

FAMILY WEEKEND

Life + Work After UArts: Alumni Career Panel Discussion

Daniela Galdi BFA '08 (Dance)

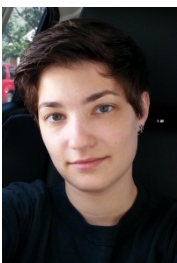
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Daniela Galdi is a lifelong performing artist, producer, fitness enthusiast, media personality and now works with others to develop their visions as realities through consulting in arts, entertainment, production and entrepreneurship. In 2008, she received her BFA in Modern Dance Performance from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia. While at UArts, she performed with top choreographers at the Merriam Theater, was a dance member of the Philadelphia KIXX Sports team, received the Martha Graham Intensive Scholarship, was two-time recipient for the Pulaski Scholarship for achievement, interned for BalletX and Melanie Stewart Dance theater and taught at multiple dance studios in Philadelphia and New Jersey. Daniela produces, performs and choreographs live performances, has performed with local dance companies, appeared in music videos and is co-founder of the Blind Faith Project Dance Company. Through UArts, she was able to receive Pilates training as one of her classes. This class inspired her to earn a Classical Pilates Certification from the renowned training program in NY, *Romana's Pilates*. She later went on to open her own Pilates studio in Philadelphia. She is the former owner of *Trullo Pilates* in Philadelphia and continues to teach around Philadelphia at fitness centers, including the Union League and the Bellevue. Daniela has been a dance and fitness educator for over 13 years and a producer for almost 10 years. After years of "building her core" in dance and fitness, she decided it was time to explore everything the entertainment industry has to offer. She is a trained actor, vocalist and on-camera host, has worked in film production and is a media personality, previously featured as a product representative on WMCN-TV's *Healthy Lifestyle with Eraldo* and *My New Philly*, a Philadelphia digital news platform.

Aimee Goldsmith BFA '12 (Sculpture)

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Aimee Goldsmith graduated with honors from UArts in 2012 with a BFA in Sculpture. As a student, she was consistently on the Dean's List and during her senior year received the Plastic Club Award as well as the Faculty Award for Outstanding Student in Sculpture. Aimee is a certified 3D printer technician who is currently working in a more artistic environment as a mold maker/sculptor/3D specialist, working for Lenox as well as the Fabrication Lab at the University of Pennsylvania. She also creates and sells her own artwork on the side. In her spare time, Aimee volunteers with the LGBT Qmunity Center of Montgomery County where she organizes and executes programming for the center. Her most recent event was a juried art show and talent exhibition titled *Beyond the Brush*.

LaTasha Morris BM '06 (Vocal Performance)

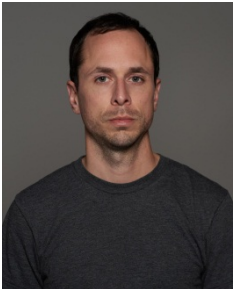
soundcloud.com/elledotmorris



LaTasha Morris, a.k.a. Elle.Morris, graduated from UArts in 2006 with a BFA in Vocal Performance. She is a high school graduate of the prestigious Duke Ellington School of the Arts in Washington, DC. LaTasha has performed everything from opera as chorister and guest soloist for the Opera Philly (formerly the Opera Company of Philadelphia) to R&B/Soul as house background vocalist for variety concerts such as "Sheryl Lee Ralph's Divas Simply Singing" benefit concert. LaTasha also is a vocal producer, arranger, and teaching artist at local organizations including the Village of Arts & Humanities and New Freedom Theatre.

Eric Stabach BFA '11 (Photography)

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Eric Stabach graduated with a BFA in Photography in 2011. Within a few months of graduation, Eric began working as a freelance retoucher and studio assistant with Dixon Studios in Philadelphia. The majority of the workflow at Dixon Studios was used for retail websites otherwise referred to as eCommerce. Networking became a strong ally in Eric's career development and led to freelance retouching for Anthropologie & Co. It was around this time Eric began working as a product photographer for QVC where he became a strong asset to the photography studio. As Eric gained experience and confidence he worked as a freelance photographer for Amazon in Wilkes Barre, PA and Ebay Enterprises in King of Prussia before obtaining full time employment with QVC. Currently at QVC, Eric primarily photographs fashion on models and a wide range of products that are used on QVC.com as well as the 24 hour live broadcast. Eric was promoted to Senior Product Photographer in May of 2016. The team relies on his technical expertise and meticulous approach that has greatly increased the quality of imagery on QVC.com. Eric currently resides in Conshohocken, PA with his fiancée and two overly enthusiastic dogs.

Jake Wells BFA '03 (Printmaking) & MID '11

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Jake Wells is a two-time UArts grad who works at the intersection of business and technology. A brief career in printmaking after graduating in 2003 with a BFA in that discipline led him back for his Masters in Industrial Design in 2011. Human-centered design methods inform his daily work in and out of the office. Since earning his MID, Jake founded a political engagement start-up, ElectNext; led design efforts for multiple client accounts at Epam Systems, including the Health Nucleus application for state-of-the-art genomic researchers, Human Longevity Inc; and designed for the financial technology start-up Moven. He now works as a contractor for Comcast as a product designer for their Stream TV application. Jake lives in Philadelphia with his wife and two cats. He is eternally engaged in DIY and restoration projects throughout his cape cod-style home, and he enjoys wearing camo.

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Maxwell Atoms, *Animator*
Stan and Jan Berenstain, *Authors and Illustrators*
Adam Blackstone, *Grammy Award winning Music Director*
Stanley Clarke, *Emmy & Grammy Award winning Jazz Bassist*
Stephen Costello, *Tenor, Metropolitan Opera*
Joe Dante, *Film Director, Gremlins, The 'Burb*
Heather Donahue, *Actress, The Blair Witch Project*
Wharton Esherick, *Craftsman, Printmaker*
Robin Eubanks, *Jazz Trombonist, Composer and Arranger*
Tatyana Fazlalizadeh, *Artist & Social Activist*
Kate Flannery, *Actress, The Office*
Paul Goldberg, *Drummer and Producer*
David Graham, *Noted Photographer of the American Landscape*
Judith Jamison, *Dancer and Choreographer*
Elle King, *Singer and Songwriter, Author of Ex's & Oh's*
LaChanze, *Broadway Actress, Tony Award winner*
Matt McAndrew, *Singer and Musician, The Voice*
Ana Ortiz, *Actress, Ugly Betty & Devious Maids*
Irving Penn, *Celebrity Portraitist and Fashion Photographer*
Vincent Persichetti, *Composer, Juilliard professor*
Steve Powers, *Graffiti Artist. Known as ESPO.*
Brothers Quay, *Stop-Motion Illustrators and Filmmakers*
Arnold Roth, *Cartoonist*
Cal Schenkel, *Illustrator & Graphic Designer, Frank Zappa Collaborator*
Richard Schultz, *Furniture Designer*
KaDee Strickland, *Actress, The Grudge*
Nicole Tranquillo, *Vocalist, American Idol (season 6) Contestant*
Samuel Yellin, *Blacksmith, Sculptor and Teacher*