

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

International Baccalaureate 1985

Lycée Français de Vienne, Austria

Literature and Theatre Science Studies

France (Rouen & Paris) and Vienna, Austria

Professional Summary

Dedicated theatre director and educator with decades of experience in cultural leadership, youth education, and international theatre production. Proven expertise in managing and expanding Continental Europe's most renowned English-speaking theatre. Passionate about fostering young talent and advancing English-language performing arts in Europe.

Awards & Distinctions

- Nestroy Theatre Prize – *Special Achievement Award*, Vienna, 2004
- Woman of the Year – District Award (Vienna's 8th District), 2013
- Silver Decoration of Honour for Services to the Republic of Austria, 2014
- Golden Decoration of Merit of the State of Vienna, 2014

Professional Background

Artistic & Executive Director School Tours Program

Vienna's English Theatre — 1991- Present

- Leading and developing the educational touring productions for Austrian schools
- Introducing approx.200.000 students to English-language theatre annually

Artistic & Executive Director

Vienna's English Theatre — 1997–Present

- Took over management following the passing of founders, Ruth Brinkmann and Franz Schafranek
- Oversees artistic programming, international partnerships, and strategic development
- Expands outreach and visibility of English-language theatre in Austria

Founder

Showtime – Youth Performing Arts School — 2010–Present

- Founded Vienna's premier English-language theatre school for children and teens (ages 3–18)
- Program serves over 300 students per year, offering training in acting, singing, and dance

Founder

VETA – Vienna's English Theatre Academy — Founded 2018

- Established Continental Europe's only fully English-language professional acting academy
- Designed to train aspiring actors for international careers in the performing arts

Personal Information

- Nationality: Austrian
- Languages: German (native), English (fluent), French (fluent)
- Children: Anna (b. 1991), Thomas (b. 1993), Sophia (b. 1997)