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THEATRE

Hairspray	Tracy Turnblad	Curtain Call PAC	<i>Dir. Jess Otterbine/Choreo Thayne Jasperson</i>
Newsies	Katherine Plumber	Curtain Call PAC	<i>Dir. Jess Otterbine/Choreo Thayne Jasperson</i>
Crazy for You	Lottie Child/Patrica Fodor	Penn State Centre Stage	<i>Dir. Christine O'Grady</i>
Spelling Bee	Olive Ostrofsky	Lenape Drama	<i>Dir. Michael Del Rossi</i>
Into the Woods	Florinda/US Jack's Mother	Penn State Centre Stage	<i>Dir. Rick Lombardo/MD Harry Collins</i>
Love's Labour's Lost	Female Presenting Swing		
	US Jacquenetta and Holofernes	Penn State Centre Stage	<i>Dir. Christine O'Grady</i>
Sweeney Todd	Ensemble/US Mrs. Lovett	Penn State Centre Stage	<i>Dir. Zack Steele</i>
Urinetown	Josephine Strong/US Pennywise	Penn State Centre Stage	<i>Dir. David Kersnar/MD Darren Cohen</i>
Great Comet	Roving Guitarist/US Marya D	Penn State Centre Stage	<i>Dir./Choreo Christine O'Grady Roberts</i>
Wedding Singer	Rosie	Lenape Drama	<i>Dir. Michael Del Rossi</i>
Footloose	Wendy Jo	Lenape Drama	<i>Dir. Michael Del Rossi</i>
Little Shop	Audrey II/Student Choreographer	Lenape Drama	<i>Dir. Grace Postiglione</i>

NEW WORKS

Centralia (54 Below)	Shelley Walgrove (Featured)	Adam Chanler-Berat And Julian Hornik	<i>Dir. John Simpkins</i>
Fairest of Them All	Snow White	PSU Program Project	<i>Dir/Chor. Natalie Malotke</i>

PILOT PRODUCTIONS

SpongeBob	Sandy Cheeks	iTheatrics	<i>Dir. Jiana Odland</i>
Brigadoon	Meg	iTheatrics	<i>Dir. Marty Johnson</i>

CHOREOGRAPHY DVD for use by MTI Shows and the Disney Broadway Jr. Collection

Finding Nemo Jr.	Crush	Disney Theatrical Productions/iTheatrics
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FESTIVALS/RECOGNITION/COMMERCIAL/PRINT

Outstanding Choreography	The Lion King, Jr.	Junior Theatre Festival, Atlanta, GA
Outstanding Production	Once on this Island, Jr.	Junior Theatre Festival Europe, London UK

TRAINING

Penn State University B.F.A. Musical Theatre Class of 2026 John Simpkins (Head of Program)

Dance: Natalie Malotke, Chaz Wolcott, Michelle Dunleavy, Kikora Franklin, Linda Carole Bowen, Nicole Hockenberry

Acting: Wendell Franklin, Steven Snyder, David Kersnar, John Simpkins, Katie Weiland, Leo Ash Evens, Jess Otterbine

Voice: Gwen Walker, Kris Danford, Allegra Richie, Amy Linden, Martha Lavender

SPECIAL SKILLS

Makeup application – beauty/stage/character/special effects; ukulele; guitar; basic piano; quick to learn dialects, baking and cooking, choreography, character voices, impressions (Voldemort), excellent with animals, valid NJ drivers license, passport, comedy, photography, spotlight operation