

# Amanda Pintore

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## ARTISTIC & EDUCATION POSITIONS

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<b>Arizona State University</b> – School of Music, Dance and Theatre, Tempe, AZ Assistant Professor in Theatre for Youth and Community and Acting	August 2022 – present
<b>Theatre and Dance for the Very Young Conference</b> Conference Founder and Chair	August 2021 – May 2023
<b>Lawrence Arts Center</b> , Lawrence, KS Associate Director of Performing Arts and Education Founder & Coordinator of the Theatre and Dance for the Very Young program	June 2017 – July 2022 April 2018 – July 2022
<b>Kerfuffle</b> , Midwest Region Board of Directors- Secretary Associate Artistic Director	November 2023 – present August 2015 – April 2023
<b>International Performing Arts for Youth</b> , Philadelphia, PA IPAY Associate / Co-Director of the Rye and Porter Programs	Nov. 2018 – Dec. 2021
<b>Arizona State University</b> – School of Film, Dance and Theatre, Tempe, AZ Community Engagement Coordinator	August 2015 – May 2017
<b>St. Lou Fringe Festival</b> , St. Louis, MO Artist Services and Volunteer Coordinator / Fringe Family Coordinator	August 2012 – July 2014

## EDUCATION

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<b>Master of Fine Arts in Theatre for Youth</b> Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ Applied Project: <i>wonderwander: An Embodied Exploration of Dance Between Adult Dancers, Very Young Children, and their Caregivers</i> Committee: Mary McAvoy (chair), Eileen Standley, Becky Dyer	2014 – 2017
<b>Bachelor of Arts in Theatre with a Directing Emphasis, Summa Cum Laude</b> Chadron State College, Chadron, NE	2007 – 2011

## RESEARCH & DEVISING: THEATRE & DANCE FOR THE VERY YOUNG

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<i>Big Wide Sky</i>	Researcher / Project Lead	Atlantic Tech. Uni. (Ireland)	2023
<i>in the way down deep</i>	Researcher / Director	Arizona State University	2023
<i>Hello, World!</i>	Project Consultant	Arizona State University	2021 – 2022
<i>Over, Under, All Around</i>	Researcher / Director / Performer	Lawrence Arts Center	2021
<i>Splash!</i>	Researcher / Director / Performer	Lawrence Arts Center	2021
<i>Hubbub</i>	Researcher / Director	Lawrence Arts Center	2021 & 2022
<i>Atmosphere</i>	Researcher / Director	Lawrence Arts Center	2020
<i>Spill, Squish, Crunch</i>	Researcher / Creator	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Baby Disco</i>	Researcher / Creator	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Color Play</i>	Researcher / Director	Center of Creative Arts	2018

<i>Color Play</i>	Researcher / Director / Performer	Lawrence Arts Center	2018
<i>Dot</i>	Researcher / Choreographer / Dancer	Lawrence Arts Center	2018
<i>wonderwander</i>	Researcher / Choreographer / Dancer	Dance and the Child Intl.	2018
<i>wonderwander</i>	Researcher / Choreographer / Dancer	Kerfuffle	2017
<i>The Caterpillar's Footprint</i>	Collaborator / Performer	Kerfuffle	2016
<i>Baby Garden</i>	Collaborator / Performer	Metro Theater Company	2013

