

Abby Jimison (they/she)

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Writer, Dramaturg, Arts Administrator, and Advocate for Queer and Trans Youth.

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EXPERIENCE

WEBSITE

Grants Manager

June 2025 - PRESENT

Elementz Hip-Hop Cultural Arts Center - Cincinnati, OH

- Manage the grant lifecycle for youth-centric programming, from initial application through final reporting.
- Work in tandem with the Executive Director to maintain relationships with donors and partners.

Grant Writer & Forums Coordinator

May 2024 - May 2025

Florida Studio Theatre (\$11M Annual Budget, LORT D Theatre) - Sarasota, FL

- Manage the grant lifecycle for seven programs—from initial application through final reporting. (\$1.8M)
- Produce and coordinate the annual Forums Series, orchestrating panel discussions and post-show engagements that enhance audience connection with FST's performances.
- Maintain Institution and Foundation research and contact information in the Tessitura database.

Literary Intern

Sept. 2023 - May 2024

Florida Studio Theatre - Sarasota, FL

- Participated in FST's Professional Training Program, gaining hands-on experience in theatrical disciplines.
- Supported the Literary Dept. in new play development, dramaturgy, education, and cabaret development.
- Assisted in line producing the Book-In Summer Cabaret Series.
- Authored articles for the marketing and development departments to enhance program visibility.
- Managed front-of-house operations (i.e., house manager and Box Office support).

Teaching Assistant

Jan. 2023 - May 2023

Western Kentucky University - Bowling Green, KY

- Supported students in curating and performing original solo theatre pieces in PERF 401: Solo Performance. Acted as a New Works Dramaturg by brainstorming and researching creative concepts with students.

TRAINING

Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.) in Performing Arts—Theatre (Magna Cum Laude)

May 2023

Western Kentucky University - Bowling Green, KY

- **Minor:** Musical Theatre

SKILLS

Dramaturgy and Playwriting • New Play Development • Grant Writing and Management • Proofreading and Editing • Web Design and Social Media • Event and Performance Producing • Research Skills • Organizational Skills • Customer Relationship Management • Problem-solving • Adaptability • Time Management • Communication & Collaboration • Front of House • Strong Writing Skills • Photography • Proactive Learner

SOFTWARE

Tessitura • Microsoft 365 • Adobe Acrobat, Photoshop, & InDesign • Google Suite • Mac & Windows Systems

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, **Literary Managers and Dramaturgs of The Americas** 2023 - Present
- Member, **Ring of Keys** 2023 - Present
- Alumni, **Alpha Psi Omega** - Mu Lambda Chapter Initiated 2021

REFERENCES

Rebecca Hopkins

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