Kate Aarness

Education

MFA in Devised Performance. University of the Arts/Pig Iron Theatre. (2021).

BA in Theatre Arts. Musical Theatre Emphasis, Minor in Theatre Acting.
Minnesota State University Moorhead. (2017).
British American Drama Academy, London Theatre Program, Fall 2015

Languages: English - native
American Sign Language - CODA/remedial

Professional Training

Acting:
Lecoq: Quinn Bauriedel, Emmanuelle Delpech, Sarah Sanford, Dan Rothenberg
Clown: Mick Barnfather, Aram Alan Aghazarian, Giovanni Fusetti
Shakespeare: Ian Wooldridge, Madeleine Potter, Mabel Aitken,
Hugh Wooldridge, Meri Quanbeck, Charlie Williamson
Musical Theatre: Craig Ellingson
Chekov: Jennifer Tuttle, Patrick Carriere
Stanislavski: David Wheeler
Dance Theater: Nichole Canuso

Dance and Movement:
Ballet: Karly Pierce Lystad, Lewis E Whitlock III, Jennifer Estes
Jazz/Tap: Craig Ellingson, Brianna Larson, Sue Lass
Stage Combat: Philip d'Orleans
Theatre Movement: Marcelle Davies

Voice:
Singing: Nicki Toliver, Julie Adams
Acting: John Tucker, Adrienne Mackey, Audrey Parnell

Teaching

Adult Acting: Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Moorhead MN. 2024.
Taught a basic acting class for community members, used Lecoq pedagogy to explore character, physical presence, and monologue performance.

Musical Theatre I & II: Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Moorhead MN. 2024.
Choreographed and taught dance to school aged students using music from *Wicked*.

Adult Acting: Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Moorhead MN. 2023.
Taught a basic acting class for community members, used Lecoq pedagogy to explore character, physical presence, and voice work.

Musical Theatre I & II: Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Moorhead MN. 2023.
Choreographed and taught dance to school aged students using music from *Goosebumps The Musical*.

Lecoq and Dance Theater: University of the Arts, Philadelphia, PA. 2021
Co-designed and co-taught a Lecoq-based class for UArts undergraduate students. Unit was focused on Dance Theater as a devising tool.

Directing

Women of Clay by Kate Aarness and Brandon Hecker. Director. Heritage Garden and Amphitheater, Moorhead MN. 2018.

Choreography

It's a Wonderful Life - the Musical by Bruce Greer and Keith Ferguson. Choreographer. Fargo-Moorhead Community Theatre, Moorhead MN. 2023.

Intimacy

It's a Wonderful Life - the Musical by Bruce Greer and Keith Ferguson. Intimacy Choreographer. Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Moorhead MN. 2023.

Molly Howard is No More by Toby Otero. Intimacy Choreographer. Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Moorhead MN. 2023.

Performance Credits

Undergraduate

Working. Delores/Ensemble Member. Directed by Craig Ellingson. MSUM School of Performing Arts, Moorhead MN. 2016.

Under Milk Wood. Rosie Probert/Ensemble Member. Directed by Hugh Wooldridge. British American Drama Academy, London England. 2015.

The Bacchae. Agave. Directed by Craig Ellingson. MSUM School of Performing Arts, Moorhead MN. 2015.

Romeo and Juliet. Lady Capulet. Directed by Patrick Carriere. MSUM School of Performing Arts, Moorhead MN. 2015.

The Musical of Musicals: the Musical. Juny/Ensemble Member. Directed by Craig Ellingson. MSUM School of Performing Arts, Moorhead MN. 2015.

Carrie: the Musical. Carrie White. Directed by Craig Ellingson. MSUM School of Performing Arts, Moorhead MN. 2014.

Almost, Maine. Glory. Directed by David Wheeler. MSUM School of Performing Arts, Moorhead MN. 2013.

Mother Courage. Quartermaster/Ensemble Member. Directed by Patrick Carriere. MSUM School of Performing Arts, Moorhead MN. 2013.

