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# Kaela O'Connor

TEACHER • CHOREOGRAPHER • DIRECTOR

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## STUDIO ARTISTIC DIRECTOR / DIR. MUSICAL THEATRE COMPANY

Class Act Performing Arts Studio (2022-present)

South Orange, NJ

- All previous duties from Assoc. Dir. Position, and the following:
- Responsible for the show planning and rehearsal scheduling of all major productions including January Revue, May Musicals, and June Showcases, as well as our summer programming
- As a direct report to Exec. Director, I liaise with and regularly disseminate information to all students, parents, and faculty. Client-facing role

## ASSOCIATE DIR. MUSICAL THEATRE & DANCE COMPANIES

Class Act Performing Arts Studio (2015- 2022)

South Orange, NJ

- Serves on the Executive Team as Vice President and Chair
- Teaches Tap, Musical Theatre dance styles, and Advanced Audition Techniques, but has also taught Hip hop, Ballet, Lyrical, Contemporary, Acting, Voice, Piano, and Jazz
- Coaches kids on summer program and BFA college auditions
- Choreographs for the Musical Theatre and Dance Companies (annual winter revue, dance competitions, spring musical, annual summer recital etc.)

## SUBSTITUTE FOR MUSICAL THEATRE & DANCE DEPARTMENTS

Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music (2014-2015)

Cincinnati, OH

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## STYLES & CLASSES OFFERED

### CLASS & CHOREO

Tap, Jazz, Contemporary, Musical Theatre (inc. Fosse), Hip Hop, Street Jazz, Acting, Voice.  
All ages and levels included.

### CHOREOGRAPHY FOR

Musicals, Special Events, Dance Competitions (solos, duets/trio, small groups, large group production)  
\*Experienced in choreography for social distancing and teaching via Zoom

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## CHOREOGRAPHY EXPERIENCE

2015 Senior Showcase – Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music (CCM)

“Xanadu” – Class Act Performing Arts Studio

“Carrie, The Musical” - Class Act Performing Arts Studio

“Sweeney Todd” - Class Act Performing Arts Studio

“Spring Awakening” - Class Act Performing Arts Studio

“Rent” – Forbidden Theatre Company


“Head Over Heels” - Class Act Performing Arts Studio


“Pippin” - Class Act Performing Arts Studio


“Babe, the Sheep-Pig” – Guildford School of Acting


2021 BA Musical Theatre Showcase – Guildford School of Acting (Assoc. dir./choreo.)


“Sweet Charity” – Class Act Performing Arts Studio (May 2024)

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## Education

- BFA in Musical Theatre  
Cincinnati College-Conservatory  
of Music  
Summa Cum Laude
- MFA in Musical Theatre  
with Distinction  
Guildford School of Acting

## Training

Tap  
Jazz  
Hip Hop / Street  
Contemporary  
Theatre Dance (inc. Fosse)  
Ballet  
Acting  
Voice

## Certifications

CIZE LIVE! Fitness Instructor