

Kevin Allen began teaching with DreamWrights for the first time in the summer of 2010. He holds a master's degree in Theatre Arts from Villanova University, and is currently a 4th grade teacher in the Conestoga Valley School District, teaching at Brownstown Elementary School in an arts-infused classroom. For the last seventeen years, he has also taught Human Communication as an adjunct faculty member in the Department of Speech at York College of PA. Kevin began his career as a professional actor at the age of 7 ½ performing on stage with his actor parents. He taught in the education program of York Little Theatre for six years and has also served as Director of Education for the Harrisburg Community Theatre, now Theatre Harrisburg. He served for ten years as Program Director for the Arts In Education Program, PA Council on the Arts in the governor's office, before returning to the elementary classroom. He resides in East York with his wife Chris, 16-year-old daughter, Katrina, and Kyle, his 11-year-old son.

Tracy Ballard has worked with DreamWrights for five years teaching our highly popular Jr. Production class. She has also taught a Heroes class. Tracy studied acting in New York. She is a home-schooling mom who is a board member of the York Homeschool Association. She is also a proud baseball mom.

Carol & Ken Crone teach ballroom dance lessons at a number of local venues. Ken also works as a project engineer with a local company. Carol has recently retired from a teaching career in the public schools. Carol and Ken started dancing approximately twenty years ago because Carol wanted to look good dancing at a high school reunion. They enjoyed it so much, that they continued dancing socially and took dance lessons to improve their technique. Eventually, they attended training classes to become professional dance instructors. Ken has successfully completed the necessary testing and is now a member of the United States Imperial Society of Teachers of Dance and is certified in American style ballroom dancing.

Diane Crews

Rebecca Eastman grew up in New Hampshire and has a B S Ed from Keene State College in Home Economics and Math. She has worked in many business settings and has kept up with sewing as a hobby. After moving from NH to WI to IL to ME and back to NH, she settled here in York and has been fortunate enough to run the costume shop at Dreamwrights. She has two grown children who live in Baltimore and has two dogs and three cats at home.

Mel Eyster

Shannon Hallisey (Director of Education) came to DreamWrights in 1998 as a Creativity Camp teacher and volunteer. She has performed in several shows and was Production Stage Manager for “Heidi” and Musical Director for “Escape From the Box”. She has taught countless summer camps including her favorite class “Step Back in Time.” Shannon holds a BS in Elementary Education from York College as well as seventeen post-graduate credits from Lebanon Valley College. Prior to taking the position as Director of Education she worked as a teacher at St. Joseph School Dallastown where she taught fourth grade, computers and science. At St. Joseph School she co-directed the drama program for eleven years. She is proud to say that she is the recipient of the 2010 Diocesan Golden Apple Award. Her hobbies include singing with her best friend Amy in their group “Sirens on the Rocks”, reading, going to Renaissance Faires and ballroom dancing. She also enjoys spending time with her two adorable nieces Kayleigh and Karina.

Blythe Hart

Allison Hartnett has been teaching DreamWrights Creativity Camps for the past seven years. She has worked with ages 5, 6, and 7. She is also the instructor of our popular Fantastic Fours class She has performed in many plays at DreamWrights as well as working backstage and producing. Allison is a graduate of Lock Haven University with a degree in Special Education. She taught in York City for ten years and then left that job to take care of her girls. She is currently the Director of Shiloh UCC Early Learning Center.

Alesia Knott is a 2010 graduate of Central High School. She is attending Point Park University where she is majoring in Musical Theatre. Alesia has training in ballet and all areas of dance including ballroom. She also has singing, and acting training. She is an accomplished dancer and actress. She has been a part of DreamWrights since 2002.

Charlene Rineer is a teacher at Temple Christian Academy. She got her teaching degree from Millersville University. She has been involved with DreamWrights for five years. She has performed on stage as well as helped backstage on props and costumes. She also has served on the board of directors for DreamWrights and directed a show.

Paula Rineer is a librarian at Ore Valley Elementary School and a founding member of Dreamwrights. She has taught props classes and Creativity camps for elementary age students. She is also the instructor of the popular class “Paula’s Puppets”. She has been a part of many shows here at DreamWrights, both on and offstage.

