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No reel yet — additional hosting, red-carpet, and speaking clips available on request. Sample links on page 2.

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Public speaking & improv (10+ yrs)
- Comfortable unscripted / off-book interviewing
- Live audience management, groups of 50–500+
- Choreographed dance & fitness performance
- Storytelling & narrative facilitation
- On-camera interviewing
- Image Theatre / Theatre of the Oppressed practice

TRAINING

TN Governor’s School for the Arts — Middle Tennessee State University (theatre arts)

Speech & acting — Lee Blair, Mark Cabus

Image Theatre / Theatre of the Oppressed — Amy Burtaine

AWARDS & HONORS

- Winner — Spill It storytelling competition, Memphis, TN
- 1st Place Public Speaking — Knox County 4-H
- 2nd Place Public Speaking — Eastern Region 4-H
- 1st Place Pantomime — Twelfth THSSDL District IV Tournament
- 1st Place Pantomime — Carole Ann Miller Invitational
- 3rd Place Duet Improv — MHS Rebel Invitational
- 2nd Place Duo Interpretation — Chestnut Tree Invitational
- 1st Place Duet Improv — Appalachian Heritage Tournament
- 1st Place Duo Interpretation — District IV THSSDL
- 5th Place Duo Interpretation — Smokey Mountain Invitational
- 2nd Place Duo Interpretation — THSSDL State Tournament
- 1st Place Interpretation Theatre — District IV THSSDL
- 5th Place Interpretation Theatre — THSSDL State Tournament
- 6th Place Duet Improv — MHS Rebel Invitational
- 1st Place Interpretation Theatre — District IV THSSDL
- 1st Place Interpretation Theatre — THSSDL State Tournament
- Inducted — International Thespian Society’s Mask & Gavel Honor Society
- Selected performer — TN Governor’s School for the Arts Theatre & Dance Honors Recital

REFERENCES

Anton Mack — Memphis, TN

Contact info available on request.

Sarah Donnell — Durham, NC

Contact info available on request.

PROFILE

On-camera and live-event host, moderator, and storyteller based in Asheville, NC. Ten+ years hosting stages of 50–500+, from red-carpet interviews and citywide 101-series programming to national conference keynotes and a self-produced weekly podcast. Classically trained stage actor (grade school through graduate school) equally at home in drama and comedy, with a particular affinity for comedy and authenticity. Comfortable unscripted, on mic, on camera, and in front of a crowd.

HOSTING & EMCEEING — LIVE EVENTS

- Co-Host, Memphis 101 series — New Memphis (recurring, 3 years running)
- Red-Carpet Host / Interviewer, Indie Memphis Film Festival — on-camera interviews with filmmakers, honorees, and VIP guests
- **Winner**, Spill It storytelling competition — Memphis, TN
- Live host & emcee, health and wellness events nationwide — wrote, produced, and hosted original event content
- Stage performer, Six Flags “Fiesta Fin de Verano” — led high-energy choreographed sets for large theme-park audiences
- Camp counselor & teen-event host — large-group facilitation and entertainment for youth audiences

BROADCAST & PODCAST HOSTING

- **What’s On Your Mind?** (2020–2023) — Creator, Writer, Producer & Host
Weekly interview podcast; started audio-only in 2020 and evolved into filmed live-audience events at Memphis pop-up locations, including The Arcade Restaurant. Featured local Memphis stories, guests from around the world, and travel-story episodes with her spouse. Guests ranged from local entrepreneurs and artists to national names (Bachelor Nation’s Olivia Caridi — one of the most-streamed episodes).
- Frequent guest, various podcasts — interviewed as a guest across a range of shows, most recently Just Bluffin’ (Campfire Collective / WYXR Podcast Network, recorded at University of Memphis), profiled as podcast host, TEDx speaker, and mental health advocate
- Host, in-house podcast & video interview series — Regional One Health Solutions

PUBLIC SPEAKING & KEYNOTES

- **TED Talk Speaker** — “From ‘What do you do for work?’ to ‘What’s your story?’”, TEDx Memphis (hosted on ted.com/talks)
- Keynote / Featured Speaker, Domopalooza — Domo’s national AI + data conference; presented on healthcare data transformation as Director (now CEO), Regional One Health Solutions
- National speaking tour — presents regularly to large groups across the U.S. on healthcare analytics as CEO, Regional One

Health Solutions LLC

- Founder, JRPW Services — professional facilitation, training, and public-speaking services; storytelling coach

VOICEOVER

- Audiobook Narrator — Americanized: Rebel Without a Green Card, recorded for Learning Ally (accessibility audiobook program for print-disabled listeners)
- Narrator, books & stories — Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic (RFB&D / now Learning Ally)
- Voice performer, podcast-style recorded scene “Way to be accepting of others” — Interactive Theatre Carolina

VIDEO & AUDIO SAMPLES

TEDx Memphis talk:

[youtube.com/watch?v=95P8iftdxNY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=95P8iftdxNY)

“What’s On Your Mind?” sample episode (ft. Lexi Grisanti):

[podcasts.apple.com — 901OTM: Lexi Grisanti](https://podcasts.apple.com/901OTM:LexiGrisanti)

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THEATRE

- **Viola** —
- *Twelfth Night* (community/regional production)
- **Hermia** —
- *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* (community/regional production)
- **Interactive Theatre Carolina**, Office of Student Wellness — UNC Chapel Hill

Devised, issue-based theatre troupe. Began as a paid ensemble actor, then advanced into a hired Facilitator / Group Leader role — training incoming performers and leading Image Theatre & Theatre of the Oppressed workshops.

Rotating repertoire included: “Orgasm? Yes, please!” (sexual health & communication) • “Why don’t people get it?” (heterosexism, classism, racism, sexism) • “What are you looking at?” (body image, race, media) • Masked Images of Power and Resistance (street theatre) • “Way to be accepting of others” (microaggressions) • “Be reasonable” (classism) • “How ‘bout this party?” (sexual assault & alcohol) • Tunnel of Oppression (abusive relationships) • “Don’t worry, I’m fine” (depression/suicide) • “You mean everything to me” (emotional abuse) • “Tough love” (disordered eating) • “We’ll be safe...I promise” (HIV/AIDS) • “It’s complicated” (social media) • “Coloring for the chronically stressed” (stress management)

- **UNC Sex-Ed Squad** — “My revolution is to talk,” activist theatre for Carrboro/Chapel Hill 9th graders
- Facilitator (paid), Image Theatre / Theatre of the Oppressed workshops — gender & sexism, race/media, power & privilege, HIV/AIDS & condom negotiation, stress & self-care, alcohol & sexual assault, stereotypes
- Facilitator (paid), health equity & social-justice workshops — LGBTQ wellness & ally training, Black women’s health, racism & stress, alcohol awareness, sexual health, interpersonal violence prevention, body image & disordered eating
- Duo Interpretation & Duet Improv competitor — Tennessee High School Speech & Drama League (THSSDL)
- Comedy improv team member — high school (1 year)
- Co-Captain, competitive acting team (forensics) — high school