

Mona Wood-Patterson

Theatre Director/Educator

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Artistic Director, Co-founder, and Educational Director 1994- present
Merely Players (Durango, CO)

Directing 3-4 mainstage shows per year, Company Administrator, Marketing and Season Subscriber Director, Maintaining Subscriber Relationships, Season Coordinator, Developing Youth Production Class, Teaching Acting Workshops and Private Lessons

Theatre Director and Teacher 1989 -2011
Durango High School (Durango, CO)

Teaching a full range of coursework from beginning to advanced acting, specialized theatre skills, and intensives. Sponsor of one of the largest Thespian troupes in the state, presenting 3 mainstage and 2 showcase productions annually. Taught theatre and English in London as part of DHS Abroad.

Workshop presenter for Educational theatre 1998-present
including presentations at the State Conferences for Gifted and Talented Educators; Colorado Thespian Convention, Boys' Middle School in Cheonan, South Korea; Durango Performing Arts Camp

Fulbright Recipient 1999-2000
Taught Theatre in Wath-upon-Deerne, England

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC HONORS:

1988-89: Master's degree in Theatre at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL. Served as publicist for FSU's Lab Theatre. Taught theatre history at FSU.

1982: Bachelor's Degree in English from Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO. Summa Cum Laude.
GPA: 3.93 Class Rank: 5/401. Awarded the Sandy Heizer scholarship for outstanding English major.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS:

2015: Denver Broadway World Awards for Best Shakespearean Production for *Much Ado About Nothing* and Best Dramatic Play for *Growing*

2012: City of Durango: "Sweetheart of the Arts" – a civic award to a woman who has made a difference and exemplified excellence in the arts in Durango

2011: Inducted into Colorado State Thespian Hall of Fame; BP Excellence in Teaching Award

2008: Distinguished Alumnus Award from Fort Lewis College

2003: Durango School District 9-R's Secondary Educator of the Year; DHS "Most Inspirational Teacher"

2002: Colorado Recycles Non-Profit Project of the Year Award for writing and creating a show.

2002, 1998, 1994, 1985: Durango High School Teacher of the Year.

1997: Durango Foundation for Educational Excellence's Pride in Education award, which is awarded to one employee in the district annually.

1995 - Recipient of the Educational Theatre Association's Outstanding School Award - Durango High School was one of four schools in the nation cited for having an exemplary theatre program

1992: Colorado Theatre Educator of the Year – Alliance for Colorado Theatre