

## Speaker Biography

Jerry A. Gardner, Ph.D.

Jerry Gardner is an Associate Professor in the Theatre Department at the University of Utah where he teaches movement, dance, and eastern theatre to students in the Actor Training Program. Professor Gardner has trained, performed, and taught extensively in various movement and mind systems for over 45 years. These systems include eastern theatre of Japan, illusionary and corporeal mime, mask work, Viewpoints, ballet, Pilates and Bartenieff movement, karate, kung-fu, tai chi, and Buddhist meditation. His multi-faceted approach in working with actors and others is designed to enhance stage presence, justify movement choices, clarify characterization, as well as develop mental concentration, non-verbal communication, and overall physical condition—all of which is an integral aspect of the well-developed actor and communicator. His expertise allows him to teach and transfer these skills to others whether they are an actor on the stage or a professional who needs to communicate with clarity and purpose in everyday life.