Rapunzel and Her Dragon. Mother Rabbit. Directed by David Wheeler. MSUM School of Performing Arts, Moorhead MN. 2012.

Summer Stock

Cats. Bombalurina. Directed by Craig Ellingson. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2015.

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee. Marcy Park. Directed by Craig Ellingson. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2015.

Some Enchanted Evening. Featured Soloist. Directed by Craig Ellingson. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2015.

Fiddler on the Roof. Tzietel. Directed by Craig Ellingson. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2014.

Barefoot in the Park. Corie Bratter. Directed by David Wheeler. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2014.

SUDS: The Rocking 60's Musical Soap Opera. Cindy. Directed by Craig Ellingson. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2014.

A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum. Panacea. Directed by Craig Ellingson. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2013.

Godspell. Ensemble Member. Directed by Patrick Carriere. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2013.

The World Goes 'Round. Directed by Craig Ellingson. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2013.

My Fair Lady. Featured Dancer/Flower Girl. Directed by Craig Ellingson. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2012.

The Sound of Music. Postulant/Ensemble Member. Directed by Jennifer Tuttle. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2011.

The 70's Show. Featured Dancer/Ensemble Member. Directed by Craig Ellingson. The Straw Hat Players, Moorhead MN. 2011.

Professional

Perfect Arrangement. Norma Baxter. Directed by Matthew Dryburgh. Theatre B, Moorhead MN. 2026

Pride and Prejudice. Lydia/Lady Catherine. Directed by Matthew Dryburgh. Theatre B, Moorhead MN. 2025.

Baskerville: a Sherlock Holmes Mystery. Actress 1. Directed by Jim Williams. Paul Bunyan Playhouse, Bemidji MN. 2017.

How the World Began. Susan Pierce. Directed by David Wheeler. Theatre B, Fargo ND. 2016.

The Great American Trailer Park Musical. Pickles. Directed by Ryan Domres. Blur, Fargo ND. 2016.

Company. April. Directed by David Wheeler. Wheelhouse Productions, Fargo ND. 2016.

Community Theatre

Much Ado About Nothing. Beatrice. Directed by Meri Quanbeck. Blue Box Theatre Company, Dilworth MN. 2025.

Tell Me That You Love Me, Junie Moon. Junie Moon. Produced by Karla Pederson. Tin Roof Theatre Company, Moorhead MN. 2023.

The Hello Girls. Louise Le Breton. Directed by Daniel Damico. Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Moorhead MN. 2023.

1940's Radio Hour. Connie Miller. Directed by Darcy and Lauren Brandenburg. Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Fargo ND. 2017.

Almost, Maine. Woman 2. Directed by David Wheeler. Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Fargo ND. 2017.

A Year With Frog and Toad. Lady Bird 1. Directed by Anna Carol Mangan. Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Fargo ND. 2017.

White Christmas. Judy Haynes. Directed by Daniel Damico. Fargo/Moorhead Community Theatre, Fargo ND. 2016.

Devised

Threnody. Ensemble Member/Collaborator/Marketing Designer. Devised by the Ensemble. Threnody Collective, Philadelphia PA. 2022.

Graduate

Threnody. Ensemble Member/Collaborator. Devised by the Ensemble. University of the Arts/Pig Iron School, Philadelphia PA. 2021.

Film

The Greater Cumberland County Cooking Show. Uley/Magnolia/Adeline. Directed by Janet Brandau. 2023.

Motorway Macabre. Willow. Directed by Matt Eckholm. 2020.

Sadie Breaks the Silents. Caroline. Directed by Tom Brandau. 2016.

Zerron Warrior. Elisa the Red. Directed by Christian Calabrese. 2014.

Siddartha. Eve. Directed by Bhupendra Bhattarai. 2014.

Fergus Falls. Shelby. Directed by Matt Eckholm. 2014.