

## THE TEAM

### **Vanessa Becker Weig -Artistic Director**



Director, choreographer, actor, arts administrator, and educator. Vanessa is the Co-founder/ Executive Director of Voices Amplified (formerly known as The Girl Project) She trained at the professional actor training program at Wright State University and most recently trained with the Anne Bogart and the SITI Company at their summer institute. She has over 100 directing , choreography and performance credits. Ms Weig has developed numerous theatre education programs throughout Central Kentucky and Ohio. She served as Artistic Director and Education Director for Woodford Theatre and Education Director for Kentucky Conservatory Theatre and The Phoenix Theatre (now Catco) in Columbus, Ohio. Vanessa is a proud Freddie G Fellow. [www.voicesamplified.net](http://www.voicesamplified.net) and <https://vbweig.wixsite.com/vanessabw>

### **Kate Hadfield Antonetti-Dance Director**

Director, Choreographer and Instructor living in Lexington, KY. Kate is the Artistic and Executive Director of Movement Continuum, Lexington's original contemporary dance company, as well as the faculty for Lexington Traditional Magnet School's Visual and Performing Arts inaugural Dance program. Currently enrolled with NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, she is receiving her Performing Arts Industry certification while working with dance programs across the Central Kentucky region. Hadfield-Antonetti is thrilled to be working as the Dance Director of ACTivate and is excited to be part of a team helping young artists meet their goals and aspirations." <https://www.movementcontinuum.org/>



### **Ron Wilbur-Music Director**



From Atlanta, Georgia, graduated from the University of Kentucky with a degree in Music Education, Voice emphasis. He has had the opportunity to perform, in Central Kentucky, such roles as the title-role of Sweeney Todd Colehouse Walker, Jr. in Ragtime; and the Cowardly Lion in The Wiz. Ron was also featured on NBC's hit television series, "The Sing-Off" (Season 4) with the University of Kentucky "acoUstiKats." Along with performing, Mr. Wilbur has led many sessions and workshops covering the pedagogy of the singers body, stage presence, and acting techniques, here in the states and abroad, but serves right here in the Bluegrass as an arts facilitator for many organizations in Central Kentucky.

### **Emma Becker- Company Manager**

Emma Becker graduated in 2018 from the UK Department of Theatre + Dance with a B.A. in Theatre and certificate in Musical Theatre. Her favorite roles have been Lucy (You're a Good Man Charlie Brown), Penny (Hairspray), Babette (Beauty and the Beast), and Gertrude (Seussical). Directing/Choreography credits include: The Lion King Jr., Aladdin Jr., Xanadu Jr., Frozen Jr., and Junie B. Jones Jr. She is THRILLED to be a part of the ACTivate team creating a safe space for young artists to hone in on their skills while learning the importance of social awareness and advocacy. Special thanks to her wonderful family, Logan, and Chewie!

