

Lou Cooper

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Work Experience

Programing Coordinator

I Can Do That! Performing Arts Center (2025-Present)

- Scope includes community engagement, customer service, program organization, and system building & implementation for 11 productions and +/- 500 students.
- Promoted from Teaching Artist & Production Assistant within 1 year of employment.

Senior Recreation Leader III

City of Pleasanton (2019-2025)

- Scope included teaching, choreography & direction, program support, customer service, staff management and community event management & support.
- Promoted from Recreation Leader II within 4 years of prior role.

Freelance Teaching & Performance Artist

Multiple Arts, Education & Theater Organizations (2021-Present)

- Experienced teaching artist with a broad background in theater, dance, and improvisation, working with students ages 4 through adult across schools, theaters, and community arts organizations throughout the Bay Area.
 - Taught and collaborated with organizations including Berkeley Playhouse, TEAM Theatre, Bay Area Children's Theatre, Ohana Theatricals, Pleasanton Unified School District, and others.
 - Multi-disciplinary performer, director, writer, choreographer, and producer with experience creating and presenting original solo performance work, including *If You Knew My Story: A Solo Cabaret*.
 - Directed and choreographed more than 15 theatrical productions across youth, educational, community, and professional settings.
 - Performed in multiple professional productions throughout the Bay Area, bringing a strong foundation in acting, movement, ensemble work, and live performance.
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Volunteer Experience

Social Media Manager

- *Transvergence: Queer & Trans Dance Community (2025-Present)*

Councilor in Training & Ambassador

- *Brave Trails: LGBTQ+ Leadership Camp (2018-2021)*

Youth Ambassador & Volunteer

- *SAVE THE FROGS! (2010-2018)*
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Education

Saint Mary's College of California

Bachelor of Arts Degree in Dance: Choreography and Performance Studies

- Graduated *Summa Cum Laude*.
- Awarded the LeFevre Award for exceptional academics in the Performing Arts Department.
- Completed additional courses in directing and stage management.