

Kevin Jones

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Kevin Jones is an accomplished musical director, director, and choreographer of musical theater, and teacher of acting and musical theater (including audition technique, musical theater performance, acting for the stage, acting for film and television, musical theater history, and music theory). Over the course of his career Kevin has acquired one of the largest private collections of musical theater scores (in excess of 50,000 songs) in the United States. Kevin has a natural gift where he is able to assess an actor and select the perfect audition song and monologue from his collection in just a matter of minutes. He then coaches the actor on all aspects of the audition (vocal technique, musical staging, character work, etc.). His success rate is extraordinary. He has coached hundreds of actors into Broadway shows, national tours, and regional theater productions. As a musical director, Kevin has a most unique insight into the rehearsal process because he has also worked professionally as an actor, singer, dancer, director, choreographer and producer. He is extremely organized and often breaks his rehearsal schedules down to fifteen-minute time blocks. Actors and musicians alike appreciate his work ethic, specificity in his conducting and musical direction, and the tremendous amount of positive energy that he brings to each production. Kevin has a true passion for the theater. He founded the Opening Doors Foundation, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit in 2003 to provide theater training and performance opportunities for youth, while at the same time, offer free, quality theater productions -thus making live theater accessible to everyone, regardless of their financial status.

I am on the Roster of Approved Artists for South Carolina. I am approved to go into any school in the state of South Carolina.

Professional Conducting / Keyboard Experience

Disney's Beauty and the Beast	Keyboard 3	1st National Tour
Disney's Beauty and the Beast	Keyboard 2	4th National Tour
Annie	Assistant Conductor/Keyboard 2	Asian Tour
Yes Virginia There Is a Santa Claus (World premier)	Conductor/Keyboard 1	Mill Mountain Theater
Only A Kingdom (World premier)	Keyboard 2	Mill Mountain Theater
The Sound of Music	Associate Conductor/Keyboard 2	Mill Mountain Theater
Peter Pan	Associate Conductor/Keyboard 2	Mill Mountain Theater

Professional Musical Direction and Conducting

Christmas Wonderland (productions in Japan, Niagara Falls, Dallas, Biloxi, East Coast Tour, West Coast Tour, and Myrtle Beach)	Spirit Entertainment
The Second Annual Heart of Texas Eczema Telethon	The Actors Playhouse (off-Broadway)
Will Rogers Follies	Allenberry Playhouse
42nd Street	Allenberry Playhouse
Annie Get Your Gun	Allenberry Playhouse
The Fantasticks	Allenberry Playhouse
State Fair	Allenberry Playhouse
The King and I	Allenberry Playhouse
Christmas On Angel Street	Allenberry Playhouse
Evita	Jupiter Theater
Phantom	Jupiter Theater
Oliver	Mill Mountain Theater
A Christmas Carol	Mill Mountain Theater
Nunsense	Mill Mountain Theater
Dream, Dream, Dream	Mill Mountain Theater
Snow White	Mill Mountain Theater
Babes in Toyland	Mill Mountain Theater
Mrs. Kembles' Tempest	Mill Mountain Theater
Phantom	Galveston Island Musicals
Showboat	Galveston Island Musicals
Man of La Mancha	Galveston Island Musicals
Evita	Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
An Old Fashioned Christmas	Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
Evita	Broadway Palm Dinner Theater
The King and I	Broadway Palm Dinner Theater
Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory	Broadway Palm Dinner Theater
The Merry Widow	Rockwell Performing Arts Center

