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OBJECTIVE

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

EDUCATION

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

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 6th-8th
- 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

Teaching Artist & Kid Expert, 08/2022 - Current

Curated Care – New York, NY

- Instruct performing arts classes for kids ages 5 through 10
- Provide engaging and creatively focused childcare for families on an as needed basis
- **Supervisor:** Jasmine Ly, Manager of Programming

Teaching Artist, 06/2022 - Current

Childs Play NY – New York, NY

- Assist and Substitute teach various styles of theatre to grades K-8th during summer, in-school, after school and summer camp residencies
- Help students explore concepts with engaging, learning-focused activities
- **Supervisor:** Jocelyn Greene, Executive Director

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 teenagers (ages 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 learning 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

SKILLS

- Leading Group Activities
- Teaching
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Extensive NYC Theatrical knowledge
- Creative Writing
- Audience Engagement
- Acting for stage and screen
- Great with Kids

AFFILIATIONS

- Less Than Rent Theatre: Associate Artist

REFERENCES

Available upon request