

MICHAEL PIERCE

FIGHT DIRECTOR
VIOLENCE COORDINATOR
STAGE COMBATANT

BACKGROUND

St. Louis based theatrical fight choreographer and violence coordinator specializing in bringing historically inspired, meaningful portrayals of violence to the stage. I have a heavy emphasis on safety and clear storytelling while staying true to the text, characters and themes.

CONTACT

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EDUCATION

University of Missouri
Bachelor of Fine Arts
Theatre and Dance

CERTIFICATIONS

Society of American Fight Directors

Recognized Actor Combatant 2022

<i>Unarmed</i>	2022	Recommended Pass
<i>Broadsword</i>	2022	Basic Pass
<i>Rapier and Dagger</i>	2022	Recommended Pass
<i>Knife</i>	2022	Recommended Pass
<i>Quarterstaff</i>	2022	Recommended Pass
<i>Theatrical Firearms Safety Course</i>	2016	

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

Fight Direction and Choreography

<i>Laughter on the 23rd Floor</i>	New Jewish Theatre	Fight Choreographer	2023
<i>The Big Machine</i>	Center for Creative Arts	Fight Director	2023
<i>The 39 Steps</i>	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	Fight Director	2022
<i>Billy Elliot</i>	Center for Creative Arts	Fight Director	2021
<i>Mojada: A Medea in Los Angeles</i>	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	Fight Choreographer	2019
<i>The Thanksgiving Play</i>	Repertory Theatre of St. Louis	Fight Choreographer	2019
<i>Macbeth</i>	Shakespeare Festival St. Louis	Fight Director	2019
<i>Equivocation</i>	West End Players Guild	Fight Choreographer	2019
<i>She Kills Monsters</i>	St. Charles High School	Fight Director	2018
<i>Peter and the Starcatcher</i>	DeSmet Jesuit High School	Fight Director	2018
<i>Romeo and Juliet</i>	Shakespeare Festival St. Louis	Fight Director	2018
<i>Go Back for Murder</i>	KTK Productions	Fight Choreographer	2017
<i>Richard III</i>	St. Louis Shakespeare	Asst. Fight Director	2016
<i>Macbeth</i>	St. Louis Shakespeare	Asst. Fight Director	2016
<i>Dr. Faust, Or the Modern Prometheus</i>	SATE Ensemble Theatre	Fight Captain	2018
<i>Coriolanus</i>	St. Louis Shakespeare	Fight Captain	2012

Stage Combat Instruction

Slings and Arrows
Founder, Head Instructor

University of Missouri - St. Louis
Adjunct professor | Spring 2018

Shakespeare Festival St. Louis
Stage Combat Instructor | 2016-2018