

GAITLEY STEVENSON-MATHEWS

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FREELANCE COMMUNICATIONS PROFESSIONAL

QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Seasoned, highly committed, and multifaceted professional equipped with broad background in providing excellent leadership and administration within nonprofit and corporate organizations and in government; complemented with expertise in media production, strategic planning, finance management, and community outreach. Armed with well-defined organizational, problem-solving, and decision-making aptitudes. Adept at thriving within a cross-cultural environment; capable of grasping diverse views as well as understanding national and cultural interpretations and differences.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

CITY OF GLEN COVE, *Glen Cove, NY*

City Councilman

2020–2021

- Spearheaded initiatives serving seniors, families, and veterans. Liaison to Senior Center. Former CDA member

FREELANCE, *New York, NY*

Public Relations and Administration

2004–Present

- Coordinate all functions of public relations for non-profit organizations and performance groups.
- Assume full accountability in developing publicity content across all media platforms.
- **Create, edit, and manage news stories, photos, online content, and promotional materials for various groups.**

FLORA MACDONALD LEGACY FOUNDATION, *Robeson County, NC*

Founder/Board President

2005–2007

- Developed and implemented governmental systems, outlines, and strategies to establish a board represented by several different organizations; while supporting the preservation of a historic structure and impacting the lives of young people within the region.
- Exemplified leadership skills in identifying and developing donors for collection of funds, while honoring patrons.
- Established and maintained collaborative relationships with community leaders, civic organizations, and other learning institutions.
- **Improved visibility in the community through a Scottish ball, an awards ceremony honoring civic leaders and alumni, an intern program engaging the talents of local students, a newsletter and various arts and music events. Foundation continues to provide substantial support to the educational institution.**

DEEP ELLUM OPERA THEATRE (DEOT), *Dallas, TX*

Founding Artistic Director | Chief Executive Officer

1991–1997

- Rendered oversight to all aspects of the company, which included selection of repertoire; recruitment of production staff; sourcing of performers; coordination with musicians and personnel.
- Prepared necessary documentation to closely track incorporation and nonprofit status (five year budgets, and by-laws, mission statement) in collaboration with the board.
- Partnered with committees in planning and organizing membership, operations, and educational outreach.
- Ensured efficient execution of all technical aspects of theatre operations in conjunction with Production Team.
- Chaired fundraising events and guaranteed quality and productivity of day-to-day service delivery.
- **Successfully increased board membership from three to nineteen members and tripled contributor base, while earning a record of excellence in the arts both locally and nationally.**
- **Received distinction as one of the top 10 theatres for two consecutive years by the Dallas Morning News; while also earning citations from Opera News, New York Opera Newsletter, and Opera America.**
- **Played a pivotal role in doubling the company's revenue and introducing a permanent facility for the theatre and administrative offices.**

OTHER EXPERIENCE

FREELANCE, *New York, NY; Long Island, NY*

Private Acting and Public Speaking Coach

1991–Present

Vocalist – Opera/Musical Theatre/Scottish Folk

1987–Present

VARIOUS PRODUCTION COMPANIES THROUGHOUT THE U.S.

Actor – Over 20 years experience (See Performer Resume)

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OTHER EXPERIENCE (CONTINUED)

TEXAS SCOTTISH RITE HOSPITAL/DYSLEXIA LABORATORY, *Dallas, TX*

Research Associate

LYRIC OPERA OF DALLAS, *Dallas, TX*

Company Dialogue Coach

BEREA COLLEGE, *Berea, KY*

Visiting Assistant Professor of Theater/Guest Artist (See Curriculum Vitae)

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, *Dallas, TX*

Public Speaking Instructor / Assistant Teacher (See Curriculum Vitae)

EDUCATION

MASTER OF FINE ARTS IN THEATRE ARTS/ACTING

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY, DALLAS, TX

Full Scholarship

BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ENGLISH WITH CONCENTRATION IN MUSIC AND THEATRE

BEREA COLLEGE, BERA, KY

Sigma Tau Delta (English Honor Society) / Alpha Psi Omega (Dramatic Honor Society)

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS IN BUSINESS

LOUISBURG COLLEGE, LOUISBURG, NC

President of Student Government Association / Recipient of Cortland B. Smith Award for outstanding service to student body and Chaplain's Award for Community Service

ADDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING

Opera America Conference, Washington, DC

- Effective Public Relations - *Laura J. Young, Public Affairs Director, Opera America*
- Arts and the Political Process - *Arthur Smith, Media Relations, Opera America*
- Interactive Media in Arts Education - *William Klienmann, Media Consultant, Center for Arts Study*

Support Center for Nonprofit Management, San Francisco, CA

- Managing and Training Trustees and Volunteers - *Jude Kay, Senior Staff Consultant*

OTHER TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

American Council on Exercise (ACE) Certified Profession Fitness Trainer (Current)

Academic Language Therapy Association (ALTA) Certified Academic Language Therapist

See Performer Resume and Curriculum Vitae for additional movement, speech and performance training

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Actors' Equity Association/AFL-CIO (AEA)

American Guild of Musical Artists (AGMA)

National Council of Arts Administrators (NCAA)

ACTIVITIES

North Shore Historical Museum, *Trustee*

Morgan Park Summer Music Festival, *Advisory Council*

First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove, *Elder/Board Member*

Glen Cove Chamber of Commerce, *Board Member/Public Relation Committee*

NOSH/Serving Food Insecure Families on Long Island, *Founding Member*

North Shore Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, *Board Member/Public Relations Officer*

Phoenix Rising Foundation - Serving Our Veterans, *President*

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society, *Member and Dancer*

S.A.G.E. - Supporting the Glen Cove Senior Center, *Board Member*

Bi-lingual Community Easter Service, *Chair*

City Of Dallas, Office of Cultural Affairs, *Former Cultural Affairs Commission Member*

Easter Seals | Red Cross | Special Olympics | Vietnamese Refugee Resettlement Program