# Stevie Jan Neale

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**Education: Bachelors of Fine Arts and Sciences** 

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University of West Florida, Pensacola, Florida

Major: Musical Theatre and Political Science Pre-Law

Cumulative G.P.A.: 3.86

**Honors Thesis:** 

November 2008

- Fairy Tales and Feminine Virtue: A Dramaturgical Work of Christina Rossetti's 'Goblin Market'
  - o Thesis Advisor: Timothy Kennedy
  - o Honors Advisor: Gregory Lanier
  - Nominated for Kennedy Center American Collegiate Theatre Festival Dramaturgy Award
  - o Presenter at the Southern Regional Honors Council Conference

# **Research Experience:**

- Honors Thesis
  - o May 2008 December 2008
- Field research with the Political Science Dept. in Washington D.C. interviewing Congress members and staff
  - o June 2008
  - o Advisor: Dr. Jocelyn Evans
  - o Title: Research in Congress
- Various Honors By Contract courses taken requiring extra research projects throughout undergraduate degree
  - 0 2004-2008

### **Teaching Experience**

- BuildaBridge International
  - o Drama Teacher in Guatemale City, Guatemala
    - November 2010
- Christus Academy
  - o Volunteer Teaching Assistant
  - o Math, English, Spanish, Computer Skills
  - o September 2009-June 2010
- First Church of the Nazarene
  - o Interim Youth Minister
    - September 2008- July 2009
- University of West Florida
  - o Substitute Yoga Instructor
    - January May 2009
- Pensacola Opera
  - o Music Director
    - Summer 2009
  - Camp Counselor
    - Summer 2007 and 2008

- Teaching Assistant for "From Words to Music"
  - August 2008-May 2009
- Assistant for "The Deaf Project"
  - **2007**, 2008
- Ft. Lauderdale Children's Theatre
  - o Camp Counselor
    - Summers of 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005

### **Work Experience**

- Cherry Hill Health and Racquet Club
  - o Party Coordinator
    - December 2010-Present
- Pennsauken United Methodist
  - Youth Arts Coordinator
  - Contemporary Worship Leader
    - September 2010-Present
- Mission Year/Christus Academy
  - o Volunteer teaching assistant
    - Taught Math, English, Spanish, and Computer Skills
    - Updated Christus Academy Website
    - August 2009 July 2010
- First Church of the Nazarene
  - o Interim Youth Minister
  - Youth Praise Band Leader
    - **2008-2009**
- Radiante Jacqueline Day Spa
  - o Receptionist and data entry
    - **2007-2009**
- UWF Costume Shop
  - o Costume Builder and Stitcher
    - **2006-2007**
- Murphy & Neale, P.A.
  - o Data entry and filing
    - **2005**
- Fort Lauderdale Children's Theatre
  - o Summer Camp Counselor
    - **2002-2005**

# **Directing and Stage Management Experience**

- Pensacola Church of the Nazarene
  - Youth Praise Band Leader
    - Musically directed teenage and adult instrumentalists and vocalists to develop a collaborative youth and adult praise team
    - **2008-2009**
- Pensacola Opera Children's Camp
  - o Music Director
    - June 2009
- "As You Like It" at The University of West Florida

- Stage Manager
  - April 2007
- o Director: Kevin Kern
- "Two Worlds" for "The Deaf Project" with the Pensacola Opera
  - Deck Manager
  - o Director: Timothy Kennedy
    - May 2007
- "The Vagina Monologues" as a part of V-Day: Until the Violence Stops
  - Assistant Director
  - o Organizer of V-Day UWF
    - February 2005
    - February 2006
- "Cabaret" at The University of West Florida
  - o Assistant Stage Manager
  - Director: Jan Savage
    - April 2005
- "The Little Mermaid" at the Ft. Lauderdale Children's Theatre
  - Stage Manager
  - o Director: Scott Shervan
    - May 2004

