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THEATRE EDUCATOR

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EDUCATION

CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK M.S. ED. IN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE

SUMMA CUM LAUDE
2017-2019

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT NEW PALTZ B.A. IN THEATRE ARTS

MINOR IN ENGLISH

CUM LAUDE
2008-2012

CERTIFICATION

Theatre, K-12

New York State
Initial Certification

PEDAGOGICAL STATEMENT

Theatre has the power to bring students to life. At its core, it allows us to create and explore entire worlds outside of our own. In an educational setting, theatre and the arts teach collaboration, communication, confidence, problem solving, and a host of other skills that are fundamental for life. My policy is to “maximize strengths and minimize weaknesses.” Through theatre, I can connect with my students and bring out their best selves. By connecting to the arts, students have the opportunity to learn through diverse methods and grow as individuals.

TEACHING

I.S. 61 Leonardo Da Vinci 2023-2024
Theatre Teacher 6th - 8th Grade

- Year 2 Arthur Miller Fellow
- Director : *Employees Must Wash Hands Before Murder*
- Production Manager - All-School Arts Winter & Spring Concerts
- Extra-Curricular Drama Club Advisor

Van Siclen Community Middle School 2022-2023
Theatre Arts Teacher 6th - 8th Grade

- Year 1 Arthur Miller Fellow
- Facilitated New Victory Theater residency for 6th grade
- Member - Magnet Planning Committee

Summit Academy Charter School 2021-2022
Performing Arts & Media Teacher 8th - 12th Grade

- Courses taught: Introduction to Theatre, Film Studies, Acting 1, and Middle School Theatre

New Rochelle High School 2020-2021
Theatre Teacher 11th Grade

- Teacher of PAVE III Acting: Advanced course in Performing and Visual Arts Education audition-only program.
- Curriculum includes: Play Production, Design and Technology for Theatre, Acting for Film, and Directing.
- Director: *She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms*
- Arts Department Substitute as needed

Gramercy Arts High School 2018
Theatre Teacher - Maternity Leave Cover 9th-12th Grade

- Covered five sections of high school theatre courses in Acting, Theatre History, and Directing
- Engaged in Manhattan Theatre Club Saint Joan residency with GAHS instructor and MTC teaching artist.

<div> <div>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching Fellow - Arthur Miller Foundation (2022-) Teacher Training Intensive - Roundabout Theatre Company (Summer 2024) Member - American Alliance of Theatre and Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-Chair: K-8th Grade Subdivision </div>	TEACHING ARTISTRY	
	Treehouse Shakers - Branching OUT Teaching Artist	2025 6-8
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching Artist for cultural organization providing LGBTQIA+ education and outreach to NYC students Residency with Queens middle school 	
	Envision Theater Teaching Artist	2025 9-12
<div> <div>THEATRE TRAINING</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Directing 1, 1-Year Acting Apprenticeship - The Barrow Group Intimacy Direction Training - Level I /II - Intimacy Directors and Coordinators Musical Theatre Acting with Tony Award Winner Randy Graff - Primary Stages Private Vocal Coaching </div>	Wingspan Arts Musical Theatre/Theatre Teaching Artist	2016-2020 K-5
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teaching Artist for Semester-long classes for arts/enrichment after school programming 	
	Sunrise Day Camp Drama Counselor	2018-2021 Pre-K - 9th Grade
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drama Specialist for specialized day camp serving children with cancer and their siblings. 	
<div> <div>ACTING</div> </div> <div>Recent Credits Include:</div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Full Monty* A Gentleman’s Guide to Love and Murder Assassins Sunday in the Park with George The Mystery of Edwin Drood Dog Sees God 	Manhattan Youth Set Design Instructor/Production Designer	2015 6th-8th Grade
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After-School Elective Instructor: Basics of set design and process, work on scenery, scenic painting, and prop design and construction for production of Little Shop of Horrors. Served as Scenic Designer, Costume Designer, Hair & Makeup Designer, Stage Manager, and Crew Head 	
	DIRECTING	
	The Stinky Cheese Man	2025
	Universal Reunion	2024
	Employees Must Wash Hands Before Murder	2024
	Masks	2023
	She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms	2021
	Rent	2019

*BroadwayWorld Award Nominee
Best Performance in a Musical (Off-Off Broadway)