

# MICHAEL WEHRLI

## Director / Playwright

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### EMPLOYMENT:

July 1993 – Present

Director, Playwright, Theatre Teacher, freelance - English Theatre Frankfurt, European School of Frankfurt, Portland Actors Conservatory, Lakewood Theatre, Multnomah Arts Center, Grout & Lewis Elementary Schools, Cathedral School, Portland Parks & Rec., Dallas Children's Theatre, Hip Pocket Theatre, Odyssey of the Mind, many others locations.

October 1993 - Present

Artistic Director, Education Director, Producer, Director, Playwright, Teacher -  
*New Moon Productions Theatre Company*

### Selected Theater Directing Credits

#### Adult Casts

#### Production

#### Company

#### Theatre

##### OREGON:

*Found Lives* (World Premiere, by M.Wehrli, K.Armetta)

New Moon Productions

Artist Repertory Theatre

*Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*

New Moon Productions & Portland Parks  
Parks & Recreation (PP&R)

Washington Park Amphitheatre

*Wizard Of Oz*

New Moon Productions & PP&R

Washington Park Amphitheatre

*Alice In Wonderland*

New Moon Productions & PP&R

Washington Park Amphitheatre

*Schoolhouse Rock, Live*

New Moon Productions & PP&R

Washington Park Amphitheatre

*A Christmas Chaos* (NW premiere, written by M.Wehrli)

New Moon Productions

Multnomah Arts Center

##### TEXAS:

*Hamlet* (adapted by M. Wehrli)

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*Titanic Aftermath* (World Premiere, by M.Wehrli)

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*The Haunting Of Hill House* (adapted by M.Wehrli)

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*Beatle Maniac* (World Premiere, 1998)

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*Othello*

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*Dracula* (World Premiere, adapted by M.Wehrli)

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*Taming Of The Shrew* (adapted by M.Wehrli )

Fort Worth Theatre

Fort Worth Theatre

*Sorrow and Solace* (World Premiere)

New Moon Productions

Hickory Street Annex Theater

*Songs Of Love* (Southwest Premiere)

New Moon Productions

Swiss Avenue Theatre Center

*The Baltimore Waltz*

New Moon Productions

Swiss Avenue Theatre Center

*Sincerity Forever* (Southwest Premiere)

New Moon Productions

Swiss Avenue Theatre Center

*The Haunting Of Hill House*

New Moon Productions

Swiss Avenue Theatre Center

*The Secret Mirror* (Southwest Premiere)

New Moon Productions

Bath House Cultural Arts Center

*God*

New Moon Productions

Hickory Street Annex Theater

*Outstanding In The Field* - a Fieldwork project

New Moon Productions

Bath House Cultural Arts Center

*The Clarion Ghost* (By M.Wehrli, P.Stringer, G.Payne)

Cowtown Mystery Players

Many venues

*Vinnie & Sissy's Wedding*

Cowtown Mystery Players

Many venues

*WKIL: Signing Off* (By M.Wehrli, P.Stringer, J.Johnson)

Cowtown Mystery Players

Many venues

*The Weakest Link... To Murder!*

Cowtown Mystery Players

Many venues

#### Mixed – Adult & Youth Casts

*Beatle Maniac* (revised version by P.Stringer, 2002)

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*Dark Dreams - A Halloween Radio Drama*  
(World Premiere, written & adapted by M.Wehrli)

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*A Midsummer Nights Dream*

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*Anne Of Green Gables*

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*Anne of Avonlea*

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*Tom Sawyer*

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

*Huckleberry Finn*

New Moon Productions

The Corner Theatre

**Producer Only** (all in Tx.): *A Christmas Variety Show, Room Service, Beauty and the Beast, Much Ado About Nothing, Alice In Wonderland.* Also *Coyote Ugly* - produced through Moonstruck Theatre

