

CURRICULUM VITAE  
**GRETCHEN NORDLEAF-NELSON**  
*Educator/Director*

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**EDUCATION**

M.A. in Theatre Administration, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor  
B.A. in Theatre, English and Secondary Education, Western Washington University, Bellingham, Washington  
A.A. Theatre and Humanities, Olympic College, Bremerton, Washington

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

West Sound Academy	IB Language & Literature, IB Theatre, Art History, ELL	2013-present
George School	English, Journalism, ELL, Religion, IB Art	2006-2013
Lawrence High School	Theatre and English Instructor 9-12	2004-05
Olympic High School	Theatre and English Instructor 10-12	1997-2002
Olympic College	Theatre and Communications Instructor	1989-95
Sehome High School	Theatre and Speech Instructor 9-12	1984-1986

**COURSES TAUGHT AND DEVELOPED**

West Sound Academy	9th American Literature 10th World Literature 9th ELL Literature IB Language and Literature Year IB Theatre Art History Playworks (Devising Theatre) Holistic Health
George School:	Newspaper and Layout Design – IB Graphic Arts Curriculum Yearbook – Graphic Design – IB Graphic Arts Curriculum Junior English – American Literature Sophomore English 9th ELL Literature and US History Essentials of a Friends Community
Lawrence High School:	Introduction to Acting Scene Study Junior English – American Literature
Olympic High School:	Drama I – Introduction to Acting Play Production Dramatic Literature – Historical Perspective English Literature I & II World Literature Social Themes in Literature Practical Writing with Computers College Writing Creative Writing
Olympic College:	Introduction to Theatre Acting I – Improvisation Acting II – Acting Acting III – Scene Study Voice for the Actor Theatre Movement Production Workshop Interpersonal Communications
Sehome High School:	Drama I – Beginning Acting, Acting II – Scene Study, Production III – Advanced Scene Study and Directing, Speech/Interpersonal Communications, Interdisciplinary Arts – Common Themes in Drama, Music and Visual Art

## **DIRECTING EXPERIENCE**

<i>Almost, Maine</i>	West Sound Academy	2018
<i>The Curious Savage</i>	West Sound Academy	2018
<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>	West Sound Academy	2017
<i>Death by Design</i>	West Sound Academy	2017
<i>12 Angry Jurors</i>	West Sound Academy	2016
<i>I Hate Hamlet</i>	West Sound Academy	2016
<i>The Secret in the Wings</i>	West Sound Academy	2015
<i>Rumors</i>	West Sound Academy	2015
<i>Anatomy of Gray</i>	West Sound Academy	2014
<i>Harvey</i>	Central Kitsap High School	2014
<i>Almost, Maine</i>	Central Kitsap High School	2013
<i>Postmortem</i>	Central Kitsap High School	2013
<i>Into The Woods</i>	Lawrence High School	2005
<i>You Can't Take It With You</i>	Lawrence High School	2004
<i>Night Must Fall</i>	Olympic High School	2002
<i>Little Shop of Horrors</i>	Olympic High School	2001
<i>God</i>	Olympic High School	1999
<i>1940's Radio Hour</i>	Olympic High School	1999
<i>Never In My Lifetime</i>	Olympic High School	1998
<i>Girls to the Rescue</i>	Olympic High School	1998
<i>Noises Off</i>	Olympic High School	1998
<i>Remember My Name</i>	Olympic High School	1997
<i>The Boy Who Talked to Whales</i>	Seattle Children's Theatre Summer Program	1995
<i>White As Snow, Red as Blood-</i>		
<i>The Story of Snow White</i>	Olympic College	1993
<i>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</i>	Olympic College	1992
<i>To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday</i>	Olympic College	1991
<i>Hayfever</i>	Olympic College	1990
<i>The Adventures of Alice</i>	Olympic College	1990
<i>The Octette Bridge Club</i>	Olympic College	1989
<i>The Chalk Garden</i>	Sehome High School	1986
<i>You Can't Take It With You</i>	Sehome High School	1985
<i>You're A Good Man Charlie Brown</i>	Sehome High School	1985

## **PRODUCING EXPERIENCE**

<i>The Boyfriend</i>	Olympic High School	2002
<i>The Matchmaker</i>	Olympic High School	2001
<i>Shadow Box</i>	Olympic College	1994
<i>Jungalbook</i>	Olympic College	1995
<i>Cyrano de Bergerac</i>	University of Michigan	1983
<i>Dogg's Hamlet, Cahoot's Macbeth</i>	University of Michigan	1984
<i>Children</i>	University of Michigan	1984

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## **COACHING**

West Sound Academy (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor (2014-present)
Central Kitsap High School (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor (2013-14)
Lawrence High School (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor (2004-05)
Olympic High School (Thespian Troupe)	Drama Coach and Sponsor (1997-2002)
Olympic High School (student-directed one-acts festival)	Directing Coach (1997-2002)
Seattle Children's Theater Summer Program (teacher)	Director (1995)
Sehome High School	Drama Coach (1984-86)

