# JAMES HAFFNER

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#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music (Stockton, CA) 1999 – Present Professor of Opera Primary responsibility is to create a music-theatre season that is appropriate for the student population; additional function is to serve as liaison to the local and national opera communities on behalf of the Conservatory of Music. Regular course load includes Opera Theatre Workshop: Acting for Singers (Beginning and Advanced), Introduction to Lyric Diction (German and English), Opera Literature. Production responsibilities include a main stage Scenes Program or Chamber Work, a main stage Opera and the Opera Studio (a component of the Opera Theatre Workshop classes), which focuses on scene work. 2013 – Present Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium (University of Mount Union) Associate Teacher Assist Master Teachers in delivering curriculum and assist in consortium governance. 2003 - 2005**Bay View Music Festival** (Bay View, MI) 2013 - 2015**Resident Acting Teacher** Course load included Acting Techniques which is designed to address the specific needs of the singing actor and helps students forge stronger audition preparation skills. 2007 - 2010Pacific Opera Institute (Stockton & Bear Valley, CA) Directed and produced Scenes Program and Mainstage Opera featuring young artists. 2009 **University Study Abroad Consortium** (Viterbo, Italy) Taught Italian Opera Literature at Università degli Studi della Tuscia as part of the 2009 Summer Session. 2002 - 2003California State University, Fullerton (Fullerton, CA) Visiting Asst. Prof. of Musical Theatre Course load included Acting II (Junior Level), Fundamentals of Musical Theatre and the Graduate Acting Studio in addition to production requirements. 1999 - 2001**Cincinnati** Opera Director, Young Artists' Program/Guest Director, Outreach Series Coached singers for covered roles and lecture series performances; directed outreach ensemble for school tour. 1998 - 1999Miami University (Oxford, OH) Adjunct Instructor Taught Opera Theatre Workshop and directed students in mainstage series. 1997 - 2007Webster University (St. Louis, MO) Artist-in-Residence Directed scenes and one-acts for Opera Theatre Program. 1997 - 1998University of Kentucky, Lexington Adjunct Instructor Taught Opera Theatre Workshop and directed students in a (American opera) scenes program. 1996 - 1997Technische Universität, Berlin Instructor Taught Dramatisches Praktikum, a year-long acting class with an emphasis on improvisation in the firstterm and directed in mainstage series.

#### **EDUCATION & TRAINING**

2014 - 2018	Michael Chekhov Association (MICHA)/Certificate of Completion
2011 - 2013	Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium/Certified Teacher
1996 – 1997	Komische Oper, Berlin (Regie-Hospitant; Harry Kupfer, Intendant)
1994 – 1997	University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music Master of Fine Arts (Directing) Artist's Diploma (Opera Stage Directing)
1989 – 1993	Baldwin-Wallace University (Cleveland, OH) Bachelor of Arts (Theatre)

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

2013 - Present	Associate Teacher, Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium
2004 - Present	Member, Pi Kappa Lambda
2000 - Present	Member, National Opera Association & Opera America
2002 - Present	Member, Lincoln Center Directors' Lab-West

### LANGUAGES

*German* (Goethe Institut, Murnau; Universität zum Kiel; USAC: Leuphana Universität, Lüneburg) *Italian* (Koine Centro, Lucca)

#### **AWARDS, HONORS & PUBLICATIONS**

2017	National Opera Association Production Competition (Third Place) Dido & Aeneas with Intermezzi from The Fairy Queen & King Arthur (UoP Conservatory of Music)
2016	<i>Critical Stages</i> , online journal of the International Association of Theatre Critics (IATC). <i>Musical Synthesis of the Michael Chekhov Technique: Integrated Training for the Singer-Actor</i>
2013	National Opera Association Production Competition (First Place) The Merry Wives of Windsor (University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music)
2012	University Studies Abroad Consortium (Faculty International Development Award) Leuphana Universität, Lüneburg
2005	Kennedy Center-American College Theatre Festival (Invitational Scene) Heart's Desire (University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music)
2004	Kennedy Center-American College Theatre Festival (Regional Finalist) Berlin to Broadway with Kurt Weill (University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music)
2003	Kennedy Center-American College Theatre Festival (Alternate Regional Finalist) <i>Falsettoland</i> (University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music)
2001	William Smith Award, Outstanding Musical Production La Cage aux Folles (Stockton Civic Theatre)
2001	Kennedy Center-American College Theatre Festival (Regional and National Finalist) National Opera Association Production Competition (First Place) <i>La Cenerentola</i> (University of the Pacific Conservatory of Music)
1996	National Opera Association Production Competition (First Place) Der Vampyr (University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music)
1996 – 1997	Fulbright Grant (Germany, Full Award)
1995	Goethe Institut German Language Scholarship (Murnau, Full Award)