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## All Youth Casts

<b>Production -</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Theatre</b>
<b>OREGON:</b>		
<i>Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory</i>	New Moon Productions & PP&R	Washington Park Amphitheatre
<i>Wizard Of Oz</i>	New Moon Productions & PP&R	Washington Park Amphitheatre
<i>Alice In Wonderland</i>	New Moon Productions & PP&R	Washington Park Amphitheatre
<i>Schoolhouse Rock, Live</i>	New Moon Productions & PP&R	Washington Park Amphitheatre
<i>A Christmas Chaos</i> (Portland Premiere, by M.Wehrli)	New Moon Productions	Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center

### **Plus dozens of summer camp productions.**

#### **TEXAS:**

<i>A Christmas Chaos</i> (World Premiere, written & adapted by M.Wehrli)	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>Live From DeSoto - A 'TV' Christmas Special</i> (World Premiere, by Shane Hurst, M.Wehrli)	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>Snow White - The Melodrama</i> (World Premiere, adapted by M. Wehrli)	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>North Pole Nightmare</i>	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>Winnie The Pooh</i>	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>No Opera At The Op'ry House Tonight (a melodrama)</i>	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>The Children's Christmas Carol</i> (World Premiere, adapted by M.Wehrli) and <i>The Best Christmas Ever</i> (World Premiere, by M.Wehrli, P.Stringer)	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>There's A Boy In The Girl's Bathroom</i>	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>It's Dr. Seuss You Goose</i> (World Premiere, adapted by M.Wehrli)	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>Happy Days In Oz</i> (World Premiere, by M.Wehrli)	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>Bridge To Terabithia</i>	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theatre
<i>A Christmas Carol</i> (World Premiere, adapted by M.Wehrli)	New Moon Productions	The Corner Theater
<i>There's A Boy In The Girl's Bathroom</i> (Southwest Premiere)	Creative Arts Theater & School	C.A.T.S. Theatre

### **Plus over a hundred school, student, and summer camp productions.**

**Acting Experience:** Over 100 productions in various theatres throughout the DFW metroplex and Portland.  
Over 35 productions in college. List of shows and roles available upon request.

**Teaching Experience:** Working professional since 1990. Experience as a teacher, producer and director. Teaching in Portland: Lakewood Theatre, Company, Portland Actors Conservatory, Portland Parks & Recreation, and many others. In Texas: Creative Arts Theatre and School, Dallas Children's Theatre, Odyssey of the Mind, New Moon Productions, Imagination Celebration, and many others.

**EDUCATION:** Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting and Directing, Texas Christian University, graduated May 1985.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS:**

- Extensive experience directing adult and youth actors.
- In 1994 created with Pamela Stringer successful theatre company New Moon Productions in Texas.
- Produced and Directed over a hundred plays & musicals and hundreds summer camp plays.
- Dozens of full-length plays written or adapted and hundreds of short plays for students written and performed.
- Published playwright with 6 published works.
- Built extensive theatre program in TX. (and in OR.) including theatre classes, and full-scale productions for youth & adults.
- Co-created and ran the successful Cowtown Mystery Players. Wrote and performed in two Comedy Troupes in Dallas.
- Extensive experience in all facets of producing including: administrative, publicity, fund-raising, budgeting, volunteer management, marketing, etc.
- Dozens of feature articles in major newspapers in the Portland area and Dallas/Fort Worth, including: The Oregonian, Willamette Weekly, Portland Mercury, Dallas Morning News, Fort Worth Star Telegram, and many others.
- Since 1996 over 30,000 children have been through New Moon's programs as either students or cast members.
- Many grants & sponsorships awarded over the years including: Juan Young Trust, Meadows Foundation, Autzen Foundation, Ann Sacks, Templeton Foundation, City of DeSoto, Target, Harold Simons Foundation, Sam's, Guarantee Federal Bank, VarTec, Elk Corporation, Juan Young Trust, and many others.
- Nordan Scholarship 1983-1985-TCU. Vice-President-Alpha Psi Omega. Several acting awards, TCU.

References and videos of previous shows are available upon request.

No union affiliations.-

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