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Not Just a Teen Choice: I love Pop music. Yep, I'm one of those people. I have seen both Britney Spears and Jessica Simpson in concert.

Elementary, My Dear Watson: I wanted to be a detective until I went to high school and learned I couldn't imagine my life without theatre.

Bullets Over Broadway: My dad was a manager-something-or-other for 33 years with AT&T. He is now doing his version of his dream job and drives an armored car for a security company.

Kingdom, Phylum, Class, Theatre: I was a Zoology major at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. It took only a year for me to figure out that wasn't what I wanted so I transferred to the Cincinnati-College Conservatory of Music where I graduated from their Theater Design and Production program.

How she "Broke" Into Showbiz: During my freshman year in high school I broke my leg the Friday before my Saturday audition for the next musical *Fiddler on the Roof*. Since then, I have always been a backstage person.

This Time With Feeling: After working with a string of very serious (often angry) directors, I met this amazing woman named Dee Anne Bryll. She worked with children in theater and was a breath of fresh air. She reminded me why I loved theatre in the first place. It's *fun*. The children were so enthusiastic with their parts that I couldn't help but be swept into their energy. I decided I didn't want to do theatre that didn't make me excited and as joyful as working with children did...

Gratuitous Plug: No joke, meeting Tim McDonald and Steven Kennedy in 2001 was a career highlight for me. I worked as their stage manager for *Les Misérables School Edition*. They were two people who took their work very seriously. They did an amazing job choreographing and directing a show I thought would never work with high school kids (so wrong, I like it *best* with high school kids), and they enjoyed themselves along the way.

Sing Out Loud, Sing Out Strong: My third grade teacher Mr. Odell was pretty great. He brought his guitar in every Friday and we all sat in a circle and sang songs. We sang all these old folk songs and those afternoons will always have a special place in my heart. It was a good lesson to learn - it's always good to mix creativity in academia.

Fan Club: My husband and my son, Beckett James.

Musical Comedy: I truly believe that it is very important to be willing to laugh at yourself – taking yourself too seriously never ends up well.

Advice to the Next Generation: Have patience. What you start out doing might not be how it ends up working out.

“Nowhere could you get that happy feeling”: One of the things I still find thrilling about theatre is the faces of the children after they take their last curtain call – knowing they accomplished something incredible!

Right Volume: My favorite books are Gone With the Wind and The Harry Potter Series.

B.C. (Before Child): I love to read the Oprah magazine. I no longer have time to really read that...

Quality is Their Recipe[®]: I haven't eaten red meat since I was sixteen and the only thing I occasionally miss is a Wendy's Cheeseburger.

Heavy Rotation: I listen to the same song about 20 times over before I listen to a new song... I have favorite songs of the week that I listen to so much I won't listen to them again for a month.