

Olivia Newell

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Summary

Director and **Intimacy Choreographer** with experience in student-led, academic, and professional spaces. Energetic and passionate about human-centered collaborative creativity to uplift artists, empower self-discovery through theatre, and harness theatre's transformative potential.

Education

B.A. in Theatre Arts & B.A. in Sustainability

Honors Minor in Interdisciplinary Studies (Weber Honors College)

San Diego State University

August 2021 - May 2026

Certificate of Proficiency

Semester Abroad, studying Sustainability & Indigenous Studies

University of Auckland

July - November 2023

Theatre & Film Experience

Directing

<i>Raise the Vibration</i> (2026)	Co-Director	Dir. with Milo Jared	V-Day SDSU Student Organization
<i>Exit, Pursued by a Bear</i> (2025)	Co-Director	Dir. with Kylee Kyte	Skull & Dagger Dramatic Society
<i>Beyond Prison Walls</i> (2025)	Director, 2 10-min plays		Playwright's Project

Theatre

<i>Frontlines of Pride</i> Reading (2026)	Actor		Diversionary Theatre
<i>6 Characters ... an Author</i> (2025)	Asst. Stage Manager	Dir. Katie Turner	SDSU School of Theatre, Television, & Film
<i>Raise the Vibration</i> (2023)	Producer	Dir. Daria Clark	V-Day SDSU Student Organization
<i>Raise the Vibration</i> (2022)	Actor	Dir. Kaley-Shea Doherty	V-Day SDSU Student Organization

Film

<i>BENCHIES</i> (2026)	Hair & Makeup	Dir. Sydney Cicchitto	Independent SDSU Student Film
<i>REVENGEANCE 4000</i> (2024)	Hair & Makeup Asst.	Dir. Audrey Daynes	SDSU Television, Film, & New Media

Professional Experience

Assistant House Manager, La Jolla Playhouse

Part Time | Oct 2024 - Present

- Co-led Front of House team while House Manager position was unoccupied, involving intensive leadership and flexibility
- Became proficient in adaptive problem solving through addressing seating, accessibility, emergency, or interdepartmental issues

Audience Concierge, La Jolla Playhouse

Part Time | Feb - Oct 2024

- Became familiar with the daily operations of a professional theatre, ensuring cleanliness and efficiency through team collaboration
- Facilitated patron accessibility needs, including golf cart transportation, elevator use, and wheelchair seating accessibility

Day Camp Counselor, Salvation Army Kroc Center

Full Time | Jun - Dec 2022

- Led counselor group for 4-5 year old campers, prioritizing safety and care while independently executing daily activity schedule
- Fostered an engaging space to develop social-emotional learning through play, song & dance, and empathetic conflict resolution

Other Information & Training

- **TIE Best Practices Training 4/12/26 — 6 hours**
- Three years experience with short-form improv
- Familiar with wig styling, ventilation, and haircutting
- Poet with 7 pieces produced in *Raise the Vibration*
- Certified in CPR, AED use, and First Aid

Strengths

- Interdisciplinarity
- Collaborative creativity
- Compassion & empathy
- Adaptive problem solving
- Fostering comfortable community spaces