

Joe Ferrell (SummerFest Artistic Director, Practical Application) - has directed close to 300 productions in his 40 year career as a theatre director and theatre educator, including 18 plays with Lexington Shakespeare Festival/SummerFest, several plays with Actor's Guild of Lexington, was artistic director of Phoenix Group Theatre for six years, and has directed four plays for The Woodford Theatrical Arts Association.

Joe recently retired from the Fort Knox Community Schools where he was director of the Gifted and Talented program, the Arts Education Program, and Professional Development. After doing Doctoral Work at the University of Iowa, Indiana University, SUNY at Binghamton, and SMU, Joe was Director of Theatre at Georgetown College, Assistant Professor at the University of Kentucky, and during a five year stay in NYC he worked with Westside Arts Theatre, The Theatre of the Open Eye, and Playwright's Horizons. He is currently Artistic Director of KCTC/SummerFest in Lexington, KY. Joe has taught all areas of theatre arts with an emphasis on directing and acting. In his acting training he uses Meisner, Viola Spolin, Robert Cohen, and Stella Adler all of which has a Stanislavsky basis.