## **DIRECTING & DEVISING**

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<i>A Midsummer Night's Dream: Fantasy on the Dance Floor</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2023
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2021
<i>Summer Youth Theatre Virtual Variety Show</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2020
<i>Willy Wonka</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Chicago</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Conqueror of the Western Marches</i>	Moss Arts Center	2019
<i>Goodnight Moon</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2018
<i>The Wizard of Oz</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2018
<i>Intergenerational Storytelling Project</i>	Childsplay	2017
<i>Conqueror of the Western Marches</i>	Arizona State University	2016
<i>The JunGirl Book</i>	Homestead Comm. Playhouse	2016
<i>An Iliad</i>	Arizona State University	2016
<i>Evan's Story or the Clang Echoed in All of Us</i>	Arizona State University	2015
<i>Amazon Rainforest Tour</i>	Childsplay	2015
<i>Connecting Cultures: Storytelling WWII Experiences</i>	Childsplay	2015
<i>[De/As]cending</i>	Arizona State University	2015
<i>Creative Spark</i>	Arizona State University	2015
<i>Spring Awakening</i>	Binary Theatre	2015
<i>Tales: A Devised Circus Play</i>	Center of Creative Arts	2014
<i>Turn of the Screw</i>	Center of Creative Arts	2013
<i>The Sparrow</i>	Center of Creative Arts	2013
<i>How I Learned to Drive</i>	Chadron State College	2011

## **CHOREOGRAPHY**

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<i>Caveman Play</i>	Red Theatre	2023
<i>Frozen Jr. (Choreography Consultant)</i>	Homestead Comm. Playhouse	2023
<i>REHURSAAL</i>	Charlotte Street Foundation	2022
<i>The Big One-Oh! A Zoomsical</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2020
<i>Willy Wonka</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Jungle Book</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Oliver</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Ish</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Goodnight Moon</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Pinkalicious</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2017
<i>Les Miserables</i>	Lawrence Arts Center	2017
<i>Choose Your Own Adventure</i>	Arizona State University	2016

## **PERFORMANCE**

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<i>Understanding Otherness</i>	Dancer	Greybox Collective	2023
<i>The Vagina Monologues</i>	Ensemble	Lawrence Arts Center	2020
<i>Oliver</i>	Mrs. Sowerberry	Lawrence Arts Center	2019
<i>Twin Peaks: Welcome to the Black Lodge</i>	Lucy/Nadine	Lawrence Arts Center	2017

<i>The Conference of the Birds</i>	Dancer	Arizona State University	2017
<i>Macbeth</i>	Lady Macbeth	Arizona State University	2017
<i>Choose Your Own Adventure</i>	Dancer	Arizona State University	2016
<i>Pillars of Core</i> (film)	Dancer	Arizona State University	2016
<i>Made to Music</i> (film)	Dancer	Arizona State University	2016
<i>[De/As]cending</i>	Ensemble	Arizona State University	2015
<i>Creative Spark</i>	Ensemble	Arizona State University	2015
<i>Unsorted</i> (Staged Reading)	Sweater	Metro Theater Company	2013
<i>The Importance of Being Earnest</i>	Miss Prism	Chadron State College	2011
<i>Ounce Dice Trice</i> (Tour)	Ensemble	Chadron State College	2010
<i>Dead Man's Cell Phone</i>	Jean	Chadron State College	2010
<i>Once Upon a Mattress</i>	Winnifred	Chadron State College	2010
<i>Godspell</i>	Gilmer	Chadron State College	2009

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS**

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### *Devising Performance for the Very Young*

Baboró Children's Festival, Galway, Ireland, October 2023

Artist Continuous Professional Development at The Ark, Dublin, Ireland, October 2023

### *Arts in Early Learning & Care and School-Age Childcare Pilot Scheme* (Guest Speaker)

A Panel Session at Baboró Children's Festival, Galway, Ireland, October 2023

### *Tools for Activating Movement and Dance in the Early Childhood Classroom*

National Head Start Association Conference, Phoenix, AZ, May 2023

### *Devising Performance for the Very Young: Impossible Worlds through Collaboration*

Mid-America Theatre Conference, Minneapolis, MN, March 2023

### *Theatre and Dance as Connection: Building Embodied Relationships in the Classroom*

AZ Department of Education Arts and Physical Education Virtual Summit, February 2023