# **ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE (DIRECTING)**

#### UNIVERSITY

The Beggar's Opera	University of the Pacific	March, 2018
<b>Dido and Aeneas</b> with Intermezzi from The Fairy Queen and King Arthur Third Place, NOA Production Competition	University of the Pacific	March, 2017
La Vie Parisienne	University of the Pacific	April, 2016
Brundibár/But the Giraffe!	University of the Pacific	October, 2015
The Goose of Cairo	University of the Pacific	March, 2015
Berlin to Broadway with Kurt Weill	University of the Pacific	October, 2014
Orpheus in the Underworld	University of the Pacific	March, 2014
<i>The Merry Wives of Windsor</i> (Nicolai) First Place, NOA Production Competition	University of the Pacific	March, 2013
The Soldier's Tale	University of the Pacific	November, 2012
The Magic Flute	University of the Pacific	March, 2012
The Threepenny Opera	University of the Pacific	March, 2011
Patience	University of the Pacific	March, 2010
<i>Il Treno: A Cabaret of Italian Popular Music</i> Encore Performance (Selections) at the Università degli Studi della Tuscia	University of the Pacific	November, 2009
Die Fledermaus	University of the Pacific	March, 2009
<b>Brundibar/I Never Saw Another Butterfly</b> Outreach performances at Stockton Unified Elementary Schools Encore Performance at Temple Israel, Stockton as part of the National Holocaust Remembrance service	University of the Pacific	October, 2008
Le Nozze di Figaro	University of the Pacific	March, 2008
The 1940's Radio Hour	University of the Pacific	October, 2007
L'incoronazione di Poppea	University of the Pacific	March, 2007
<b>A Little Night Music</b> Encore Performances (Selections) at the Prague Conservatoire and the Konservatorium Bratislava	University of the Pacific	November, 2006
The Mikado	University of the Pacific	March, 2006
<b>Assassins</b> Encore Performance (Selections) at the Technische Universität, Berlin	University of the Pacific	October, 2005
Dido and Aeneas/Orfeo ed Euridice	University of the Pacific	March, 2005
Heart's Desire (West Coast Premiere) KC-ACTF Invited Scene	University of the Pacific	October, 2004
La Vie Parisienne	University of the Pacific	March, 2004

<b>Berlin to Broadway with Kurt Weill</b> Regional Finalist, KC-ACTF	University of the Pacific	October, 2003
Orfeo ed Euridice (Gluck) & Scenes	Webster University	January, 2003
AMy Name is Alice	California State University, Fullerton	March, 2003
Hansel and Gretel	University of the Pacific	January, 2002
<b>Falsettoland</b> Alternate Regional Finalist, KC-ACTF	University of the Pacific	October, 2001
Strawberry Fields (West Coast Premiere)	University of the Pacific	March, 2001
<i>La Cenerentola</i> Regional and National Finalist, KC-ACTF First Place, NOA Production Competition	University of the Pacific	November, 2000
The Beggar's Opera	University of the Pacific	April, 2000
Old Maid and the Thief/Riders to the Sea	Miami University	March, 1999
Gianni Schicchi & Scenes	Webster University	January, 1998
The School for Scandal	Technische Universität, Berlin	March, 1997
<i>The Vampire</i> First Place, NOA Production Competition	University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music	January, 1996

