

SUU COLLEGE of PERFORMING and VISUAL ARTS

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Alumni Activities

Victoria (Hoy) Andrus (02 Music) was profiled in the Southwest Living Section of *The Spectrum* by JJ Abernathy on February 4, 2007. Victoria has had a very active career as a violist since graduating from SUU. Abernathy noted, “She spent four years with the Las Vegas Philharmonic and toured with Andrea Bocelli. She recently joined with Southwest Symphony Concertmaster Bonnie Romkey and principal cellist Trace Price to form the new group ‘Tedesca.’ ” Abernathy reported Victoria “operates the Andrus Performance Studio, where she offers private instruction in both violin and viola.”

Jesse Berger (92 Theatre) was recently profiled in the January issue of *American Theatre* magazine. The magazine notes that:

A consummate Shakespearean, Berger is a protégé of both Michael Kahn and Garland Wright. He began his professional career as an apprentice to Wright at Minneapolis's Guthrie Theater in the early 90's, following an acting scholarship at Southern Utah University. Berger then honed his skills as Kahn's associate director at Washington, D.C.'s Shakespeare Theatre Company and as a U.S. Directing Fellow at Shakespeare's Globe in London. He was also selected, in 2004, for the NEA/TCG Career Development Program for Directors.

Now calling New York City home, he sustains an active freelance career, taking on directing projects ranging from *I Am My Own Wife* at Pittsburgh Public Theater to *Othello* at San Diego's Old Globe, and spreads his passion for the grandiloquent verbiage of the Bard's lesser-known contemporaries through his own company, [Red Bull Theater](#). Red Bull's inaugural production of *Pericles* elicited both an impressive seven-week run and critical plaudits for the play's stylized otherworldliness.

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Terral Fox (07 Art & Design) is working for the Leavitt Group in Cedar City as a graphic designer while he finishes the last of his classes. He joined SUU alumnus **Cordelle Morris** (05 Art & Design) at the firm in the design area.

Tracey Garrett (04 Theatre) has been appointed Director of the Volunteer Center for Iron County.

Robert Jackman (05 Music) presented at the Utah Music Educators Association Professional Development Conference held in St. George, Utah on February 2, 2007. Bob presented a session on Technology in the Music Classroom that covered topics such as electronic assessment and exploring new technologies such as interactive whiteboards and remote guest conducting.

Cordelle Morris (05 Art & Design) was hired as an instructor in the department of Art & Design spring semester 2007 to teach a section of Digital Illustration.

Craig Ogg, (05 Theatre) recently completed his thesis project at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Craig was the lighting designer for the main stage production of *The Crucible*.

MFA Arts Administration Program Alumni _____

Anna Ables (06 MFA) is the Director of Marketing and Public Relations for the Theatre School of DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois.

Rachel Bishop (06 MFA) is a grant writer with Gephardt Resource Development.

Stephen Breinholt (04 MFA) is employed in the Cultural Arts Division of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Salt lake City, Utah.

Mark Houser (03 MFA) is the owner of a thriving business in Pennsylvania called IKON Photography.

Marlo Ihler (03 MFA) was recently hired by the Utah Shakespearean Festival as a Communications and Marketing Associate.

Sarah Johnson Kay (03 MFA) is living in Las Vegas, Nevada and enjoying being a new mom. Sarah most recently had worked at the Museum of Science in Boston, Massachusetts.

Derek Hansen (04 MFA) is continuing his service as Public Relations Director of the U.S Army Band, "Pershing's Own," in the DC area.

Melanie Kieffer (06 MFA) was recently hired as the Development Office Manager for the Hale Theatre in the Salt Lake City area.

Holly Kuhn (04 MFA) is the Development Director for the Muse Machine in Dayton, Ohio. Their website may be found at: www.musemachine.com.

Mary Kathryn Shannon (04 MFA) is working for the Arts Council of Forth Worth and Tarrant County in Texas.

Todd Seipert (06 MFA) was recently hired to teach graphic design at Eagle Gate College in the Salt Lake City area.

Darline Sacquety Wilson (03 MFA) is working as a Development Assistant for the South Coast Repertory Theatre Company in Costa Mesa, California.