

CODY ALVER RUSSELL

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Education

2025	M.F.A Design Department of Theatre and Film Studies Franklin College of Arts and Sciences University of Georgia
2011	B.A. Theatre Performance Department of Theatre and Dance High Point University
2011	B.A. Music Department of Music High Point University

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Assistant Professor, Georgia Gwinnett College, Fall 2026

Guest Lecturer, University of Georgia, Dept. of Theatre and Film Studies, Appreciation of Dramatic Arts

Scenic Painting Lecture, Spring 2026

Guest Lecturer, University of Georgia, Dept. of Theatre and Film Studies, Appreciation of Dramatic Arts

Design Lecture, Fall 2025

Guest Lecturer, University of Georgia, Dept. of Theatre and Film Studies, Appreciation of Dramatic Arts

Scenic Design Lecture, Fall 2025

Guest Lecturer, University of Georgia, Dept. of Theatre and Film Studies, Appreciation of Dramatic Arts

Interdisciplinary Composition, Fall 2022

Music Teacher, Northside United Methodist Preschool, Atlanta, GA, 2021-2022
Developed and taught curriculum to students ranging from toddlers (18 months) to Pre-K (6 years old). Devised musicals and chapel performances. Accompanied in school performances. Students learned how to explore steady beats and repeating simple rhythm patterns and musical repertoire with voices and percussion instruments. Students also learn how to read music through sight singing and color coded bell-song repertoire.

Camp Coordinator, Eclectic Music Atlanta, Atlanta, GA, 2021-2022
Facilitated daily camp rituals and routines, Lead a team of teachers preparing students for a weekly performance showcasing their musical growth, aided in logistical setup, and supplemented small group studies for voice, piano, and xylophone.

Musical Theatre Instructor, Aurora Academy, Aurora Theatre, GA, 2017-2019
Developed and taught musical theatre curriculum, building repertoire, accompanying performances, assisting in writing scripts for showcase.

Guest Music Director, Serenbe Playhouse, Palmetto, GA, 2018-2019
Curated and taught musical theatre repertoire for graduating apprentice members showcase. Sessions included teaching vocal parts, vocal coachings, acting through song, vocal pedagogy, and vocal health as related to industry needs. Accompanied Performances on Keyboard for showcase performances.

Guest Music Director, Georgia Ensemble Theatre, Roswell, GA, 2017-2019

Camp Director, Aurora Academy, Aurora Theatre, Lawrenceville, GA, 2019-2021
Lead daily rehearsals for Aurora Academy Summer Camp. Directed books scenes, collaborated with choreographer for some musical numbers, Lead Acting classes, lead meetings involving casting, scheduled rehearsal breakdown, and backstage/design needs.

Music Director, Aurora Academy, Aurora Theatre, Lawrenceville, GA, 2016-2018
Lead music rehearsals for Aurora Academy Summer Camp. Assisted in: casting, scheduling rehearsal breakdowns, lead backstage/design needs.

Musical Theatre Instructor, Studio K Dance, Jacksonville, FL, 2015-2016
Developed and Taught musical theatre curriculum to students, wrote scripts for performances and headed design needs of performances.

Assist Music Director/Production Manager, Summer Musical Theatre Experience, Jacksonville, FL, 2008-2015

Assisted Music Director in leading music rehearsals; teaching vocal parts, offering vocal pedagogy, acting through song, section leader voice model, leading digital orchestrations from pit, conducting offstage choirs. Leading sign in and sign outs, distributing information to parents, facilitating production meetings.

Substitute Teacher, Duval County Public Schools, Jacksonville, FL, 2012-2016 Lead lesson plans for students ranging from Kindergarten to Advanced Placement and Dual Enrollment high school classes.

Work Experience

Company Acting Member of Magic Wardrobe, Jacksonville FL, 2012-2016

Scenic Painting, Aurora Theatre, GA, 2018-2021

Assisted in painting scenery for Mama Mia, Feeding Beatrice.

Scenic Painting, Georgia Gwinnett College, GA 2017-2021

Assisted in painting scenery for 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, The Addams Family, Zombie Prom, Shaking Up Shakespeare, Unplugged in the Park, Ordinary Days.

