

# Morgan Benson

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## \*professional work

### OFF-STAGE WORK

*State Fair	Director and Choreographer	Tracy Area Arts	MN
*A Little Murder Never Hurt Anybody	Director	Lake Benton Opera House	MN
*The Nerd	Director	TAHS, Tracy	MN
*Chicago	Choreographer	MASC, Marshall	MN
*Mamma Mia	Choreographer	MASC, Marshall	MN
*Sense and Sensibility	Choreographer	SMSU, Marshall	MN
*Madagascar Jr.	Director and Choreographer	Children's Theatre, Marshall	MN
*Children's Theatre	Director	MCS, Marshall	MN
*Children's Theatre	Music Director & Choreographer (2yrs)	MCS, Marshall	MN
*High School Acting Workshop	Acting Instructor & Choreographer	SMSU, Marshall	MN
*MSU Theatre and Dance Box Office	Manager (3yrs)	MSU, Mankato	MN
*SMSU Theatre Publicity	Manager (2yrs)	SMSU, Marshall	MN
*MSU Acting Course	Instructor (2yrs)	MSU, Mankato	MN
*Shrek	Stitcher	Artistry Theatre, Bloomington	MN
*We're Still Here	Props Designer	Interact Center, St. Paul	MN
H. M. S. Pinafore	Dialect Coach	MSU, Mankato	MN
Guys and Dolls	Director and Choreographer	SMSU, Marshall	MN
Boeing Boeing	Stage Manager	SMSU, Marshall	MN
Black Comedy	Costume Designer	MSU, Mankato	MN
Atreus	Costume Designer	MSU, Mankato	MN

### FILM TRAINING

Acting for the Camera Workshop	Isiah Whitlock Jr.	MN
Acting in Film Workshop & Improv Workshop	Kevin Crowley	MN
Film, TV, and Voiceover Acting Course at MSU	Ryan Sturgis & Heather Hamilton	MN
Film and TV Acting Course at SMSU	Nadine Schmidt	MN

### THEATRE TRAINING

Masters of Fine Arts in Acting	MSU, Mankato	MN
Bachelor's Degree in Theatre	SMSU, Marshall	MN
Chanhassen Training Camp	Chanhassen Dinner Theatre	MN
<i>-Studied acting, Shakespeare, dance, lighting, music, and costume design.</i>		
14 years of dance	Tracy Dance Studio	MN
<i>-Tap, jazz, contemporary, ballet, and high kick.</i>		
1 year private voice training	Christi Smith	MN
6 years of voice training	TAHS Choir	MN
<i>-Chamber Choir for 2 years</i>		
8 years of percussion training	TAHS Band	MN
6 years of private piano playing training	Shannon Benson	MN
1 Year Stage Combat	MSU, Mankato	MN
<i>-Rapier, dagger, broadswords, hand-on-hand combat, stunt work</i>		

**Vocal Range:** Mezzo-Soprano

**Special Skills:** Able to do the splits. 2016 SMSU Improv Troup Captain. Can vocalize a clown horn sound.

### AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Southwest Minnesota State University Theatre Scholarship for excellence in theatre in 2016 and 2017

SMSU Gala Scholarship Recipient

Graduated SMSU with Alpha Phi Omega honors

Five Regin 5 Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship nominations