### *Look, Listen, Move: Building Collaborative Dance Spaces with 2-6 Year Olds*

Theatre and Dance for the Very Young Virtual Conference, April 2022

### *American Theatre Environments for Very Young Teams* (Invited Session Leader)

Arts Council Korea, March 2022

### *Dancing is Learning: Embodied Investigation in the K-6 Classroom*

American Alliance for Theatre and Education Virtual Conference, August 2020

### *Circus and Dance for Babies and Toddlers Panel* (Moderator and Panelist)

International Performing Arts for Youth Showcase, Philadelphia, PA, January 2020

### *Dance and Imaginative Play for 2-6 Year Olds*

American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, Minneapolis, MN, August 2018

### *Child Led Choreography*

American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, Minneapolis, MN, August 2018

*wonderwander: Exploring Dance for the Very Young*

Dance and the Child International Congress, Adelaide, Australia, July 2018

International Performing Arts for Youth Showcase, Philadelphia, PA, January 2018

National Dance Education Organization Conference, San Antonio, TX, November 2017

American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, New Orleans, LA, August 2017

*Immersive Theatre Laboratory: BOOM!*

American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, New Orleans, LA, August 2017

*Wonder Out Loud: Mapping Your Creativity and Other Useful Things*

2K17 Leadership Conference, Chandler, AZ, February 2017

*Finding Magic in Chaos: The Making of Kerfuffle*

American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, Boston, MA, July 2016

*Creating Interdisciplinary Units with STEM: Amazon Rainforest Tour*

21st Century STEM: Integrate to Innovate Conference, Phoenix, AZ, January 2016

*Brain to Body Connection: Observation/Experience of Movement in Theatre for the Very Young*

American Alliance for Theatre and Education Conference, Milwaukee, WI, August 2015

*In My Skin: An Autoethnographical Look at Educators with Tattoos*

Redefining Theatre & Performance Symposium, Tempe, AZ, November 2014

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

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### **Fulbright Program**

U.S. Specialist - Collaboration with Atlantic Technological University, Ireland, 2023

U.S. Student Semi-Finalist - 2016 & 2017

### **American Alliance for Theatre and Education**

Zeta Phi Eta-Winifred Ward Outstanding New Children's Theatre Company Award - 2020

Distinguished Thesis Honorable Mention - 2018

Presidential Citation - 2018

Doyle Special Recognition Award - 2016

### **Arizona State University**

Special Talent Award - 2014 – 2017

Fine Arts General Award - 2014 – 2015

### **International Performing Arts for Youth**

Colleen Porter Artist Development Award - 2017 – 2018

## **RESEARCH & ARTISTIC GRANTS**

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### **HIRBI Research Grant (\$4,980)**

Herberger Research Council - 2023 – 2024

Funded research costs associated with the publication of *Devising Theatre for the Very Young: Theatre and Dance with Children as Artistic Collaborators*

### **Community-Based Project Grant (\$1,000 / \$500)**

Design and Arts Corps - 2023 & 2024

Funded the purchase of developmentally appropriate seating and related supplies for 2-6 year old audience members attending Theatre and Dance for the Very Young performances built inside ASU coursework

**Theatre and Dance for the Very Young Grant** (\$75,000) Sabatini Family Foundation - 2022 – 2025  
Funds the Theatre and Dance for the Very Young program and Play Lab research series at the Lawrence Arts Center; I moved on from this position, but secured the next round of grant funding prior to departure to ensure program sustainability

**Theatre and Dance for the Very Young Grant** (\$80,000) Sabatini Family Foundation - 2018 – 2022  
Funded the Theatre and Dance for the Very Young program and Play Lab research series at the Lawrence Arts Center

### **Student Grants**

Artistic Support Grant	Tempe Public Library - 2017
Applied Project Grant	Arizona State University - 2016 – 2017
Student Enrichment Grant	Arizona State University - 2015, 2016
Travel Grant Recipient	Arizona State University - 2015 – 2017
Jim Rye Fellowship	International Performing Arts for Youth Showcase - 2015

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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*Devising Performance for the Very Young: Theatre and Dance with Children as Artistic Partners* (forthcoming)  
Palgrave Macmillan - 2024

