

Jackalyn Cooper

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Charlotte (UNCC) — Charlotte, NC

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre | May 2026 | 4.0 GPA

- Major: Directing, Dramaturgy, and Dramatic Writing; Design/Tech Concentration
- Minor: Dance

DIRECTING & PRODUCTION EXPERIENCE

Director & Playwright — *Bad News* | UNCC | April 2026

- Wrote and developed an original script from concept to staged production
- Directed cast through rehearsals, character development, and blocking
- Collaborated with design and technical teams to execute creative vision
- Managed rehearsals, scheduling, and production coordination

Director — *Gather Again* | UNCC | September 2025

- Directed cast through rehearsals, character development, and blocking
- Took detailed rehearsal notes and tracked progress
- Collaborated with cast and crew to maintain communication

ACTING EXPERIENCE

Bye Bye Birdie — Mrs. Mae Peterson | Dir: Danielle Burke | May 2023

42nd Street — Andy Lee | Dir: Danielle Burke | May 2022

This Girl Laughs, This Girl Cries, This Girl Does Nothing — Stepmother | Dir: MK Smith | May 2021

Antigone — Sentry 1 | Dir: Sarah Provencal | May 2020

Anything Goes — Estelle/Ensemble | Dir: MK Smith | May 2019

Xanadu — Ensemble | Dir: Chanel Blanchett | May 2018

Lord of the Flies — Gregory | Dir: Adam Montague | May 2017

East of the Sun, West of the Moon — Ensemble | Dir: Sarah Provencal | May 2016

WORK EXPERIENCE

Costume Lab Technician — UNCC | August 2025 – Present

- Constructed and altered costumes using hand and machine sewing
- Assisted with costume fittings and documented adjustments
- Maintained organization of costume shop and materials

Cashier — *Sprouts Farmers Market* | May 2024 – Jan 2026

- Provided customer service and handled transactions
- Maintained stock levels and organized displays
- Supported store operations

Customer Service Clerk — *Harris Teeter* | Feb 2023 – May 2024

- Supervised front-end operations and supported staff
- Handled Western Union, lottery, and money orders
- Managed cash tills and daily operations

Junior Intern — *Children's Theatre of Charlotte* | June 2021 – Sept 2021

- Assisted stage management and summer programs
- Supervised children backstage
- Supported choreography and activities

THEATRE TRAINING

Children's Theatre of Charlotte – School of Theatre Training:

- Pre-Professional Program (2022–2023)
- Musical Theatre Conservatory (2021–2022)
- Acting Conservatory (2020–2021)
- Junior Acting Company (2019–2020)
- Broadway Intensive (2018–2019)
- Core Acting & Musical Theatre (2016–2018)
- Foundations Acting (2015–2016)