

## TACT Youth Academy Spring 2021 Instructors



**Tammy Daniels** is a Wilmington native and has been an active performer on the Thalian Hall stage since 2014. She has been dancing for 25 years and earned her BA in Theatre Performance at UNC Wilmington. Her recent choreographer credits include numbers from *All We Want for Christmas is You!* a TACT Holiday Variety Show and *Guys & Dolls* with Thalian Association. Tammy's passion for dance has driven her to continue her education through teaching and she hopes to see you in class soon!

**Kathy Enlow** is thrilled to be working with TACT Academy. She earned a B.S. in Elementary Education from Baldwin Wallace College and is a Certified Governess, having received training at the English Nanny and Governess School. She has been performing for over 30 years, 11 of those, as the Lead Vocalist for the Harry Hershey Big Band Orchestra. Since moving to Wilmington with her husband, Kathy has performed in many theatrical productions and concerts. She is thrilled to share her passion for performance by teaching for TACT Academy this year.

**Courtney Harding** grew up participating in Thalian Association Youth Theatre. She graduated with honors from UNC Charlotte in Theatre Education and a minor in dance. She now teaches theatre at New Hanover High School by day and performs in local theatre by night! Courtney also directs Boss Camp productions every summer at Creative Arts Camp.

**Linda Carlisle Markas** earned a Bachelor of Music degree from the Hayes School of Music at Appalachian State University, graduating with honors in 2008. She also holds a B.A. in Speech Communications from UNCW. Practical experience includes teaching general music in elementary school settings, teaching piano and voice lessons in private studio settings, and working with local community theater organizations as a performer, director and music director.

**Samantha Ray Mifsud** is an entrepreneur who opened her own business, Evolution Healing Arts, in July of 2019. Samantha studied Elementary Education and Theatre at UNCW, and moved to El Paso, Texas, to attend graduate school for Elementary Education and simultaneously began performing professionally as a singer, dancer, and actor. From there, she began performing in New York City, where she worked for almost two years. Samantha realized that helping children and families was her truest passion and moved back to Wilmington to begin a career in education. Samantha was an elementary school teacher for six years, right here in southeastern North Carolina! She also performs in local productions at Thalian Hall and now she takes her education and performance backgrounds combined and uses these skill sets to run her business, Evolution Healing Arts and help out in the community, with amazing organizations like TACT!

**Georgie Simon** hails from New York City and has been active in the theatre community since moving to Wilmington in 2018. She studied theatre at Muhlenberg College, performing onstage since the age of six with New York credits *Hairspray* (Tracy), *Cats* (Grizabella), *Les Miserables* (Eponine), and *Grease* (Rizzo). Thalian Association appearances include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Narrator) and *Matilda* (Ensemble). Other Wilmington credits include *Lizzie: The Musical* (Lizzie Borden) with Panache Theatrical Productions and *Clue: The Musical* (Detective) at TheatreNOW.

**Stacie Smith** grew up in Thalian Association Youth Theatre and her love of theatre continues today as an instructor, stage manager, director, and performer. She has stage managed many productions for Thalian Youth Theatre and Main Stage Thalian Hall productions including *Beauty and the Beast*, *A Chorus Line*, *Young Frankenstein*, *Pippin*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. During the summer months Stacie is Assistant Director for Creative Arts Camp.