

Jessica Buchanan

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Energetic, creative and passionate individual who would love to be a member of your team

**More detailed resume available upon request

EXPERIENCE

The University of Calgary, Calgary AB — Graduate Student/Research Assistant/Teaching Assistant

SEPTEMBER 2024 - PRESENT

A full-time thesis-based MFA Graduate student with the Faculty of Arts. Assisting in the outreach/planning of an interactive theatrical/technical conference to be held in Banff in April of 2025. Assisting professors with classroom management, marking/creation of quizzes and assisting/directing undergraduates with assignments.

Western Canada Theatre, Kamloops BC — Education & Outreach Assistant/Head Instructor/Front of House Assistant Manager

SEPTEMBER 2016 - MARCH 2018/SEPTEMBER 2020 - JULY 2024/2025

Instructor with the Stage One Theatre school for pupils aged 7 - 70; including an improv class designed specifically for students on the autism spectrum. In charge of inventory, dating, organizing and managing items at two separate locations for Concession and Bar. Served as point of contact with patrons and guests from a wide variety of performance styles.

School District 73 ASSAI After School Program, Kamloops, BC — Head Instructor (Theatre)

SEPTEMBER 2020 - MAY 2024

Creating, implementing and leading theatrical lessons for up to 12 weeks. Focusing on body, voice, character and story. Each session would end with a public performance, directed by me, of either an original play created as groups or an already established script. The ASSAI program is specifically geared towards children within SD73 who might have behavioural issues or might not be able to afford these classes normally.

The Second City, Toronto ONT — Customer Service Representative/Assistant Instructor

JUNE 2019 - MARCH 2020

Responsible for the direct outreach with students, patrons and clients. Be knowledgeable of current productions, building safety and all ongoing classes/current curriculum for adult/youth classes. Assist Head Instructors with classroom management and running games/activities to a wide variety of youth age groups.

SKILLS

Creative & Outgoing Personality

Enjoys working in a team environment

Hardworking

Public Speaking

CERTIFICATES

FoodSafe (Level 1)

Serving it Right

EDUCATION

University of Calgary, Calgary AB — *Master of Fine Arts (Directing)*

SEPTEMBER 2024 - PRESENT

Currently a First Year Graduate Student, with a research focus on TYA (Theatre for Young Audiences). Responsible for leading rehearsals, grading undergraduate work and helping organize an artistic conference to be held at The Banff Centre in 2025, amongst regular classes.

Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops BC — *Bachelor of Arts (Theatre/History)*

SEPTEMBER 2011 - DECEMBER 2015

Co-founder of the TRU Improv club. Heavily involved in theatrical volunteer opportunities (casualty simulations, first-year orientations, leading tours throughout the theatre)

The Second City Toronto Training Centre, Toronto ON - *Conservatory and Advanced Sketch & Improvisation Graduate*

OCTOBER 2018 - MARCH 2020

Co-writer and Co-Performer of an original 75-minute sketch comedy review: "100% a Show." Weekly writer, performer and host of sketch classes and improv shows throughout Toronto.

REFERENCES

Terri Runnalls (*Director of Education & Outreach: Western Canada Theatre*)
terri@wctlive.ca

Robin Nichol (*Tenured Professor at Thompson Rivers University*)
rmichol@tru.ca

Randi Edmundson (*Interim Artistic Producer Carousel Theatre for Young People/Artistic Producer Project-X Theatre*)

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Location: Calgary/Kamloops/Vancouver

Eye Colour: Green/Hazel

Height: 5'9

Hair Colour: Dirty Blonde

Hair Style: Layered Length*

*Hair naturally curly

Appearance: White

Film (* = Upcoming)

2022, Background, Gaslight, Gaslight Pictures Inc/Oddfellow Entertainment Inc, Miles Joris-Peyrafitte

2020, Sniper Jordan, Outrunners, Outrun Production Company, Ken Hegan

2020, Kat, Alice, Greenhouse Productions, Chrissy Hostetter

Stage (* = Upcoming)

Co-Director	<i>The Emperor's New Threads</i>	Project-X Theatre
Director	<i>This is A Play</i>	Alchemy Festival/University of Calgary
Long John Silver/Others	<i>Treasure Island</i>	Randi Edmundson/Project-X Theatre
Assistant Director	<i>Jesus Christ Superstar</i>	James MacDonald/Western Canada Theatre
Balin/Others	<i>The Hobbit</i>	Jennica Grienke/Project-X Theatre
Mustard	<i>Mustard</i>	Robin Nichol/Actors Workshop Theatre: TRU
Susan/White Witch	<i>The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe</i>	Catriona Leger/Project-X Theatre
Performer/Writer	<i>Push Up Bar</i>	Catriona Leger/Break a Leg Collective
Performer/Writer	<i>100% A Show</i>	Allana Reoch/Second City Toronto Conservatory
Undersecretary/Fools	<i>Bird Brain</i>	Robin Nichol/Western Canada Theatre
Frankie B	<i>Francine & Frankie B Make Art</i>	Randi Edmundson/Western Canada Theatre
Usher	<i>Sleep No More: The Musical</i>	Robin Nichol/Western Canada Theatre
Rosalind	<i>As You Like It</i>	Heidi Verwey/Actors Workshop Theatre: TRU

Accents & Dialects: (* = Native)

American-Southern States, Scottish - Standard, RP, Cockney, Western Canadian*, Bostonian, New York, Eastern-Canadian, French, Russian, Irish (General)

Sports: (* = Highly Skilled)

Soccer*, Rugby, Baseball, Kickboxing, Long Distance Running*, Golf

Other Skills: (* = Highly Skilled)

Driver's License (Standard Vehicle), Theatre Educator*, Hosting, Public Speaking*

Performance: (* = Highly Skilled)

Improvisation*, Children's Theatre*, Staged Reading, Immersive Theatre, Sketch Writing, Cabaret Theatre

Training: (* = Upcoming)

University of Calgary - MFA Directing - September 2024 - Present

The Kinkonauts Improv Lab Conservatory Member/Featured Player - 2024 - Present

Deb Podowski Acting Studio, Getting Specific With Scene Study, 2021

Second City Conservatory Program & Advanced Sketch, 2018 - 2020

Actors Workshop Theatre: Thompson Rivers University, BA Theatre/History, 2011 - 2016



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