



# KATELYN SPURGIN

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## EDUCATION

- 2023 - Master of Fine Arts in Shakespeare and Performance, Mary Baldwin University. Thesis: "Bringing Down the Barrier: Directing Strategies for Inclusive, Engaging Shakespeare for Young Audiences."
- 2022 - Master of Letters in Shakespeare and Performance, Mary Baldwin University. Thesis: "Staging a Kingdom: (Re)Presenting Royalty from Shakespeare to *The Crown*."
- 2012 - British American Drama Academy Midsummer in Oxford Program.
- 2011 - Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts, Vanguard University of Southern California. Capstone Performance: *Souvenir: A Fantasia on the Life of Florence Foster Jenkins* by Stephen Temperley.
- 2010 - University of St. Andrews, Scotland - Semester Abroad.

## TEACHING

- Adjunct Faculty, Concordia University Irvine, CA (2024 – Present)
  - THR 111 Experiences in Theatre
  - THR 241 Voice & Movement for the Actor
  - ENG 362 English Literature II
  - WRT 102 Writing and Research
- Adjunct Faculty, Vanguard University of Southern California, CA (2022 – Present)
  - THEA 102 Intro to Acting
  - THEA 121 Voice and Movement
  - THEA 200 Intro to Theatre
  - THEA 293 Shakespeare Educational Tour
  - THEA 310 Improvisation
  - THEA 108-408 Theatrical Production
  - FINA 215 Intro to the Arts
  - ENGL 220C Researched Writing
- Graduate Teaching Fellow, Mary Baldwin University, VA (2022)
  - ENGL 102 College English
- Teaching Assistant, Mary Baldwin University, VA (2022)
  - Assistant to Dr. Kerry Cooke - Intro Drama: Script Analysis
  - Assistant to Dr. Mary Hill Cole - Tudor-Stuart History (Graduate Course)
- Drama Teacher, Mariners Christian School, CA (2013-2017)
- Guest Teaching Artist, Vanguard University of Southern California, CA (2012)
  - Shakespeare Masterclass.

## LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

- 2025 - present - Founder and director of Shakespeare on Tour! Vanguard University, Orange County, CA.
- 2022-2023 - Production Manager of Treehouse Shakespeare Ensemble MFA Company. Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA.
- 2023 – Stage Manager, *Edward II* with Treehouse Shakespeare Ensemble MFA Company, Staunton, VA.
- 2022 – Stage Manager, *Courage to Right a Woman's Wrongs* with Polaris Shakespeare Company, Staunton, VA.
- 2021 – Stage Manager, *Richard III* at Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA.
- 2021 – Stage Manager, *Three Sisters* at Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA.
- 2020-2023 – Head Graduate Fellow and Assistant to Operations Manager, Shakespeare & Performance Program, Staunton, VA.
- 2016-2020 – Theater Operations Manager/Production Coordinator, Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2012-2016 – Stage Manager/Operations Crew Leader, Segerstrom Center for the Arts, Costa Mesa, CA.

## PUBLICATIONS/ORIGINAL WORKS

- "(Grass)Root and (Tree)Branch: Building Community in the Early Modern Ensemble Training Model." Dr. Peter Kirwan with Treehouse Shakespeare Ensemble. *Shakespeare Survey* (2025) published online by Cambridge University Press.
- *The True Apothecary* (2022)
- Co-creator and Host of "New Spain and Colonial Legacies" *Writ in the Margins* Podcast, Episode 11. (24 July 2022)

## GUEST LECTURES/PRESENTATIONS/CONFERENCES

- "O Brave New World: Theatrical Response to Jamestown and Early Settlements." Jamestown Society First California Company Annual Meeting, 26 April, 2025, Green Dragon Tavern and Museum, Carlsbad, CA.
- "Websites, Social Media, and Personal Branding." REN 822 Company Acting and Careers, February 2024, Mary Baldwin University, Staunton, VA.
- Guest actor on "The Queerness of Closet Dramas." Hosted by Madison Rudolph and Kara Hankard. *Writ in the Margins* Podcast, Episode 4. (10 July 2022).
- "Staging a Kingdom: (Re)Presenting Royalty from Shakespeare to The Crown." MBU Shakespeare and Performance MLitt Thesis Festival, November 2021, Blackfriars Playhouse, Staunton, VA.

## **AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS**

- 2023 – Shakespeare & Performance Ariel Award for Outstanding Program Service and Leadership.
- 2023 – Mary Baldwin University Antonio Award (as member of Treehouse Shakespeare Ensemble).
- 2022 – Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Mary Baldwin University.
- 2020-2023 – Graduate Fellowship, Mary Baldwin University.
- 2020-2023 – Carpenter Scholarship, Mary Baldwin University.
- 2009 – Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival Irene Ryan Nomination, *Our Town*, Vanguard University of Southern California.