*Movement and Dance: Working with Young People and Personal Practice*  
TYA/USA Blog - January 2016

*Redefining Research*  
The Society for Theatre Research: New Researchers' Network Blog - September 2015

*Boundaries and Identities: A Discussion about Navigating the Personal and the Professional*  
TYA/USA Blog - February 2015

*Freelancing: A Choose Your Own Adventure Profession*  
TYA/USA Blog - May 2014

*Past, Present, Future: An Inside Look at Metro Theater Company's Teaching Artist Fellowship*  
Co-Author, TYA/USA Blog, - March 2013

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE: UNIVERSITY**

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**Instructor on Record**, Arizona State University - School of Music, Dance and Theatre  
THP 272 Movement I- Fall 2023, Spring 2024  
THP 494/598 Theatre for Young Audiences Performance Lab- Spring 2023/2024  
THF 102 Acting I Fundamentals- Spring 2023  
THE 524 Advanced Studies in Theatre for Youth - Fall 2022  
THF 101 Acting Introduction - Fall 2022

**Guest Lecturer**, Atlantic Technological University  
Early Childhood Care and Education: Communication in Early Years- Fall 2023  
Early Childhood Care and Education: Curriculum Approaches- Fall 2023  
Health & Social Care: Youth Module- Fall 2023

**Guest Lecturer**, Arizona State University - School of Film, Dance and Theatre  
THE 791 Performance as Research - March 2019 & 2020  
THP 102 Acting I Fundamentals - October 2016

THF 101 Acting Introduction - April 2016

**Guest Lecturer**, Kansas State University - School of Family Studies and Human Services  
ECED 310 Early Childhood - October 2017

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE: TEACHER TRAINING**

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### **Professional Development Specialist**

YOLO County Office of Education, Woodland, CA - August 2023  
Movement Tools for the Early Childhood Classroom for Head Start Educators

### **Creative Facilitation Specialist**

What if Puppets, Kansas City, KS - June 2023  
Strategies Towards Ritual, Reflections, and Transitions for K-6 Theatre Instructors

### **Theatre and Dance for the Very Young Workshop Facilitator**

Kerfuffle, Virtual - November 2022  
Lesson Plan & Curriculum Scaffolding in the Early Childhood Classroom

### **K-6 Dance Integration Specialist**

Tennessee Arts Academy, Virtual Academy - July 2020 & 2021  
Dance Integration for K-6 Elementary Educators and Librarians

### **Early Childhood Dance Specialist**

Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS - May 2020 – present  
Classroom Management, Lesson Planning, and Creative Strategies for Emerging EC Educators

### **Arts Education Specialist**

Lawrence Arts Center, Lawrence, KS - September 2018  
Creative Classroom Management Tactics and Tools for K-12 Multi-disciplinary Arts Educators

### **Elementary Education Specialist**

Create Academy, Phoenix, AZ - August 2016  
Classroom Management and Theatre Techniques for K-6 Elementary Educators

### **Early Childhood Specialist**

Center of Creative Arts, St. Louis, MO - May 2014  
Play-Based Strategies for Early Childhood Faculty

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE: PRE-K THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL**

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**Conwal Tots**, Letterkenny, Ireland October 2023  
Early Childhood Dance

**Lawrence Arts Center**, Lawrence, KS June 2017 – June 2023  
Drama, Devising, STEAM  
Contemporary Dance, Early Childhood & Family Dance  
Internship Program Mentor and Play12 Youth Company Facilitator

