Target* specialty class
* *William Hobbs: A Study in Fight Direction* lecture

**2015 Central City Opera (Central City, CO)**

* Taught stage combat classes for Bonfils-Stanton Foundation Artists Training Program

**2014 Louisiana Theatre Festival (Lake Charles, LA)**

* Basic unarmed workshop

**2014 SAFD Texas Intensive Workshop (Houston, TX)**

* *Rapier Vs. Dagger* specialty class
* *Create-a-Fight* specialty class

**2014 Texas Educational Theatre Association (TETA) Theatre Fest (Dallas, TX)**

* Basic unarmed workshop

**2013 National Stage Combat Workshop (Winston-Salem, NC)**

* Served as Teaching Assistant to Fight Master Scot Mann in rapier/dagger classes
* Taught single sword and sword/shield for Intro to Stage Combat Workshop
* Taught Meisner stage combat acting workshop

**2013 Valparaiso University (Valparaiso, IN)**

* Taught one day unarmed workshop

**2013 Eastern Illinois University (Charleston, IL)**

* Semester long unarmed stage combat course culminating in SPT

**2012 University of Findlay (Findlay, OH)**

* Two day unarmed workshop

**2012 Wichita State University (Wichita, KS)**

* Knife Skills Proficiency Test class

**2012 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (St. Charles, IL)**

* Sword & shield Skills Proficiency Renewal
* *The Pointy End Goes Into The Other Person* specialty class
* *Create-A-Fight* specialty class

**2011 Private Class (Chicago, IL)**

* Unarmed Skills Proficiency Renewal

**2011 SAFD Carnage in the Corn Workshop (Des Moines, IA)**

* Sword and shield Skills Proficiency Renewal
* *Street Fightin’ Single Sword* specialty class
* *3-2-1 Contact* specialty class
* *Create-A-Fight* specialty class

**2011 DePaul University (Chicago, IL)**

* Substitute teacher for rapier/dagger and unarmed stage combat classes

**2011 Coe College (Cedar Rapids, IA)**

* Unarmed workshop

**2011 SAFD Cease & Desist Workshop (Cincinnati, OH)**

* *It Ain’t Heavy, It’s My Broadsword* specialty class
* *The Pinch and the Ouch* specialty class

**2010 Actor’s Training Center at the Wilmette Theatre (Wilmette, IL)**

* Stage combat/physical acting master classes for Professional Teen Acting Intensive

**2010 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Elgin, IL)**

* Unarmed Skills Proficiency Renewal
* *One Hit Wonder* Specialty Class
* *The Pinch and the Ouch* specialty class

**2009 Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)**

* Co-taught, with SAFD Certified Teacher DC Wright, undergraduate/graduate stage combat class, culminating in Skills Proficiency Test in rapier & dagger

**2009 SAFD Carnage in the Corn Workshop (Des Moines, IA)**

* Unarmed Skills Proficiency Renewal
* *3-2-1 Contact!* specialty class
* *The Pinch and the Ouch* specialty class
* *Rapier & Dagger: Stage Combat Jazz* specialty class
* *Street Fightin’ Single Sword* specialty class

**2009 SAFD National Stage Combat Workshops (Winston-Salem, NC)**

* Served as Teaching Assistant to Fight Master J. David Brimmer in unarmed classes
* Taught quarterstaff and smallsword in Introduction to Stage Combat workshop
* *The Pinch and the Ouch* master class
* Co-taught, with SAFD Fight Director Bob Macdougall, *SPT Stagecraft* master class
* Taught individual smallsword Skills Proficiency Test
* Taught individual broadsword & shield Skills Proficiency Renewal
* Coached/directed student scenes

**2009 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Elgin, IL)**

* Skills Proficiency Renewal in smallsword
* Skills Proficiency Renewal in broadsword & shield
* *Create-a-Fight* specialty class
* *Street Fightin’ Smallsword*

**2009 KC/ACTF Region III Festival (Saginaw, MI)**

* Assisted SAFD Certified Teacher DC Wright in *Groin Shots are Funny* workshop

**2008 Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)**

* Guest lecturer in Introduction to Theatre class. Conducted lecture/demonstration on stage combat

**2008 SAFD Carnage in the Corn Workshop (Des Moines, IA)**

* *Swash My Buckle & Buckle My Swash* specialty class
* *History of Swordfighting on Screen* lecture
* *Create-a-Fight* specialty class
* *Yuen Wo-Ping: Martial Arts Master* lecture
* Co-taught, with SAFD Fight Director Michael Johnson, SAFD Skills Proficiency Renewal in unarmed

**2008 Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)**

* Co-taught, with SAFD Certified Teacher DC Wright, undergraduate/graduate credit stage combat class, culminating in Skills Proficiency Tests in unarmed

