



Susan Cato-Chapman

Susan has taught Acting, Movement and Directing in higher education for over a decade. She holds an MFA in Acting from Florida Atlantic University and a BA from The University of North Carolina at Asheville. A Certified Teacher in the Michael Chekhov Technique, she also serves as Associate Director of the Great Lakes Michael Chekhov Consortium located in Ohio. Susan is also a Certified Teacher of the Alexander Technique through Chesapeake Bay Alexander Studies. She is a proud member of Actor's Equity Association.

Derek Long

Derek is an actor, director, producer and teacher, with over thirty years of theatre experience in Chicago and Los Angeles. And now, he's looking forward to exploring theatre here in North Carolina. He recently played the Scarecrow in Old Colony Players' production of *The Wizard of Oz* in Valdese. Over the years, he has taught a performance class, with focus on Rudolph Laban's Movement Theory. He's also Co-Producer of Pandora Productions' Annual Festival of New Plays in Long Beach. Currently, he's Producer and Director of the YouTube series *Jean Mae Has Something To Say*.



Kesha Nichols

Born and raised in Drexel, North Carolina, Kesha discovered her passion for dance at the age of 4 and danced locally for 14 years. She has a B.A. in Dance Education from Columbia College in South Carolina, and became a dance specialist for the Gifted and Talented Dance Program at Dreher High School.

Kesha spent 13 years in New York City where she was an NBA dancer, signed with top dance agency, Bloc NY, and was featured in film, television, and stage productions. Simultaneously, Kesha established her own dance entertainment company, Sugar & Spice Productions, through which she produced a variety of featured entertainment, live shows, and interactive productions, from music videos to celebrity and corporate events.

Kesha is currently the proud owner, creative director and dance instructor of ***Southern Swag Dance Academy***. It is an honor for Kesha to give the gift of dance to the aspiring dancers in her hometown and she is excited and hopeful for this next chapter as she continues dancing through life.

Meredith Potter

Meredith hails from Spartanburg, South Carolina but has lived in the Morganton area since 2009. She started her love affair with theatre at a very early age and joined Imaginations Theatre Company while in the fourth grade. She continued her theatre education throughout grade school and went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree of Arts in Theatre Performance from The College of Charleston.



Meredith has been seen in productions locally at Hickory Community Theater and Old Colony Players and continues to strive to bring truth and beauty to the stage. She is very excited to be able to share some of the knowledge she has learned with the youth of this area and hopes to continue to be able to do so in the future.



Marny Pritchard

Marny has called Burke County home for over 30 years. She is the owner/instructor of **3M Studio (Ms. Marny's Music)**, where she teaches piano, voice, guitar, dulcimer, and ukulele.

Marny has consistently been involved in local theatre, directing music for shows at Old Colony Players in Valdese and at Hickory Community Theatre.