Christopher Roemele has been affiliated with DreamWrights for the last ten years as a patron, volunteer, member and actor. He is fondly remembered for his portrayal of Mr. DiPinna during the 2004 performance of “You Can’t Take it With You”. He has participated in many other events including Brown’s Orchard Day, and the Strand-Capitol Youth Symphony shows. When his work schedule allows he enjoys creating and performing original plays that utilize his unique character-method abilities. His hobbies include cooking, outdoor activities, listening to eclectic music and reading.

Ben Rosenzweig is the self-described “Ben of all trades” . Ben has been teaching at Dreamwrights for two years, and has taught a variety of classes. Ben has been involved with over thirty shows from “Seussical the Musical” to more recently “West Side Story”. He can be found both onstage and backstage, though he enjoys backstage a lot more.

Lady Rochester (Step Back in Time Instructor) lives in Yorkshire, England on her late husband’s estate. Following Lord Rochester’s unexpected death at sea, she has taken up time travel as a way to fill her days. She enjoys singing, dancing and all manner of ladylike pursuits. Lady Rochester is very happy to have the opportunity to step forward to this century to spend time with the wondrous young people in the Step Back in Time camp.

Julie Runkle has a BA in Theatre from Geneva College. Her favorite theatre experiences were working at Sight and Sound Theatre in Strausburg, PA where she worked both onstage and backstage, and touring the US and Canada with Wycliffe Dinner Theatre. She is currently employed full-time as a cake decorator. The past three years she has served as acting director and choreographer for her church's children's Christmas musical. She enjoys sharing her love of performing with others and coaching them to reach their potential.

Jesse Snyder is a 2010 graduate of York Suburban High School. He is currently attending Clarion University where he will be majoring in Theatre and secondary social studies education. Jesse taught classes at York Little Theatre for two years. He has also been a part of over thirty productions and has taken on every role in the theatre. From being on stage to directing a show he has done it all! Jesse enjoys working with kids and teaching them about what he loves the most, theatre.

Jean Sowers has been a dance instructor for over twenty years. She has worked as a choreographer for many shows here at DreamWrights. She has been teaching dance camps here for the past four summers.

R. Aaron Thompson is a graduate of York College with a BA in English and a theatre minor. He has had a number of careers in his life, including the US Navy, PA Army National Guard, and the PA department of Welfare. He has worked as a bartender, security guard, bouncer, actor, pitch man, truck driver, and salesman selling everything from washing machines to paring knives. He has been a teacher in Baltimore City Public Schools teaching Drama, English, Speech, and Reading. He is pursuing his Masters in writing fiction from Johns Hopkins University and building giant puppets in his basement (just for fun).

Sir Willem, Lord of the Lost Vale & Keeper of the Circles Eight (Step Back in Time Instructor) has been a member of her Majesty’s royal court for many years and has been sharing his knowledge of Elizabethan current events with the DreamWrights Step Back in Time students for the past seven years. Sir Willem enjoys reading, writing proverbs and taunting friends with his playful wit. He is also fond of a good song, a lively dance or a game whether at court or during his visits to the shire of DreamWrights.

Jeff Young finds himself ever amazed at the crazy variety of projects he can get roped into. He has worked with Full Circle Productions and starred in a dual role in *The Space Stone*, filmed by Spooky Moon Productions. He has worked with DreamWrights for three years on the collaboration with the Strand Theatre's children's symphony production. He serves as an instructor in our popular Step Back in Time class. He is a published author with his most recent accomplishment of a short story "Written in the Light" being published in the 26th edition of *L. Ron Hubbard's Writers of the Future* book. Jeff has led the "Watch the Skies" SF and fantasy discussion group at Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Camp Hill for the past ten years and the "Word Wrights" writing group for the past nine years. He is an assistant manager of the Lancaster Barnes and Noble.

Master Young (Step Back in Time Instructor) was discovered under the cabbage leaves by passing gypsies at the crossroads of a north and a southbound Roman road in the English countryside. This has led to a lack of direction that is apparent to this day. After an extended tenure with the artisans and a series of arduous apprenticeships, he was given the title of Master. He is often referred to as a jack of all trades and master of none, although seldom to his face. Each year, along with his traveling companions Sir Willem & Lady Rochester, he is mysteriously transported four hundred some odd years into the future for a period of five days.

Rebecca Wolf has been teaching for many years. She serves as William Penn's Music Director for the musicals and works as a vocal coach throughout the school year. She is also a private vocal, piano & acting teacher. She also works as a professional actor at a local dinner theater.