Educational Musical Direction and Conducting

Big Fish	Socastee Performing Arts
Hairspray	Socastee Performing Arts
The Little Mermaid	Socastee Performing Arts
Spamalot	Patrick Henry Players
Footloose	St. James Players
Jekyll and Hyde	Titan Theater
Peter Pan	Titan Theater
Cinderella	Titan Theater
A, My Name is Alice	Columbia University
On The Move	Hunter College
Magic To Do	American Musical and Dramatic Academy
Oliver	Stagedoor Manor
Working	Stagedoor Manor
Little Mary Sunshine	Stagedoor Manor
Broadway Goes Hollywood	Jefferson Center
Broadway Jukebox Musicals	Jefferson Center
Opening Doors	Jefferson Center
Monster Musicals	Jefferson Center
Broadway on Thin Ice	Jefferson Center
Broadway Showstoppers	Jefferson Center
Broadway Invasion	Jefferson Center
Broadway Rocks	Jefferson Center
On Off-Broadway	Jefferson Center
Broadway Celebration	Jefferson Center
And All That Jazz	Jefferson Center
Opening Doors	Jefferson Center

Professional Stage Acting

Annie Get Your Gun	Little Jake	European Tour
Little Shop of Horrors	Seymour	Galveston Island Musicals
Showboat	Jake	Galveston Island Musicals
Man of La Mancha	Barber / Jose	Galveston Island Musicals
42nd Street	Oscar	Allenberry Playhouse
Babes in Toyland	The Toymaker	Mill Mountain Theater
Fundraising	Ralph	Mill Mountain Theater
Mrs. Kembles' Tempest	The Accompanist	Mill Mountain Theater
An Old Fashioned Christmas	Ensemble	Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
A Man For All Seasons	Senior Chapuys	Talbot Theater
The Hobbit	Bilbo Baggins	Talbot Theater
The Phantom Tollbooth	Milo	Talbot Theater
Anne of Green Gables	Gilbert	Markham Theater
You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown	Charlie Brown	Markham Theater

Professional Film/Television/Commercial/Print Acting

Miracle on 34th Street	Caroler	20th Century Fox
Money Train	Pedestrian	Columbia Pictures
The Basketball Diaries	Student	BB Pictures
I Shot Andy Warhol	Hippie	Valerie Films
Stonewall	ADR/Looping	BBC Pictures
The New Detectives	Trucking Employee	The Discovery Channel
Honor By August Music Video	Recovering Alchohic	Six Flags Theme Parks
Cox Cable Commercials (2)	Principal	National Spot
Western Sizzlin' Commercial	Principal	National Spot
Grand Home Furnishings Commercial	Principal	Virginia Spot

Advance Auto Commercials (3)	Principal	National Spot
Distracted Driving Commercial	Principal	National Spot
Tanglewood Mall Commericals (2)	Principal	Local Spot
VA Hospital Commercial	Principal	Virginia Spot
Freedom First Credit Union Commercial	background	Local Spot
Advance Auto Training Videos (10)	Principal	National Spot
Roanoke College Legacy Commercial	Principal	Local Spot
Roanoke Convention Bureau Print	Principal	Local Spot
Kroger Food Stores Billboard	Principal	National Print
Grand Home Furnishings Print	Principal	Virginia Spot
Advance Auto Print (3)	Principal	National Print
Distracted Driving Print	Principal	National Print
Western Sizzlin Print	Principal	National Print
Bank of Montreal Print	Principal	National Print

Other Professional Theater Experience

Audition and rehearsal accompanist. I have accompanied for thousands of auditions from New York Theater to Regional Theater to High School Theater. I have also served as a rehearsal pianist for many productions.

Director, Roanoke Times Timescast (directed daily internet newscast for the Roanoke Times newspaper)

Driving Miss Daisy	Stage Manager	Broadway Palm Dinner Theater
Kimoyo (starring Ben Vereen)	Stage Manager	Jefferson Center
Willy Wonka	Follow Spot	Dutch Apple Dinner Theater
Carmen	Set Construction	Opera Roanoke
Tune 1000 Karaoke Industrial	Featured Singer/Performer	East Coast Tour

Teaching Experience

Artistic Director, Kevin Jones Performing Arts Studio, Roanoke, VA, and Myrtle Beach, SC 2001-present
(Acting and musical studio for middle and high school students; produced 12 full-scale productions at the 1000-seat Jefferson Center in Roanoke, serving as the director, musical director and choreographer)

