



# THOMAS YOUNG

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## WHO I AM

Combining my background in event planning, theatrical and spatial design, music, science, and team-building I create professional, expressive, meaningful, and accessible storytelling to build a sense of belonging and community for all.

## WHAT I'VE LEARNED

### **New England College**

Certificate in Creative Placemaking | May 2019

### **Rutgers the State University of NJ, School of Environmental and Biological Sciences**

Masters of Landscape Architecture | GPA: 4.0 | May 2017

BA Biological Sciences, BA Music | GPA: 3.5 | May 2014

## WHAT I'VE DONE

### **Partner - Flannel & Blade, USA**

[January 2021 - Present]

Flannel & Blade is founded and run by queer, BiPoc industry leaders who together leverage 60+ collective years of strategy, content creation, event, marketing and communications experience. We deliver high impact work for organizations and companies that are contributing to a better world.

### **Creative Director - Looking Glass Creative, USA**

[September 2019 - Present]

I am a virtual and in-person event designer and project manager for conferences around the United States, particularly focusing on creative and equitable community development. Other projects include graphic and website design.

### **Director of Artistic Planning and Co-Founder - ReThink Theatrical, New Brunswick, NJ**

[December 2014 - Present]

I liaise an Artistic Council, who dictate the artistic integrity of a company that produces free and accessible theater to its local communities.

### **Co-founder - Vital Little Plans Artist Collective and Giving Circle, USA**

[September 2020 - Present]

I am a giving circle member and logistics point person for a collective which supports equitable, creative, and vital plans that are arts-driven and community-led for neighborhoods and places.

### **Music Director - Bridgewater-Raritan High School Theatre Arts Department**

[January 2016 - Present]

I create professional and expressive vocal performances for extra-curricular musicals with an educational approach.

### **Creative Director - National Consortium for Creative Placemaking**

[September 2017 - December 2019]

I developed processes and programs around regional and national creative placemaking summits, webinars, and continuing education platforms for an organization that positions itself as a network and capacity builder for the field of creative placemaking.

### **Instructor - Department of Landscape Architecture, Rutgers New Brunswick**

[September 2015 - May 2018]

I was the instructor for a Digital Drafting and Design course (2018) and the teaching assistant for a Sustainable Landscape Studio and Construction 2 for Rutgers LA Undergraduates (2015-2017).

## WHAT I'VE ACCOMPLISHED

### **Guest Speaker Engagements**

Jan 2022 - Rutgers University Department of Landscape Architecture, Design Studio (Storytelling in the Landscape)

Sep 2021 - University of Wisconsin School of Business for the Bolz Center for Arts Administration (Consulting for Arts-Based Organizations)

### **Olmsted Graduate Scholar of New Jersey, 2017**

I was recognized for exceptional leadership potential by using ideas, influence, communication, service, and leadership to advance sustainable design and foster human and societal benefits.

### **NJASLA Student Merit Award, 2017 and 2018**

For ISOTOPE IN THE GARDEN, a master's thesis about the Atomic Age and its lasting implications within the landscape

For WONDERLAND&YOU, an immersive theatrical production by reThink Theatrical at the Rutgers Gardens

## WHAT I'VE CREATED

### **Directing / Music Directing**

Little Shop of Horrors (director) - ReThink Theatrical (2019)

Robin Hood (co-director and co-writer) - ReThink Theatrical (2018)

STAGES: a Legacy in Revue (director and co-creator) - ReThink Theatrical (2017)

WONDERLAND&YOU (director and co-creator) - ReThink Theatrical (2016)

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (music director) - Bridgewater-Raritan High School Theatre Arts Department (2019)

Cinderella (music director) - Bridgewater-Raritan High School Theatre Arts Department (2019)

Anyone Can Whistle (music director) - Bridgewater-Raritan High School Theatre Arts Department (2018)

## WHAT I CAN DO

ArcGIS, AutoCAD, Adobe CS6 (Illustrator, InDesign, Photoshop), Microsoft Office Suite, Google Suite, Zoom logistics and support, web design  
Drawing, drafting, water color, and model making skills