**Kerfuffle**, Tempe, AZ September 2015 – May 2017  
Early Childhood Creative Drama and Research

<b>Montessori Day School</b> , Chandler, AZ Drama, Movement, and Devising	January 2015 – May 2017
<b>Childsplay</b> , Tempe, AZ Drama, Arts Integration, and Devising	September 2014 – May 2017
<b>VOICES</b> , Scottsdale, AZ Musical Theatre Performance	June 2015 – August 2016
<b>Metro Theater Company</b> , St. Louis, MO Forum Theatre Specialist Teaching Artist Fellow: Arts Integration, Drama, and Devising	August 2012 – August 2014
<b>Center of Creative Arts</b> , St. Louis, MO Arts Integration, STEAM, and Early Childhood	June 2013 – August 2014
<b>Shakespeare Festival St. Louis</b> , St. Louis, MO Teen Company Movement and Performance	October 2013 – May 2014
<b>Mainstages: Emma Kaufmann Camp</b> , Morgantown, WV Drama Specialist	June 2012 – August 2012
<b>Emerald City Theatre</b> , Chicago, IL Drama and Musical Theatre	February 2012 – May 2012
<b>Dream Big Performing Arts</b> , Chicago, IL Creative Drama and Theatre Performance	February 2012 – May 2012
<b>CLIMB Theatre</b> , St. Paul, MN Theatre in Education	August 2011 – January 2012

## **TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

<b>Music, Dance and Theatre Equity Cohort</b> Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ	August 2023 – May 2024
<b>Teacher Training in Physically Integrated Dance</b> AXIS Dance Company, Oakland, CA	November 2019
<b>Study of Early Childhood Dance Practices</b> Claire Parsons Co., Stockholm, Sweden	September 2016
<b>Developing and Implementing Dance Curricula A</b> Luna Dance Institute, Berkeley, CA	August 2016
<b>Moment Work Levels I and II</b> Tectonic Theater Project, Tempe, AZ	August 2015
<b>Theatre for Young Audiences Internships</b> Aprilfestival, Denmark American Alliance for Theatre and Education Adventure Stage Theatre, Chicago, IL	April 2017 August 2015 February 2012 – April 2012

Seattle Children's Theatre, Seattle, WA  
Lexington Children's Theatre, Lexington, KY  
The Rose Theater, Omaha, NE

June – August 2011  
June – August 2009, June – August 2010  
June 2006 – May 2007, June – August 2008

## **SERVICE**

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### **Arizona State University**

School of Music, Dance and Theatre Recruitment Committee- 2024  
School of Music, Dance and Theatre Workshop Instructor for Prospective Students - 2022 – present  
School of Music, Dance and Theatre Season Selection Committee - 2022 – present  
School of Music, Dance and Theatre Mentorship and Senior Project Committee- 2022 – 2023  
School of Music, Dance and Theatre Representative for Open Door - 2022 – 2023  
Travel Grant Reviewer/Leadership Fellow - 2015 – 2016  
Graduate and Professional Student Artist Association Committee Member - 2014 – 2015

### **Theatre for Young Audiences/USA**

Pre-Conference Event Co-Organizer - 2023  
Moderator for the TYA Leadership Panel - 2023  
Blog Committee Member - 2014 – 2016

### **American Theatre for the Very Young: A Digital Festival**

Panel Moderator - *Creative Community Connections: Reaching Out and Gathering In* - March 2024  
Invited Speaker - February 2022

### **American Alliance for Theatre and Education**

Co-Chair for the Early Childhood Network - 2017 – 2020  
Research Awards Juror - 2018 – 2019

### **International Performing Arts for Youth Showcase**

Chair for the Early Childhood Programming and Audiences Affinity Group - 2018 – 2019  
Master Workshop Moderator - Claire Parsons Company - January 2019

### **Lawrence Arts Center**

Post-Show Discussion Moderator - *The Vagina Monologues* - February 2020  
Artist Talk Moderator - AXIS Dance Company Guest Series - November 2019

### **Arizona State One Act and Speech**

Debate Judge - 2015

### **Chadron State College**

Costume Shop Foreman - 2009 – 2011

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

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Mid-America Theatre Conference - 2023-2024  
American Alliance for Theatre and Education - 2015 – 2021  
National Dance Education Organization - 2017 – 2018  
International Performing Arts for Youth - 2015 – 2017  
Theatre for Young Audiences/USA - 2015 – 2016