### **Ministry Experience**

- Pennsauken United Methodist
  - Youth Arts Coordinator and Contemporary Worship Leader
    - September 2010-Present
- Mission Year Team Member in Camden, New Jersey
  - o Volunteer
  - o Team Captain
  - o August 2009-July 2010
- First Church of the Nazarene
  - Interim Youth Minister
    - September 2008 –June 2009
- First Church of the Nazarene
  - Youth praise band leader
    - October 2008 June 2009
- Safe Harbor Women's Resource Center
  - Volunteer Counselor in Training
  - Office Work
    - January 2008 October 2008
- Honduras Mission Trip
  - Summers of 2003 and 2004
- Park Springs Presbyterian
  - o Choir
    - **2000-2002**
- First United Methodist of Coral Springs
  - Praise Band Singer
    - -2002 2004

- First United Methodist
  - o Drama Team
    - 2002 2004
- Coral Springs Christian Academy
  - o Chaplain
    - August 2003-May 2004

### **Internships**

- Pensacola Opera with the Education and Outreach Department
  - o Timothy Kennedy Director of Education and Outreach
    - May 2006 July 2009

### **Conferences and Presentations**

- Presentation of Honors Thesis Dramaturgy
  - o Given to "Goblin Market" directors, cast, and designers
    - September 2008
  - o Talkback with the audience
    - November 2008
  - South Regional Honors Conference Presenter
    - March 2008
  - Nominated for Kennedy Center American Collegiate Theatre Festival Dramaturgy Award
- Honors By Contract lectures
  - o The Fashion influences of Elizabeth I
    - Costume History
    - March 2007
  - o Aristotle's Politics
    - Masters of Political Thought
    - Spring 2006
- Kennedy Center/American Collegiate Theatre Festival
  - o Once on this Island Performer
    - "Erzulie"
    - February 2008

#### **Performances**

- Singing Telegram Messenger
  - o Classicsingingtelegram.com for South Jersey/Philadelphia Area
- *Gypsy* as "Tessie Tura"
  - o Bridge Players in Burlington, NJ
    - February 2011
- Once on This Island as "Erzulie"
  - o KC/ACTF Performance
    - February 2008
  - o UWF Main Stage
    - October 2007
- Soloist for the UWF Symphonic Band's Annual Christmas Concert
  - UWF Main Stage
    - December of 2006 and 2007

- UWF Musical Theatre Troupe
  - o Co-Director with Tristian Luysterburg
  - Touring Panhandle high schools
    - Spring 2006 and Spring 2007
- She Loves Me as "Customer 1" and "Amalia" understudy
  - o UWF Main Stage
    - November 2006
- A Piece of My Heart as "Sissy"
  - o UWF Studio Theatre
    - October 2006
- *Kiss Me, Kate* as "Hattie"
  - o UWF Main Stage
    - April 2006
- The Vagina Monologues Various roles
  - o V-Day: Until the Violence Stops
    - College Campaign Organizer for UWF
  - o UWF Main Stage
    - February 2005
- *The King and I* as "Wife 9"
  - o Pensacola Junior College Main Stage
    - October 2005
- *The Prince and the Pauper* as "Rosie"
  - o Ft. Lauderdale Children's Theatre
    - July 2005
- Actor for Medical Assistants and Resident Nurses in Training
  - Nova Medical School
  - o Recorded video used for future training
    - May-August 2005
- West Side Story as a "Jet girl"
  - o Ft. Lauderdale Children's Theatre Young Rep
    - March 2004
- A Christmas Carol as "Niece" understudy and chorus member
  - o Ft. Lauderdale Children's Theatre
    - December 2002
- The Legend of Sleepy Hollow as "Mama"
  - o Ft. Lauderdale Children's Theatre Young Rep
    - October 2001

**Volunteer Experience:** Over 10,000 community service hours with such programs as:

- Mission Year in Camden, New Jersey
  - Volunteer at Christus Academy
  - o Teaching assistant: Math, Spanish, English, Computer Skills
  - Updated Christus Academy website
- Pensacola Opera
  - Education programs such as "From Words to Music" and "The Deaf Project"
  - Office work

