

MICHAEL JONES

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director and Co-Founder 2008-Present (Incorporated in 2011)

Professional Theatre and Dance Youth Academy, Chicago IL

- Vision Co-founded a performing arts non-profit organization to provide quality arts programming for underserved youth in Chicago.
- Finance Manage organizational budget for multiple school sites and general operations
- Fundraising Oversee fundraising initiatives including silent auctions, presentations for donors, development of the ongoing case for support, soliciting major gifts, and grants.
- Programming Provided artistic direction, instruction, staffing for multiple school sites including UChicago Charter School, Wadsworth, Urban Prep Academy, and Ralph Ellison

All-City Performing Arts Dance Director 2017-2020

Chicago Public Schools

- Choreographed and directed top dance students from throughout the city of Chicago.

Choreographer Summers 2009-2010

Long Lake Camp for the Arts

- Choreographer for advanced musical theatre camp intensive for students from all over the world.

Theatre and Dance Director and Instructor 2006-2008

University of Chicago Charter School, Chicago IL

- Built arts department and managed budget for UChicago Charter School Woodlawn Campus
- Developed arts curriculum for grades 6-12, evaluated student progress through written work and performance opportunities, planned enrichment field trips
- Developed partnerships on behalf of the charter school with Chicago arts institutions

Director of After School Arts Programming 2005-2007

Chicago Public Schools, Chicago IL

- Directed student after school performing arts programs at Tilton Elementary, Persian West, Ames Elementary, and Emmett Till Math and Science Academy
- Choreographed diverse urban and musical theatre pieces for community performances

Co-Director and Choreographer 2003-2008

BRAVO! Performing Arts Academy, Oak Park, IL

- Co-wrote and choreographed productions for the school year and summer season
- Managed 150-student program, grades 4-8, multi-run shows, sold-out audiences

EDUCATION

B.A. Musical Theatre | Minor in Speech | St. Mary of the Plains, Dodge City, KS | June 1983

HONORS

- Arts Education Advisory Council, Americans for the Arts, 2020-Present
- Board Member, Madison Street Theater, 2020-Present
- Life Changers Award, Chicago Music Awards, 2015
- Associate Director, The Young Americans, 2010-2015
- Outstanding Choreography, Disney's Junior Theatre Festival, 2009
- Outstanding High School Teaching Practices Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, 2008
- Board of Directors, Black Theatre Alliance Awards, 2008-2009
- Nominee Best Actor in a Musical, Black Theatre Alliance Awards, Chicago, IL, 2008

PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

STAGE

The Wiz	Jedlicka Performing Arts Center	Tin Man
Blast to the Past	Royal Caribbean Cruise Line	Bobby
Spotlight on Broadway	Royal Caribbean Cruise Line	Featured Singer
Hip-Hop Magic	"Woozland" Theme Park, Taiwan	Manager/Performer
The Palm Beach Club	Cannes, France	Featured Dancer

DINNER THEATRE

Williamsburg Dinner Theatre	Traverse City, Michigan	Singer/Dancer/Host/Emcee
Tibbies Music Hall	Seal Beach, CA	Singer/Dancer/Host/Emcee
Baxter's Street Dinner Theatre	Newport Beach, CA	Choreographer/Asst. Director
The Sandpiper	Atlanta, GA	Choreographer/Asst. Director
The Young Americans Theatre	Harbor Springs, MI	Asst. Company Manager
Boyne Highlands Dinner Theatre	Huntington Beach, CA	Singer/Dancer
Spirit of Chicago	Chicago, IL	Singer/Dancer

TOURING

Liberace	Eastern U.S. Tour	Dancer
The Young Americans	European Tour	Singer/Dancer
The Young Americans	Broadway & Hollywood	Singer/Dancer
The Young Americans	Hawaiian Tour	Singer/Dancer Featured Artist
Fuji Film	Japan Tour	

CRUISE SHIPS

Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines		Variety Headliner
Norwegian Cruise Lines		Variety Headliner
Holland America Lines		Variety Headliner
Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines		Featured Artist
Princess Cruises		Featured Singer/ Variety Headliner

HOST

Dance Excellence, McQuitty	Los Angeles, CA
Labor Day Soul Cruise	Chicago, IL
A Christmas Spectacular	Traverse City, MI

TELEVISION

The Big Date	KTLA Studios, Los Angeles	Audience Warm-Up
The Party Machine	Paramount Picture Studios	Featured Dancer
British Columbia Television		Singer/Dancer