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## OBJECTIVE

To attain practical and sustainable knowledge and work experience relevant to the fine and performing arts.

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## EDUCATION

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*The New School, School of Drama, Class of 2022 – Master of Fine Arts, Acting*

*Marymount Manhattan College, Class of 2016 – Bachelor of Arts, Theatre Performance*

- *Acting Scholarship Recipient*

- *Dean's List*

*Lincoln Center Activate: Concentration on Arts, Inquiry, and Civic Imagination*

*B.A.D.A—British American Drama Academy: Midsummer in Oxford, UK – Certificate in Acting*

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Drama and English Teacher**, 01/23/2024 – Current

**The Adelphi Academy** – Brooklyn, NY

- Direct variety shows and full-length productions for students K-12
- Design a standards-based curriculum of drama activities ranging from movement, clown and improv to scene work and playwriting.
- Teach lessons in acting and plan theatre related activities for students
- Engage students with classic literacy works ranging from Shakespeare to modern novels
- Handle parental communication, homeroom, lunch and snack duties
- **Supervisor:** Iphigenia Romanos

**Teaching Artist**, 11/01/2023 – Current

**Hudson Valley Shakespeare Festival** – Garrison, NY

- Co-teach residencies ranging from one to five weeks in New York public & private schools, as well as annual workshops with first-year Cadets at the United States Military Academy at West Point
- Engage ELA classroom students with Shakespeare's text from the actor's perspective
- **Supervisor:** Sean McNall, Director of Education

**Teaching Artist & Kid Expert**, 08/2022 – Current

**Curated Care** – New York, NY

- Instruct performing arts and STEMS classes for kids ages 4 through 10

- Provide engaging and creatively focused childcare for families on an as needed basis
- **Supervisor:** Jasmine Ly, Manager of Programming bring

**Theater Teacher, 09/2022 – 06/2023**

**Growing Up Green Charter School II – Jamaica, NY**

- Taught units in Public Speaking, Playwriting, and Improv to students grades 6-8
- Served as an Advisor to 10 students each trimester
- Implemented effective classroom management routines to provide a safe learning environment
- Conducted outreach to families to identify ways to address social, emotional, and behavioral needs
- **Supervisor:** Leticha Fraser, Assistant School Leader

**Drama Teacher & Counselor, 06/2021 – 08/2021**

**Stagedoor Manor Performing Arts Training Center – Loch Sheldrake, NY**

- Taught Shakespeare, Viewpoints, Writing for the stage and Cold Reading for campers ages 10 through 19
- Dorm co-supervisor of campers ages 10-19
- Exposed students to diverse content to build a broader perspective in drama pedagogy
- **Supervisor:** Rob Scharlow, Director of Education Programming

**Monologue & Audition Coach, 06/2020 – Current**

**Freelance – New York, NY**

- Private Coaching Sessions for beginning and established actors in film, television, and theater
- Undergraduate/Graduate School Audition Preparation and Coaching
- Public Speaking Preparation and Coaching

**Professional Actor, 11/2022 – Current**

**Actors Equity Association – New York, NY**

- 10 years of experience performing in various genres of theatre both regionally, and in NYC
- Experience understudying and replacing original actors with a quick turnaround time
- Originated roles in the workshop and development process
  - *\*Please reference Acting Resume for NYC and regional work credits\**

**Theater Activity Specialist, 03/2022 – 08/2022**

**Kids Creative – New York, NY**

- Taught various styles of theatre to students Kindergarten through 5th grade in an after-school setting
- Worked with Group Leaders to promote children's social-emotional growth through the arts
- Led students through the “Create-A-Play program,” where students built a play to perform for friends and family solely based on devising original stories
- **Supervisor:** Brianna Marquez, Site Director

**Improv Teacher, 06/2020 – 08/2020**

**Freelance** – Norwalk, CT

- Taught “socially distanced outdoor improv” to children ages 8-11 during COVID-19 lock down
- Followed all proper CDC safety guidelines

**Counselor, Instructor**, 06/2018 – 08/2019

**Maine Teen Camp** – Porter, ME

- Cabin co-supervisor of 16 campers 13-17
- Taught Improv, Shakespeare, Storytelling & Creative Writing during daytime activities
- Assistant Directed four theatrical performances streamlining technical and musical elements
- Collaborated with other camp counselors to design fun and enriching activities for campers
- **Supervisors:** Monique Pines & Matt Pines, Camp Directors

**Coach**, 08/2017 – 06/2019

**NY Kids Club** – New York, NY

- Substitute taught and assisted daytime classes and after school club for pre-k students
- Special Events Team Member for Birthday Parties, Holiday Parties, and PJ Parties
- Organized and co-supervised large and small group activities
- Maintained well-controlled classrooms by clearly outlining standards and reinforcing positive behaviors
- **Supervisor:** Lindsey Whorton, Education Director

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**SKILLS**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Leading Group Activities</li><li>• Teaching</li><li>• Excellent interpersonal skills</li><li>• Extensive NYC Theatrical knowledge</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creative Writing</li><li>• Audience Engagement</li><li>• Acting for stage and screen</li><li>• Great with Kids</li></ul> |
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**AFFILIATIONS**

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- Less Than Rent Theatre: Associate Artist

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**REFERENCES**

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*Available upon request*