- Ushering performances
- Assisted with fundraisers and other events
- o Helped coordinate teen volunteers
- Safe Harbor Women's Resource Center
  - Volunteer Counselor in Training
  - Office Work
- Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwest Florida
  - o Big Sister
- Ft. Lauderdale Children's Theatre
  - o Camp Counselor
    - Assistant Director/Stage Manager
    - Costumer/Make-up Artist
    - Assisted children with art projects, line memorization, singing, and learning dances
- Hands on Pensacola
  - o Participant in various service projects
    - Cleaning up local elementary and middle schools
    - Playing games with runaway teenagers at local shelter
- First Church of the Nazarene
  - o Assistant to Children's Pastor for Christmas musical
  - o Drama volunteer for youth
  - Volunteer chaperone for youth events

### **Leadership Positions in Student Organizations:**

- UWF Musical Theatre Troupe
  - o Co-Founder and Co-Director
    - **2006-2008**
- V-Day: Until the Violence Stops
  - o College Campaign Organizer
    - **2004-2006**
- UWF Honors Program
  - o Various community service and honors activities
    - **2004-2009**
- UWF Theatre Department
  - Student Representative
    - **2005-2006**
- Member of Theatre Fraternity Alpha Psi Omega
  - o September 2007 Present
- Member of Political Science Honors Fraternity Pi Sigma Alpha
  - o April 2009 Present

# **Honors and Achievements:**

- Graduated from the University of West Florida with Honors
  - o Magnum Cum Laude
  - o May 2, 2009
- KC/ACTF Nomination for Honors Thesis Dramaturgy of "Goblin Market"
  - o November 2008
- Florida Bright Future's Recipient

- 0 2004
- President's List: 5 Semesters
- Dean's List: 5 Semesters
- Honors Techne Scholarship Recipient
  - 0 2007-2008
- President's Scholarship Recipient
  - o Fall 2004- Spring 2008
- Talent Scholarship Recipient
  - o Spring 2005-Spring 2008

### **Personal Development**

- Beginner Aerials with the Philadelphia School of Circus Arts
- Worship Leader at Pennsauken United Methodist
- Developed Youth Praise Team "Solace"
- Worship leader of "Solace" at the Pensacola Church of the Nazarene
- Vocal Training 2000-Present
  - o Maja Lisa FritzHuspen 2010-Present
  - o Timothy Kennedy 2005-2009
  - o Amanda Satchell 2003-2005
  - o Mary-Lou Kirshon 2000-2002
- Yoga Instructor Training
  - o Dominique and John Hardy 2009
- Certified Yoga Instructor through Fitour 2010
- Conservatory Acting Classes
  - o Anthony Hubert 2003-2004
- Basic Piano
  - o 1994-1998; January May 2005
- Dance
  - o Ballet 2004
  - o Musical Theatre Dance 2005
  - o Jazz Dance 2006
- Attended V To the Tenth Conference in New Orleans with Eve Ensler
  - o April 2008

### Yoga Experience:

- Student of yoga since 2003
- Completed college credit courses for Yoga I, II, and III
- Trained with John and Dominique Harding of Breathe Yoga Studio in Pensacola, Florida
- Substitute taught yoga classes at the University of West Florida
- Received certification as an advanced yoga instructor from Fitour

### Foreign Study and Missions Abroad

- Guatemala with Buildabridge International as the Drama Teacher in 2010
- Florence, Italy for a three week course on Dante's "Inferno" in 2006
- Honduras for missions trip in 2003 and 2004

• Other travels include: Greece (2009), England and France (2004), Costa Rica (2001)

# **Skills and Assets:**

Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Exceptional creative thinking skills. Strong public speaking skills. Excellent organizational skills. Strong leadership and interpersonal skills. Certified Advanced Yoga Instructor with Fitour. Experienced singer, actor, dancer with the ability to teach. Terrific with children.