Scenic Charge, Aurora Theatre, Lawrenceville, GA, 2021

Lead scenic painting for P. Nokio

Technical Director, Georgia Gwinnett College, GA, 2017-2021

Lead Shop build for 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, The Addams Family, Zombie Prom, Shaking Up Shakespeare, Unplugged in the Park, Ordinary Days.

Design Credits

Scenic Design

25TH Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Georgia Gwinnett College 2017

Twelfth Night

Georgia Gwinnett College 2018

The Addams Family

Georgia Gwinnett College 2018

Zombie Prom

Georgia Gwinnett College 2019

Shaking Up Shakespeare

Georgia Gwinnett College 2020

Unplugged in the Park: Fairytale Edition

Georgia Gwinnett College 2020

Ordinary Days

Georgia Gwinnett College 2021

Meshach, Shadrach, and Abednedgo	Northside United Meth.	2022
Descendants	Georgia Gwinett College.	2023
Little Shop of Horrors	University of Georgia	2024
Mouse Trap	Stagedoor Players.	2024
Murder on the Orient Express	University of Georgia	2025
School Girls: the African Mean Girls Play Initiative	Kennesaw State University	2026
	Aurora Theatre	2026
Prop Design		
Throw Me on the Burnpile and Light Me Up	Aurora Theatre	2017
Sense and Sensibility	Syncronicity Theatre	2017
Space Girl	Weird Sisters	2017
Goosebumps the Musical	Aurora Theatre	2017
Christmas Canteen	Aurora Theatre	2017
Be Here Now	Aurora Theatre	2018
Damn Yankees	Theatre Buford	2018
A Wrinkle In Time	Georgia Ensemble Thea.	2018
Native Gardens	Aurora Theatre	2018
Beat Bugs the Musical	Georgia Ensemble Thea.	2019
Aesops Fables	Georgia Ensemble Thea.	2019
Children of Eden	Aurora Theatre	2019
Tuck Everlasting	Georgia Ensemble Thea.	2019
Cat in the Hat	Aurora Theatre	2020
Leading Ladies	Georgia Ensemble Thea.	2020

Awards

NATS regionals, Musical Theatre, 3rd place- 2010

KCACTF semi finalist- Acting 2011

Carnegie Hall "Solo" performance, High Point University, Chamber Singers- 2011

Jessica Fogle Award for Excellence in Theatre, High Point University- 2011

Jessica Fogle Award for Excellence in Music, High Point University- 2011
Aurora Theatre Artists Spotlight, Aurora Theatre- 2020

Directing

25th Annual Putnam Cty Spelling Bee	High Point University	2009
God's Favorite	High Point University	2011
Boy From Oz	Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre	2013
Tuna Goes to Vegas	Atlantic Beach Experimental Theatre	2014
Frozen Jr.	Aurora Academy, Aurora Theatre	2019
Moana Jr.	Aurora Academy, Aurora Theatre	2021
Lion King Jr.	Aurora Academy, Aurora Theatre	2024
Madagascar Jr.	Aurora Academy, Aurora Theatre	2025

Professional Performance History

Stuart Little	Stuart Little	Sign Stage on Tour	2012
Kriep, A Grusical	Kriep	NYC Fringe	2012
Grace For President	Sam	Aurora Theatre	2016
Christmas Canteen	Ensemble	Aurora Theatre	2016
Sweep	Adam	Aurora Theatre	2017
Turandot	Chorus	The Atlanta Opera	2017
The Flying Dutchman	Chorus	The Atlanta Opera	2017
Daughter of the Regiment	Chorus	The Atlanta Opera	2017
Carmen	Chorus	The Atlanta Opera	2018
Dead Man Walking	Chorus	The Atlanta Opera	2019
Angry Fags	Copper	7Stages	2019
Wrinkle in Time	Various Roles	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	2019
Junie B. Jones	Various Roles	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	2019
Ride the Cyclone	Noel u/s	Alliance Theatre	2019
Bright Star	Ensemble	Georgia Ensemble Theatre	2020
Barber of Seville	Chorus	The Atlanta Opera	2021