Guest Teaching Artist, Virginia Tech 2016
(taught "branding" class to masters and PHD students)

Vocal Coach and musical director, Peter Sklar's Beginnings Workshop, New York City 2014, 2015
(taught musical theater and acting classes; coached monologues and songs; served as musical director for off-Broadway showcase)

Guest Teaching Artist, Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) 2015
(taught audition technique –THEA 315 and Senior Showcase –THEA 495)

Artistic Director, Opening Doors Foundation 2003-2015
(Founded a 501(c)(3) non-profit to provide theatrical opportunities for youth as well as free, quality theater for the people of the Roanoke Valley; produced twelve full-scale annual productions at the 1000-seat Jefferson Center in Roanoke, VA)

Artistic Director, KJPAS Summer Performing Arts Camps 1999-present
(Specialized acting and musical theater camps for 1st-12th graders at American Camping Association accredited residential camp, Camp Bethel, in Fincastle, VA)

Guest instructor, Salem City Schools 2005-2014
(Led acting workshops during school hours including Acting for Film and Television, Stage Combat, and musical theater)

Guest Instructor, Roanoke City Schools, Franklin County Schools, Salem City Schools 2014
(Led specialized audition workshop for all theater classes)

Guest Instructor, Horry County Schools, Myrtle Beach, SC 2014-2016
(Led specialized audition workshop for all theater classes in several Horry County Schools)

Chair, Roanoke County Center for the Performing Arts Magnet School 2007-2010

(Coordinated program, taught acting, and served as the musical director. All five county high schools filtered into this "by audition only" four-year acting/singing/dancing training program)

Chair, Fine Arts Department, North Cross School, Roanoke, VA 1999-2001
(Coordinated vocal, instrumental, acting and dance programs for K-12 private school)
Accompanist, American Musical and Dramatic Academy, New York City 1992-1993

Program Director, Camp Robin Hood 1987-1992
(Program Director for the largest day camp in Canada -800 campers and 200 staff members on site every day)

Drama Specialist, Scarborough Board of Education Music Camps 1990-1992

Program Director, Scarborough Board of Education Music Camps 1988-1990

Church Music and Drama Experience

Music Director, Smith Mountain Lake Church of the Brethren, Wirtz, VA 1998-2014
(served as music director and director of drama and one term as church board chair)

Music Director, St. John Lutheran Church, Roanoke, VA 1999-2001

Music Director, South Roanoke United Methodist Church, Roanoke, VA 2001-2002

Drama Director, Parkway Wesleyan Church, Roanoke, VA 2009-2011

Substitute Music Director at Westlake Baptist Church, Resurrection Catholic Church, Community of Faith Church, and Lancaster Church of the Brethren

Director, Bonsack Baptist Church Easter Pageant, Roanoke, VA
(directed a full-scale Easter production that performed for thousands of people of the Roanoke Valley)

Director, Parkway Wesleyan Christmas Pageant, Roanoke, VA
(directed a full-scale Christmas production that performed for thousands of people of the Roanoke Valley)

"George M. Cohan Family Tour Experience"

I have conceived four different Jones Family of Performers shows ("A Christmas To Remember", "An Evening of Valentine Love Songs", and "The Addams Family Halloween Monster Mash" and "Sing Me a Show Tune") that we have toured throughout Virginia and South Carolina. Just like the "Four Cohan's" that toured the Vaudeville circuit with their family show, my wife, two children and myself have played to thousands of people with our musical revue shows. In each show I chose the musical and dramatic material, arranged the songs, and served as musical director, pianist, singer and actor for each production.

Education

Musical Theater Performance Certificate, American Musical and Dramatic Academy, New York City 1992

Honors Bachelor of Music Education (Piano Performance) Western University, London, Canada 1990

Jazz Performance Certificate, Berklee College of Music 1985