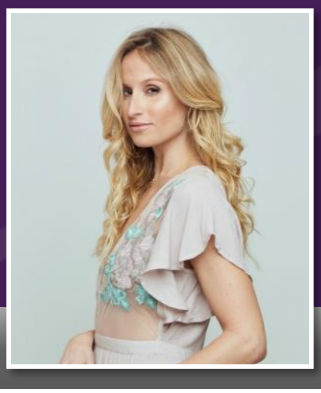


Becca Kotte, Trollwood Conservatory Instructor

Instructor Feature

Class(es) Teaching in Summer 2021: Musical Theatre Conservatory

About Becca:

Becca was a Trollwood student from 2000–2004 and graduated from Fargo South in 2005. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre at the University of Miami and graduated in 2009. Notable credits include Sherrie in "Rock of Ages" (Las Vegas Company), Tawney in "Gettin' the Band Back Together" (Original Broadway Company), and when the performing world is fully back in action, she will continue touring with Sir Rod Stewart as a featured vocalist.

♫ These are a few of my favorite things… ♫

Vocalist: Grace Potter, Brandi Carlisle, Linda Ronstadt, Joni Mitchell

Musical & Play: "Rock of Ages", of course!

Role You've Ever Played: I played Sherrie the longest, but one of my favorite memories was playing Sally Bowles in "Cabaret" in college! I'm hoping to get another stab at it in my adult life ☺

Part of Living in NYC & LA: I am officially bicoastal! My favorite part of living in New York is the energy emanating on every street. You can walk one block further than what you're used to and discover a totally new neighborhood. My favorite part of living in LA is the fact that you are an arm's length away from the beach and the mountains at the same time. I looooooove being outside and hiking with my pup!

Part of Current Position: My favorite part of touring, (other than getting to sing next to a rock legend!) is all the traveling I get to do. I think I've counted 40 different countries I've gotten to see since I joined the band…and I'm ready for more!

Way to Calm Nerves Before Auditioning: Preparation. I tell all my students that you cannot mess up when you're prepared!

Acting Advice You've Ever Received: Just be a human being! Think of how you would say the line if it was coming to you in the moment, if you were saying it for the first time. It never hurts to do "busy work" in the scene! Give yourself something to do (wash dishes, fold

something, polish a glass). It will help you feel more natural and not like you're on stage.

Special Skill / Unique Talent: I have a pretty killer Jennifer Coolidge impression 😊

Vocal Warm-Up / Regimen: I use the same warmup I recorded several years ago from my vocal coach in NYC! My students have it recorded now too 😊

Thing About Being an Actress: I love that for a couple hours, I can escape "real life" with an audience, and we can experience a series of moments that will never be repeated. There is something simply magical about live theatre/entertainment…I can't wait to be back!

Part of Working at Trollwood: It warms my heart that I get to come back and teach in the place that taught me the foundation I have. It's just not normal to have this kind of program for young artists! I cherish every single moment I had at Trollwood – onstage and off. I built the beginning of my career, and the beginnings of lifelong friendships…all on a riverside, sweaty stage in Fargo, ND 😊 Who knew?!?! But I think the most rewarding part of coming back is getting to see students grow and have breakthroughs in their performing journeys. I am so impressed with this generation, and can't wait to see them in holding rooms for auditions 😊