

# CHRISTINE PENNEY

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## Performing Arts Educator

**Performing arts educator** seeking to **engage and grow students & colleagues** through the **power of the literary and performing arts** by teaching empathy and self expression with a shrewd worldview via classic and modern literature, performance skills, & art to critically engage in today's world.

Efficient, strong, organized leader who excels at motivating students through high energy & engaging instruction, even when managing multiple priorities under pressure. Outgoing, friendly, and motivated people person with a great sense of humor! Resourceful, creative pragmatist, ardent for excellence.

*Additional abilities: actor, singer, pianist, stage manager. Fluent in Portuguese. Writer, editor.*

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## RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### English & Drama Teacher

<b>Butler High School</b> , grades 9 – 12	<b>2019 to present</b>
<b>Mountain Lakes High School</b> , grades 9 – 12	<b>2017 – 2019</b>
<b>The Ranney School</b> , grades 6 – 12	<b>2017</b> (leave replacement)
<b>Manhattan Christian Academy</b> , grades 6 – 8	<b>2016</b>
<b>Websterville Christian Academy</b> , grades 7 – 12	<b>2008 – 2009</b>

### COURSES TAUGHT

- World Lit. English 12
- Film as Lit. English 12
- British Lit. English 11
- Am. Lit. English 11
- English 7 – 12
- Evolutions of Cinema
- Acting Workshop
- Public Speaking
- Drama I & II
- Music Theory
- Choir

*Direct and music direct plays and musicals – mostly high school, but range of pre-school – twelfth grade*

### Theater Director (as Director, Producer, & Music Director)

Mountain Lakes High School, NJ	Theater Director	<b>2008 to present</b>
Butler High School, Butler, NJ	Theater Director	2016 to present
The Ranney School, Tinton Falls, NJ	Theater Director	2019 to present
Missisquoi Valley Union High School, VT	Theater Director	2017
Websterville Baptist Christian School, VT	Theater Director, Producer	2013 – 2014
Spaulding High School, Barre, VT	Theater Director, Music Director	2008 – 2013
Vermont Children's Theater, Lyndonville, VT	Theater Director	2010 – 2011
Quarry Works Theater, Adamant, VT	Theater Director	2010
		2008

- Teach dramatic technique, stage & theater elements & history, best performance practices; coach & guide students in class & at rehearsals; communicate artistic vision & value; counsel/mentor students
- Produce, direct, design, and oversee student-based production
- Cast & coach actors; recruit and hire qualified individuals; manage, coordinate, and schedule all
- Market, advertise, fundraise; conceive and coordinate promotional events
- Manage finances and analyze budget – production costs, box office sales, staff payments, etc.

### Teaching Artist & Music Director

Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains, NJ	Music Director	<b>2005 to present</b>
Ping Chong & Co., Applause, NYC	Music Director, Teaching Artist	2018 to present
Barre Opera, Stowe Arts, Flynn Center, VT	Teaching Artist	2016 – 2017
Green Mt. & Websterville Churches, VT	Music Director, Accompanist	2011 – 12, 2014 – 15
		2005 – 2015

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## EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

**Teaching License, K – 12 English Standard Certification**, June 2020  
pending Theatre Arts, Music certification

NEW JERSEY

Presently attending **Montclair State University**, NEW JERSEY  
expected matriculation 2023

**Master of Arts in Theater**

University of Vermont, **Bachelor of Arts in English, Music Minor**, *Cum Laude*, Dec. 2008 VERMONT

• University Honors, December 2008

• English Department Honors, May 2008

Coursework, Johnson State College, **Master of Arts, Secondary English Ed.**, spring 2012 Johnson, VT  
Circle in the Square Theater School, **Summer Acting & Musical Theater Program**, August 2013 NYC

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## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

### As Teacher, Director

- **AWARDS**

- **Romeo & Juliet**, Mountain Lakes High School, fall 2020  
**Best OVERALL Production** (out of 75 shows) – Montclair Theatre Night Awards, May 2021  
**Best Direction** – Montclair Theatre Night Awards, May 2021  
**Best OVERALL Actor** (Romeo, out of 200 actors), **Best Actor & Actress, Live Masked** (Romeo & Juliet), **Best Production, Live Masked** – Montclair Theatre Night Awards, May 2021
- **Pride and Prejudice**, Mountain Lakes High School, fall 2018  
**STANJ Best Play**, January 2019 (Speech and Theatre Association of New Jersey)  
**Best Production, Best Direction, Best Actress & Supp. Actress** Bucks County Playhouse Festival, April 2019  
**Best Supp. Actress FOXY Award** – Montclair Theatre Night Awards, May 2019
- **Peter and the Starcatcher**, Mountain Lakes High School, fall 2017  
**Best Prod., Best Actress, Best Supp. Actress & Actor** Bucks County Playhouse Festival, April 2018  
**Best Stage Combat FOXY Award** – Montclair Theatre Night Awards, May 2018
- **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, Mountain Lakes High School, fall 2016  
**Best Production, Best Actress & Supp. Actress** Bucks County Playhouse Festival, April 2017  
**Best Choreography FOXY Award** – Montclair Theatre Night Awards, May 2018
- Over \$20,000 in ticket sales – largest earnings & audience attendance program had ever seen
- Directed & music directed 150 students in all-school (grades pre-school to 12<sup>th</sup> grade) musical

### As Actor, Singer, Pianist – Actor/musician resume available upon request.

- Called back 3 times - Broadway & Broadway National Tours of **Once** for lead actor/pianist “GIRL”
  - Final callbacks as ensemble actor musician for in-development Broadway production of **August Rush** – with Tony winner **John Doyle**, Emmy winner **Alan Berger**, and Tony nom. **Mark Mancina**
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## DIRECTOR, PRODUCER, MUSIC DIRECTOR, CHOREOGRAPHER – Selected Work

<i>Grease</i>	Jacobs & Casey	Mountain Lakes, NJ
<i>Romeo &amp; Juliet</i>	Shakespeare, adapted by Penney	Mountain Lakes, NJ
<i>Fiddler on the Roof</i>	Stein & Harnick	Mountain Lakes, NJ
<i>The Crucible</i>	Miller	Mountain Lakes, NJ
<i>Pride and Prejudice</i>	Hamill, adapted from Austen	Mountain Lakes, NJ
<i>Beauty &amp; the Beast</i>	Menken	Mountain Lakes, NJ
<i>Peter &amp; the Starcatcher</i>	Elice	Mountain Lakes, NJ
<i>Annie</i>	Charnin	Swanton, VT
<i>The Lion, the Witch, &amp; the Wardrobe</i>	Tasca/Drachman/Tierney	Websterville, VT
<i>Pippin</i>	Stephen Schwartz	Barre, VT