

KELLY AHR

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EXPERIENCE

Director, Stage Manager and Choreographer

Kidzkabaret – Naperville, IL

May 2020 – Present

- Directing productions for theatre camps, parties and special events for various age groups
- Designing and teaching creative dances for several musical productions, theatre camps, parties and special events
- Developing blocking and assisting with the production of mainstage musicals
- Writing and calling cues during performances
- Overseeing sets and props, performing microphone checks and controlling sound and lighting tracks for various musical productions, theatre camps and special events

Director, *The Serpent Lady*

North Central College – Naperville, IL

Spring 2025

- Selected as North Central College's Student Director of the 2025 Storefront Series at North Central College
- Researched Commedia dell' Arte, reviewed the script and characters, and developed a vision for the production
- Reviewed audition submissions, prepared callback materials, lead callbacks and cast production
- Worked with a team to design the set, props, costumes, hair and makeup, lighting and sound
- Selected music and choreographed opening and closing dances
- Managed Production Schedule
- Directed actors through character study, acting, blocking and movement

Founder and Director

Sub Rosa Studio

2022 - Present

- Founded and created Sub Rosa as a place where artists can produce original works
- Functioning as the Primary Director and Designer of the studio
- Reviewing auditions and conducting callbacks into the studio and for projects within the studio
- Leading rehearsals and educational workshops
- Managing up to 40 artists from across the world, including writers, storyboarders, concept artists, composers, musicians, editors, animators, voice actors, singers and social media marketers in producing several original projects

Director, Creative Consultant and Mentor

DuPage Montessori School

2017 - 2022

- Directed and choreographed production of Peter Pan
- Lead the choreography for Winter Celebrations and Spring Musicals
- Mentored students in script writing, character development, blocking, vocal performance and dance

Walt Disney World Live Entertainment, Performer

Walt Disney World – Orlando, FL

November 2022 – June 2023

- Helped to bring Disney animated characters to life through storytelling, animation, improvisation and dance
- Provided personalized guest experiences during meet-and-greets, photo sessions and casual interactions in several locations across Walt Disney World theme parks and resorts

EDUCATION AND AWARDS

NORTH CENTRAL COLLEGE – NAPERVILLE, IL

BA Directing & Dramaturgy, BA Musical Theatre, and BA Acting; Minor in Dance, Summa Cum Laude Class of 2025
2025 Outstanding Major in Theatre Award