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#### PROFESSIONAL

Hansel and Gretel	Stockton Opera Association	January, 2018
A Midsummer Night's Dream (Mendelssohn)	Stockton Symphony	January, 2016
Winterlight (Reading)	Moss Theater (LA)	July, 2015
Ragtime	Bay View Music Festival	July, 2015
Die Fledermaus	Stockton Opera Association	May, 2015
Les Misérables	Bay View Music Festival	July, 2014
Big River	Bay View Music Festival	July, 2013
Le Nozze di Figaro	Stockton Opera Association	May, 2013
Pagliacci/Gianni Schicchi	Stockton Opera Association	January, 2012
La Boheme	Stockton Opera Association	January, 2011
The Merry Widow	Bear Valley Music Festival	August, 2010
Don Giovanni	Stockton Opera Association	January, 2010
Il Barbiere di Siviglia	Stockton Opera Association	January, 2009
Madama Butterfly	Stockton Opera Association	January, 2008

Merry Wives of Windsor (Nicolai)	Bear Valley Music Festival	August, 2007
Cannery Row (Brubeck) World Premiere	Monterey Jazz Festival	September, 2006
The Secret Garden	Bay View Music Festival	July, 2005
Fiddler on the Roof	Bay View Music Festival	July, 2004
La Traviata	Lyric Opera of San Antonio	August, 2001
Dido and Aeneas	Museumsinsel Operntheater, Berlin	August, 2000
La Cenerentola	Cincinnati Opera Outreach	January, 2000
The Cabinet of Dr. Caligari	Genesius Guild (HERE Space; NY)	December, 1998
Mahagonny Songspiel	Berliner Ensemble Brecht Fest	July, 1997
A Bright Room Called Day (German Premiere)	ExdEluxE English Theatre, Berlin	June, 1997
<b>Traumschiff</b> (Original German Musical)	Hochschule der Künste, Berlin	February, 1997
Arlecchinata	Opera Theatre of Lucca (Italy)	July, 1996
You Can't Trust the Male	Ensemble Studio Theatre (NY)	January, 1993
Light Up the Sky	Berea Summer Theatre (OH)	July, 1993
1919: A Baseball Opera	Ensemble Studio Theatre (NY)	December, 1992

# **ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE (PERFORMANCE)**

#### PROFESSIONAL

La Traviata	Il Barone	University of the Pacific	February, 2006
Dark Lady of the Sonnets	Shakespeare	California State Univ., Fullerton	May, 2003
<b>Propheten (Weill)</b> (Regional Premiere)	Der Widersprecher	Cincinnati May Festival James Conlon, Conductor	May, 1999
<i>Fixing Frank</i> (World Premiere)	Dr. Apsey	University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music	February, 1996
Hello Out There	The Husband	Ensemble Studio Theatre	October, 1993

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

2007 – Present	Stockton Opera Association (Stockton, CA) Producing Artistic Director
1999 – 2000	<b>Cincinnati Opera</b> (Cincinnati, OH) Young Artists' Program Coordinator
1998 – 1999	American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (Cincinnati, OH) Membership Coordinator/Asst. Contract Manager
1992 – 1994	<b>The Ensemble Studio Theatre</b> (New York, NY) Assistant Producer

#### SERVICE

### **COMMUNITY & PROFESSIONAL**

Singer Training Forum (Participant)	Opera America	2014 - Present
Irene Dalis Vocal Competition (Adjudicator)	San Jose Opera	2007 - 2010
Cabaret (Dramaturg)	Stockton Theatre Project	July, 2006
Side by Side by Sondheim (Featured Performer)	Stockton Theatre Project	June, 2006
Amahl and the Night Visitors (Stage Director)	Stockton Civic Theatre	November, 2005
Guys and Dolls (Nathan Detroit)	Stockton Civic Theatre	May, 2005
Cabaret (German Language Consultant)	Ashland University Theatre	November, 2004
Babes in Arms (Stage Director)	Stockton Civic Theatre	August, 2003
Member, Board of Directors	National Opera Association	2002 - 2004
Consultant, Professional Singers' Workshop	Opera America	2002 - 2003
High School Musical Theatre Festival Adjudicator	University of the Pacific	2001 - 2002
<i>La Cage aux Folles</i> William Smith Award, Outstanding Musical Production	Stockton Civic Theatre	July, 2001