

McKenna Friend-Hoffman

Choreographer and Theatre Support

McKenna joined the Theatre Company in this role in December of 2021. She has over ten years of professional experience working in musical theatre and dance. Her award-winning choreography has been performed all over Central California. A classically trained dancer since the age of seven, with a special focus on tap and theatrical jazz, McKenna also studied dance composition, production, and pedagogy at the University level.

She holds a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences from California Polytechnic State University and has worked with various arts nonprofits in programming, fundraising, and public relations. McKenna has also taught and choreographed for numerous dance studios, choirs, and community programs, including the College of the Sequoias, Visalia Unified School District, the Sequoia Symphony Orchestra, Cal Poly Theatre, and Orchesis Dance Company.

"I am beyond thrilled to be working with TCOE Theatre Company," McKenna says. "I know that by following Nicole Zweifel I will have very large shoes to fill. Nicole is a vital member of our community—she choreographed the first musical I ever performed in—and I have always looked up to her. I am looking forward to bringing new programming to students all over Tulare County who deserve access to the high-quality artistic opportunities that the Theatre Company is known for."

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