

Meet the Director!

Jacqui Bernhardt

Muskegon Catholic Central alum Jacqui Bernhardt ('09) will be directing and choreographing this year's spring musical, "Seussical!" You may remember her performances in the Nugent Auditorium as Annie Oakley in "Annie Get Your Gun" and as Miss Hannigan in "Annie."

Jacqui attended Grand Valley State University and received her undergrad in Elementary Education, English, and Theatre. During that time, she spent a semester studying "Live Theatre" and "Shakespeare: Reading & Performance" at Kingston University in London, England. She is currently in England earning her Masters degree in "Theatre for Young Audiences" at Bath Spa University.

Between degrees, Jacqui spent a year working at The Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida as a "Fairy Godmother in Training" at the Bibbidi Bobbidi Boutique.

In 2010, she founded [Broadway Bootcamp - West Michigan](#), an after-school & summer camp program that teaches musical theatre skills to children ages 4-17. After their session is complete, a final performance is shown to parents, showcasing all the participants have learned. This past summer's revue included entire scenes from "Annie," "The Wizard of Oz," and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Since her first Broadway Bootcamp at Muskegon Catholic Central, it has developed to reach over 25 schools & youth organizations across West Michigan. She is proud to share that it has become an LLC this past spring, and is scheduled to expand more throughout the next year, thanks to the addition of new instructors.

This summer, Jacqui also created a new program called "Broadway Babies" in conjunction with her Masters degree. It is an initiative to bring more theatre opportunities to very young children through a touring group that leads parents in singing & dancing with their under 5's. She are looking forward to continue to tour [Michigan's Broadway Babies](#) in 2017.

The Spring Musical was Jacqui's passion as a student, and she is honored to have the responsibility of directing it this year. She cannot wait to get started on "Seussical!"