## Morgan McKenzie Kauffman

# PERFORMING ARTIST & MOVEMENT TEACHER

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Passionately crossing traditionally separate disciplines, from neuroscience to clowning, to enhance theatre artitsts' ability to embody characters as well as themselves.

## **CONTACT DETAILS**

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## **EDUCATION**

### **Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Performance**

Honors in Dance and Somatics\* The Pennsylvania State University, 2017 \*Schreyer Honors Scholar

#### Physical Theatre studies with

Bill Irwin, Mick Barnfather, Sandy Carol

The Feldenkrais Institute of New York City

## **REFERENCES**

#### Elizabeth Dowd

Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble Member contact details available upon request

#### Rosanna Borgatta

Private Yoga Client contact details available upon request

## Elisha Halpin, MFA

contact details available upon request

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### AWARENESS THROUGH MOVEMENT WORKSHOPS

Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble | Bloomsburg, PA

 Instructed lessons with innovative, sophisticated movement sequences to move students away from habit and limitation towards awarenss and possibility

#### PHYSICAL CHARACTER BUILDING

Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble | Bloomsburg, PA

 Encouraged students to use body tension/relaxation as a quick way into building characters without scripts

## **DEVISED THEATRE TECHNIQUES**

The Pennsylvania State University | State College, PA

 Facilitated a faster-than-you-can-think workshop based on Lecoq, Discipline of Play and devised theatre techniques to teach how games can unlock creativity and push boundaries

### **ACTING FOR DANCERS**

Horizons Dance Conservatory | Leesport, PA

 Connected Laban movement techniques with Essential Actions to encourage more dynamic dance performances for ensemble competition teams

## PRIVATE YOGA PRACTICE FOUNDER AND TEACHER

Sol Sensible Yoga | Reading, PA

- Created and taught unique yoga sequences to meet the needs of individual clients\*
- Worked closely with athletic coaches and dance teachers to devise and teach yoga classes to increase flexibility and mobility of players and dancers

## **ALLIFIATIONS & CERTIFICATIONS**

## **Certified Awareness Through Movement Teacher**

The Feldenkrais Guild of North America • 2019 - Present

#### RYT 200 Certified Yoga Teacher

The Yoga Alliance • 2017 - Present

### **Affiliated Artist**

The Bloomsburg Theatre Ensemble • 2019 - Present