J.T. BACKES

AEA

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Height: 5'10"

Hair: Red Eyes: Blue Voice: Tenor

THEATRE

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer A Charlie Brown Christmas (in production) Snoopy The Comedy of Macbeth...kinda sorta King Lear Flyin' West By Jeeves Tick Tick Boom Lovabye Dragon The Secret Garden Dogfight Big Fish The Shape of Things Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Kohl's Wild Theatre Mystery of Edwin Drood Little Women A Chorus Line (Broadway Choreo) Marat Sade Cinderella A Christmas Carol Richard III

Boss Elf/Snoken Malcolm Burgundy/Curan Frank Charles Bingo Little Jon Father/Magical/Dragon Dickon Bernstein Fisherman/Male U/S Adam Sorenson Charlie/Ensemble Company Member Durdles Professor Bhaer Roy Polpoch Tour Director/Papa Peter Cratchit, et al. Edward, Prince of Wales

First Stage Jeff Frank First Stage Jeff Frank Schmitz & Giggles Patrick Schmitz **Optimist Theatre** Lisa Gave Dixon Bronzeville Arts Ensemble Sheri Williams Pannell Windfall Theater Carol Zippel Lake Country Playhouse Cathy Pfeiler Jeff Frank First Stage Soulstice Theatre Jillian Smith Robby McGhee All In Productions First Stage Jeff Whiting All In Productions Layna Martinez Matt Daniels First Stage Zoological Society Dave McLellan Viterbo University David Gardiner Viterbo University Shane Rhoades Viterbo University Shane Rhoades Viterbo University Dana McConnell Prairie Fire Children's Theater Jeremy Day Milwaukee Repertory Theater Joseph Hanreddy Milwaukee Repertory Theater Eric Simonson

DIRECTING

Shape of Things	Winter Play	Pius XI High School	March 2023
Curious Incident of the Dog in	Spring Play	Whitefish Bay High School	May 2022
Almost, Maine	Fall Play	Whitefish Bay High School	November 2020
Frozen Jr.	Performance Class	First Stage	March 2020
The Time Warp Trio	Foundry Series	First Stage	October 2019
Nate The Great: The Musical	Foundry Series	First Stage	February 2018
The Girl of the Limberlost	Foundry Series	First Stage	May 2017
Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson	Milwaukee Premiere	Soulstice Theatre	Fall 2016
Ordinary Days	Milwaukee Premiere	All In Productions	Spring 2016

TRAINING

Viterbo University, B.F.A. in Musical Theatre

- Acting: Richard Walters, David Gardiner, Dana McConnell
- Voice: Gary Moss, Karla Hughes, Jean Saladino
- Dance: Nicole Balsamo, Dana McConnell, Shane Rhoades
- Workshops & Master Classes: Kari Margolis, Shane Rhoades, Linda Balgord, Jane Hawley, Postell Pringle

Private Acting/Monologue Coach (Lee Ernst, Milwaukee Repertory Theater)

Private Voice Lessons (Wendelin Lockett)

Northwestern University/Cherubs ("Shipwrecked," JC Aevaliotis)

SPECIAL SKILLS

Guitar (American Finger Style); piano; cello; ukulele; musical composition; filmmaking and editing; improvisation (long form, short form, musical); dialects; teaching; puppeteering; beatboxing; print modeling; radio/TV commercials. Created/taught improvisation classes (Viterbo University)