## **COMMITTEE WORK**

### **WEST SOUND ACADEMY**

Accreditation Renewal Team for AdvancedEd and IB 2017-18  
Fall Gathering Committee 2014-present

### **GEORGE SCHOOL**

Junior/Senior Peer Leadership Coordinator 2007 - 2013  
QCore Team 2007 - 2008  
Peer Leadership 2006 – 2008  
Foundational Skills Committee 2008 – 2013  
Essentials of a Friends Community Curriculum Team 2007 - 2013

### **OLYMPIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Fine and Performing Arts Curriculum Committee 1997-2002  
Writing Across the Curriculum Team 1997-2002  
Problem Based Learning Project 2000-2002

### **OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION – WASHINGTON STATE**

Member Theatre Endorsement Advisory Committee 1987

### **SEHOME HIGH SCHOOL**

Interdisciplinary Arts Course – Curriculum Design Team 1984-86

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## **CONTINUING EDUCATION/TRAINING**

**Antioch University, Seattle, Washington** 1997-present Continuing Education courses

**Seattle Pacific University, Seattle, Washington** 1993-94 Continuing Education courses

Extended course work in Creative Dramatics and Independent Study of Dorothy Heathcote's work

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## **PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

Washington State Continuing Teacher Certification K-12  
Endorsement in English & Theatre  
Issued: June 1983

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Teacher Certification – Secondary  
Endorsement Language Arts 7-12  
Issued: November 1987

Pennsylvania Teacher Certification  
Level I Certification in English 7-12  
Issued: February 2006

New Jersey Standard Certificate  
Teacher of Theatre  
Issued: March 2005

Teacher of English 7-12  
Issued: February 2008

## **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

### **Drama Advisor/Faculty 1989-1993 Olympic College, Bremerton, WA**

Responsibilities: planned a year round production schedule; developed and administered Theatre Program Budget; promoted department activities; directed two or more productions per year; supervised guest director productions; hired, trained and supervised student staff. In 1994, after writing and submitting a Theatre Risk Management plan, the Olympic College Drama Program was awarded State funding for the design and installation for an entirely new theatre lighting system.

### **Community Coordinator 2003-2004 American Red Cross Homeless Shelter of Lower Bucks County, Levittown, PA**

Responsibilities: coordinated and organized all in-kind community donations necessary for the daily needs of the shelter residents. Organized and scheduled social activities for shelter residents based on a seasonal theme; integrated the man power needs of the shelter with the needs of the ARC Chapter programs with the Main Chapter Coordinator of Volunteers to ensure consistent volunteer help at the shelter in the areas of: receptionist support, food service and meal prep assistance as well as childcare aides.

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## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL THEATRE EXPERIENCE**

**Development Associate** 1986 Season  
Seattle Repertory Theatre, Seattle, WA

**Director of Audience Services** 1984 Season  
Intiman Theatre, Seattle, WA

**Public Relations/Marketing Intern** 1982 Season  
Intiman Theatre, Seattle, WA

**Public Relations / Marketing Director** 1981-83  
**Box Office Manager**  
Department of Theatre and Dance  
Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

**Costume Shop Supervisor** 1980-81  
Department of Theatre and Dance  
Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA

**Full Theatre Administration resume available upon request**

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## **CONSULTING**

Creative Dramatics for the Special Needs Classroom – Instructor October 2005  
Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22  
Doylestown, PA

Creative Dramatics for the Gifted Child – Instructor November 2005  
Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22  
Doylestown, PA

Creative Dramatics Across the Curriculum and The Teacher As Actor – Instructor June 2001  
Central Kitsap Continuing Education Summer Term  
Western Washington University – Silverdale, WA campus

Creative Dramatics for the Classroom Teacher – Instructor Spring 1995  
Central Kitsap Continuing Education  
Seattle Pacific University, Silverdale, WA campus

Teacher of Creative Dramatics Summer 1988  
College Gate Program, Easton, MA

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Washington State Thespian Association, Board Member  
Theatre Communications Group - member  
Educational Theatre Association - National Adjudicator for Screening of Festival Main stage Plays  
-Association Member  
Bucks County Montessori Charter School, past member Board of Trustees  
Bucks County Performing Arts Center – past Board member (previously known as the Lower Makefield Performing Arts Society)  
Washington Alliance for Theatre Education – past Board Member  
- past Vice President  
Washington State Education Association, past member  
Central Kitsap Education Association, past member  
Kitsap Children’s Visual and Performing Arts, past President

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## **AWARDS and HONORS**

### **PROFESSIONAL THEATRE PROGRAM FELLOWSHIP 1983-84**

Professional Theatre Program  
University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, MI

### **ROTARY TEACHER OF THE MONTH May 1997**

For Promoting Communications in our Schools  
East Bremerton Rotary, Bremerton, WA

### ***Recipient of***

***REGINALD AND ESTHER PRICE TEACHING CHAIR FOR YOUNG FACULTY stipend 2007 and 2008***

### ***MIRANDA FUND stipend***

***2007 and 2008***

For outstanding teaching and dedication to students.  
George School, Newtown, PA

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## **REFERENCES**

Barrie Hillman  
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West Sound Academy  
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