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EDUCATION

The City College of New York, Degree Conferred: December 2020 M.S. Educational Theatre, with New York Teacher Certification

Course Work: Theater for Youth and Young Audiences, Conflict Resolution Through Drama, Drama in Education, Arts Integration, Arts Education in an Urban Setting, Technical Theatre, Fundamentals of Teaching Theatre, Inclusive Practices, Literacy through Drama, Curriculum Development, Theatre History

University at Buffalo, Degree Conferred: Spring 2018 Bachelor of Arts in Theatre

LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

Theatre Single Subject Teaching Credential, California | June 2024

Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development Permit | February 2023

CA MTSS Pathway Certification for Schools, Alludo | 2023

K-12 Theatre Education Initial Teaching Certificate, New York | February 2021

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Theatre Teacher, Fall 2021-Present PUC Inspire Charter Academy, Los Angeles, CA

- Plan lessons for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade theatre classes using clear objectives and lesson outcomes.
- Teach lessons to 6th, 7th, and 8th grade theatre classes that regularly assess students ability to meet predetermined criteria for success.
- Creates and facilitates drama curriculum specializing in topics such as ensemble building, character development, audition prep, monologues, improv, technical theatre, acting for the camera, and puppetry.
- Evaluate student academic data to determine their areas of need and growth.
- Collaborate with academic coaches and team members to improve practice and build strategies for effective teaching.
- Coordinate with parents, students, and other stakeholders as needed to discuss matters related to student behavior and academics.

Student News Club Director, Fall 2021-Present PUC Inspire Charter Academy, Los Angeles, CA

- Facilitates student centered weekly broadcasts during Advisory class each morning.
- Developed an application process for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to apply and audition for the club.
- Trains students in proper audio, green screen, lighting, and video equipment use.
- Edits interviews and news segments to be shared with School Faculty and Staff every other Monday.
- Organizes and oversees appropriate club field trips such as the Warner Bros. Studio Tour.

Summer School Coordinator/Teacher, Fall 2021-Present PUC Inspire Charter Academy, Los Angeles, CA

- In charge of administering and accepting applications for 7th and 8th grade students.
- Responsible for family outreach to distribute applications to incoming 6th grade students.
- Organizes and oversees field trips such as Medieval Times, the LA Zoo, the beach, and the Aquarium of the Pacific.
- Oversees teaching staff and guides them through summer activities/curriculum options for their designated group of students.

English Language Development Teacher, Fall 2022-Summer 2023 PUC Inspire Charter Academy, Los Angeles, CA

- Teaches 6th, 7th, and 8th grade ELD
- Evaluate student academic data to determine their areas of need and growth.
- Collaborate with academic coaches and team members to improve practice and build strategies for effective teaching.
- Coordinate with parents, students, and other stakeholders as needed to discuss matters related to student behavior and academics.

Teacher Residency, Fall 2020 P.S. 161, New York, NY

- Created and facilitated lesson plans via Zoom to students in grades 7-8
- Collaborated with cooperating teacher to integrate drama into lessons and strengthen assessment methods
- Tailored lesson plans around the teaching of the musical, *Hamilton*, leading to a culminating activity in which students rewrote their own history in a poem or rap song

Theatre School Program Director, Summer 2015-Summer 2023 Historic Palace Theatre, Lockport, NY

- Creates and facilitates drama curriculum to students in grades K-12 including topics such as audition technique, ensemble building, character development, improv, technical theatre, devising, theatre history, script analysis, playwriting, and ethnodrama
- Directs and choreographs full length Junior Musicals
- Past productions include: *Shrek the Musical Jr.*, *Alice in Wonderland Jr.*, *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, *Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Seussical Jr.*, *The Grunch*, and *Frozen Jr.*
- Facilitates the creation of original devised pieces and readers theatre based on various texts and literature

Teaching Artist, Fall 2018-2019 P.S. 161, New York, NY

- Created and facilitated Pre-Show lesson plans for *Seussical Jr.* to students in grades 3-5.
- Aided in audition prep and technique
- Directed select scenes from Fall Production of *High School Musical Jr.*

Teaching Artist, Spring 2019 P.S. 194, New York, NY

- Co-taught literacy through theatre skills to students grades K-2
- Facilitated theater activities based on the children's book: "Rainbow Fish"
- Lead students through beginner drama based activities that encouraged reading comprehension and creative play

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM EXPERIENCE

Program Director/Summer Camp Director/ASM, Fall 2022-Present Encore Theatre Group, Long Beach, CA

- Directed and choreographed *The Little Mermaid Jr.* Program consisted of 60 students and the rehearsal process was two weeks long.
- Created curriculum and facilitated acting, singing, and dance lessons for students in 4th-8th grade. (2022-2023)
- Directed and choreographed dance numbers for MTT's *Broadway Jr. Revue* Concert. (2022-2023)
- Selected monologues and scenes for students to perform and hone their acting skills. (2022-2023)

Choreographer, Fall 2019-Spring 2020 St. Edmund's Elementary, New York, NY

- Taught and facilitated audition technique
- Created a rehearsal schedule in collaboration with the Director
- Choreographed spring production of *Aladdin Jr.* with students grades 3-8

Drama Club Director, Fall 2016-Spring 2018 North Park Jr. High School, New York, NY

- Taught drama club workshops once a week to students in grades 7-8.
- Created and facilitated drama lessons that helped students develop self confidence, creativity, and sense of ensemble
- Directed and choreographed Spring Productions of *The Wizard of Oz* and *Seussical Jr.*

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

House Manager/Box Office Manager, Fall 2019-Spring 2020 The Shadow Box Theatre, New York, NY

- Organized venues and seating for touring productions of *The Firefly Star* and *African Drum*
- Communicated with various schools and educational organizations to coordinate arrivals and seating of students
- Sold merchandise and tracked donations
- Worked as a personal assistant to the show creator to archive and log all plays and musical works

House Manager, Fall 2019-Spring 2020 The Theater Center, New York, NY

- House Managed the Off-Broadway Productions of *The Office Musical Parody*, *Love Actually Musical Parody*, *The Independents*, and *Perfect Crime*
- Kept track of merchandise, concession inventory, and bar funding for each performance
- Ensured the safety and well being of all patrons before, during, and after performances