**2008 Private Class (Chicago, IL)**

* Sword & shield Skills Proficiency Test

**2008 Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)**

* Quarterstaff Skills Proficiency Test

**2008 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Elgin, IL)**

* Basic smallsword class
* *One Hit Wonder* specialty class
* *Non-Stop Rapier And Dagger* specialty class
* *Create-A-Fight* specialty class
* *A History of Swordfighting on Screen* lecture

**2007 Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)**

* Guest lecturer in undergraduate Introduction to Theatre class. Lectured/demonstrated stage combat techniques and principles of fight direction

**2007 Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)**

* Co-taught unarmed workshop for opera students

**2007 Western Illinois University (Macomb, IL)**

* Co-taught, with SAFD Certified Teacher DC Wright, undergraduate/graduate credit stage combat class culminating in Skills Proficiency Tests in broadsword and sword & shield

**2007 Lincoln Square Arts Center (Chicago, IL)**

* Single sword Skills Proficiency Test class

**2007 Lincoln Square Arts Center (Chicago, IL)**

* Rapier & dagger Skills Proficiency Test class

**2007 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Elgin, IL)**

* *Create-a-Fight* specialty class
* *Yuen Wo-Ping, Martial Arts Master* lecture
* Skills Proficiency Renewal in single sword

**2006 SAFD Eureka College Stage Combat Workshop (Eureka, IL)**

* Co-taught, with SAFD Fight Director Paul Dennhardt, a three week intensive workshop culminating in Skills Proficiency Tests in unarmed and single sword

**2006 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Chicago, IL)**

* *William Hobbs: A Study in Fight Choreography* lecture
* *One Hit Wonder* specialty class
* *Wushu Stancework* specialty class
* Skills Proficiency Renewal in broadsword

**2005 Simpson College (Indianola, IA)**

* Served five-day residency as a guest artist fight director. Taught unarmed workshops for the theatre department and served as a guest lecturer in several theatre classes

**2005 City of Evanston Performing Arts Day Camp (Evanston, IL)**

* Stage combat classes for students/campers ages 6-11

**2005 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Chicago, IL)**

* *Hey, Can You Do the Fights* lecture
* *One Hit Wonder* specialty class
* Beginning single sword class

**2004 North Carolina School of the Arts Summer Session: Introduction to Stage Combat (Winston-Salem, NC)**

* Beginning rapier & dagger class

**2004 SAFD Rumble in the Rockies Workshop/Denver Center for the Performing Arts (Denver, CO)**

* Served as a teaching assistant
* Co-taught *Rapier & Dagger For Dummies* class

**2004 Roosevelt University (Chicago, IL)**

* Assisted SAFD Certified Teacher Angela Bonacasa and SAFD Fight Master Chuck Coyl in single sword stage combat classes

**2003-2004** **Actor’s Gymnasium (Evanston, IL)**

* Assisted/taught introductory stage combat class encompassing unarmed, broadsword, quarterstaff, knife and single rapier techniques

**2003 Velocity Performing Arts Camp (Chicago, IL)**

* Unarmed stage combat master classes

**2002 Franklin Fine Arts Academy (Chicago, IL)**

* Unarmed workshop

**2002-2003 Actors’ Gymnasium (Evanston, IL)**

* Assisted SAFD Certified Teacher Angela Bonacasa in broadsword and shield Skills Proficiency Test (SPT) class

**2002 St. Ignatius College Prep (Chicago, IL)**

* Unarmed workshop

**2002 Chicago Stage Combat Academy (Chicago, IL)**

* Assisted SAFD Certified Teacher Angela Bonacasa in knife Skills Proficiency Test (SPT) class

**2002 Chicago Stage Combat Academy (Chicago, IL)**

* Beginning rapier & dagger class

**2002 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Chicago, IL)**

* Served as an intern
* Assisted SAFD Fight Master Chuck Coyl in beginning single sword class
* Assisted SAFD Fight Director Paul Dennhardt in beginning rapier & dagger class
* Assisted SAFD Fight Master David Woolley in beginning knife class
* Assisted SAFD Fight Director Robert Westley in beginning unarmed class

**2001 Chicago Stage Combat Academy (Chicago, IL)**

* Assisted SAFD Fight Director Geoffrey Kent in *Good Cop/Bad* *Cop* class

**2001 Chicago Stage Combat Academy (Chicago, IL)**

* Assisted SAFD Certified Teacher Angela Bonacasa in SAFD Actor/Combatant renewal workshop

**2001 Act One Studios (Chicago, IL)**

* Single rapier class

**2001** **Act One Studios (Chicago, IL)**

* Unarmed class

**2000** **SAFD National Stage Combat Workshop (Las Vegas, NV)**

* Served as an intern
* Assisted various SAFD Certified Teachers, Fight Directors and Fight Masters
* Also involved in student coaching

