

# Kris Vire

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## Summary

Award-winning writer and editor with 15 years' experience in print magazines, major metro newspapers, and digital-first publications.

## Experience

### Chicago Magazine

Contributing Editor – 2021–Present

Contributing Culture Critic – 2018–2021

- Write and edit the arts and culture section of longstanding city magazine with a print circulation of 105,000 and more than 1 million readers online
- Direct the magazine's expert monthly coverage of music, theater, dance, museums, and other things to do around the city
- Recruit, edit, and field pitches from a stable of dozens of freelance writers
- Curate cultural events for monthly "Agenda" column

### Rotary magazine

Digital Copy Editor – 2020–Present

- Manage conversion of monthly print magazine into digital edition
- Restructure articles for reader-friendly scrolling flow, working in a CMS and in raw HTML
- Proofread and line-edit every page of the magazine with an eye toward catching any errors introduced in migration

### Self-employed

Freelance writer/editor – 2018–Present

- Published bylined work in publications including The New York Times, the Chicago Sun-Times, the Chicago Reader, Fodor's, Playbill, Curbed, Sixtysix
- Wrote sponsored content for companies including Orbitz, Oculus, and Fisher & Paykel

### Time Out Chicago

Senior Editor – 2015–2018

Associate Editor – 2013–2015

Theater Editor – 2009–2013

Theater Writer – 2007–2009

- Covered beats including theater, dance, comedy, film, television, and travel
- Wrote, edited and produced thousands of articles and reviews
- Collaborated with editorial staffs in six other Time Out cities across the U.S. and U.K.
- Managed a stable of freelance writers and varied departmental budgets
- Produced twice-weekly email newsletters
- Served as backup manager for branded social-media channels
- Represented the brand as a subject matter expert on TV, radio, and podcasts

## Education

University of Arkansas – Bachelor of Arts program in Theater

**Skills**

- AP Style, editing, interviewing, proofreading, fact-checking, storytelling
- CMS platforms including Drupal, WordPress, and Symfony
- Adobe InDesign/InCopy, Google Workspace, Microsoft Office 365, Slack

**Honors**

- FOLIO: Magazine's Eddie Awards: Bronze in "Consumer/Regional Magazine, Single Article" for Time Out Chicago cover story "90 Minutes on the Rocks with Nathan Lane and Brian Dennehy"
- Two-time finalist for Chicago Headline Club's Lisagor Award for Arts Reporting and Criticism