**1997-1998 Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)**

* Assisted SAFD Fight Master David Woolley in beginning and advanced stage combat classes encompassing unarmed, rapier & dagger, broadsword and smallsword techniques

**TRAINING**

* MFA in Acting from Western Illinois University-2010
* BA in Theatre (Acting) from Columbia College, Chicago-1998
* Certified as a Teacher by the Society of American Fight Directors (SAFD)-2004

***The SAFD recognizes approximately 150 individuals around the world as Certified Teachers of stage combat. This designation signifies thousands of hours of classroom training as well as successful completion of the SAFD’s Teacher Training Workshop. As a SAFD Certified Teacher, I am sanctioned to teach the SAFD’s Skills Proficiency Test (SPT) class, whereby students may test for recognition with the SAFD either in individual weapons or for Actor/Combatant status.***

* Recognized as an Actor/Combatant by the SAFD-1996
  + ***Weapons/styles studied*:** Unarmed, rapier & dagger, broadsword, quarterstaff, knife, single sword, smallsword, broadsword & shield, whip cracking, double sticks, rapier & buckler, smallsword & poniard, Shaolin Kung-Fu, Aikido, Pentjak Silat, katana, tomahawk & knife, police tactics (side handle baton/handcuffing), film fighting
* Registered 200 Hour Yoga Teacher with Yoga Alliance
* Certified Teacher Candidate with the National Michael Chekhov Association
* Theatrical Intimacy Training with Theatrical Intimacy Education. Workshops in Best Practices and Intimacy Choreography
* Wushu with Daniel Pesina, Chicago Wushu Guan
* Saber fencing with Chicago Fencing Club and Spindletop Cavaliers
* Basic knowledge of modern and black powder firearms
* Training in several theatre movement disciplines, including Alexander Technique, Laban, Commedia dell’Arte, physical comedy/clowning, mask work, Action Theatre, period movement
* Certified in American Heart Association First Aid, CPR, AED

**2004 SAFD Teacher Training Workshop (Winston-Salem, NC)**

* Three week intensive workshop leading to SAFD teacher certification.

**2003 Actor’s Gymnasium (Evanston, IL)**

* Single sword skills proficiency test (SPT) class taught by SAFD Certified Teacher Angela Bonacasa.

**2003 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Chicago, IL)**

* Various instructors and courses of study.

**2002 SAFD National Stage Combat Workshop, Advanced Actor/Combatant Workshop (Las Vegas, NV)**

* Various instructors and courses of study including skills proficiency tests and renewals in the following disciplines: unarmed, rapier & dagger, quarterstaff, broadsword, smallsword, broadsword & shield, knife and single sword.
* Faculty included SAFD Fight Masters Dale Girard, Brian Byrnes, Chuck Coyl, Drew Fracher, David Boushey, David Leong, David Woolley, Erik Fredricksen, J. Allen Suddeth.

**2002 Chicago Stage Combat Academy (Chicago, IL)**

* Kung-Fu fighting for film workshop taught by SAFD Fight Master Michael Chin.

**2002 Chicago Stage Combat Academy (Chicago, IL)**

* Fighting for film workshop taught by SAFD Fight Master David Boushey.

**2001 SAFD Stage Combat Workshop at Louisiana Tech University (Ruston, LA)**

* Various instructors and courses of study.

**2001 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Chicago, IL)**

* Various instructors and courses of study.

**2000 SAFD Rumble in the Rockies Workshop (Denver, CO)**

* Various instructors and courses of study.

**1999 SAFD Stage Combat Workshop at Louisiana Tech University (Ruston, LA)**

* Various instructors and courses of study.

**1999 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Chicago, IL)**

* Various instructors and courses of study.

**1998 Chicago, IL**

* Unarmed workshop with SAFD Fight Director Paul Dennhardt.

**1998** **SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Chicago, IL)**

* Various instructors and courses of study.

**1997 SAFD Celebration Barn Fight Director’s Workshop (South Paris, ME)**

* Study of fight direction techniques including choreography, weapons selection, firearm safety and performer interaction.
* Taught by SAFD Fight Master J. Allen Suddeth, SAFD Fight Director Mark Olsen and Rick Sordelet.

**1997 SAFD Winter Wonderland Workshop (Chicago, IL)**

* Various instructors and courses of study.

**1995-1998 Columbia College Chicago (Chicago, IL)**

* Beginning, advanced and independent study stage combat classes culminating in skills proficiency tests (SPT) in the following disciplines: unarmed, rapier & dagger, broadsword, smallsword, quarterstaff and broadsword & shield. Taught by SAFD Fight Master David Woolley.

**ACTING RESUME, FULL CV, AND REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**

**Samples of choreography can be seen at:**

**www.brianguidryletraunik.com**