Matthew Turkle | THEATRE EDUCATOR

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Dynamic teaching artist with experience leading theatre residencies, workshops, and arts programming for K–12 students across schools, camps, and community organizations. Skilled in ensemble-building and inclusive arts education, with a focus on fostering creativity, collaboration, and student voice.

EDUCATION & CERTIFICATION

M.S. Ed., Educational Theatre — City College of New York (*Summa Cum Laude*)
B.A., Theatre Arts; Minor in English — SUNY New Paltz (*Cum Laude*)
New York State Certification: Theatre (K–12)

TEACHING ARTIST EXPERIENCE

Camp Twelve Trails / Mainstages — Drama Counselor | *2025*

- Led daily theatre exercises and activities for ages 5–16

Envision Theater — Teaching Artist | *2025*

- Led Shakespeare workshop series (*The Tempest*) for high school students
- Adjudicated student acting competitions and provided performance feedback

Treehouse Shakers – Branching OUT — Teaching Artist | *2025*

- Facilitated theatre-based LGBTQIA+ education residency for middle school students

Wingspan Arts — Teaching Artist | *2016–2020*

- Taught semester-long musical theatre and drama classes (Grades K–5)
- Directed culminating student showcases

Sunrise Day Camp — Drama Specialist | *2018–2021*

- Created inclusive theatre programming for children with cancer and their siblings

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

CLASSROOM TEACHING

I.S. 61 Leonardo Da Vinci
Theatre Teacher | *2023–2024*
Van Siclen Community Middle School
Theatre Arts Teacher | *2022–2023*
Summit Academy Charter School
Performing Arts Teacher | *2021–2022*
New Rochelle High School (PAVE Program)
Theatre Teacher | *2020–2021*

DIRECTING (SELECTED)

Help Me Out John (2026)
The Pillowman - Asst. Director (2025)
The Stinky Cheese Man (2025)
She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms (2021)
Rent — Asst. Director/Choreographer (2019)

THEATRE SKILLS

Ensemble Building • Musical Theatre • Theatre History • Culturally Responsive Teaching • Curriculum Design •

ACTING EXPERIENCE (SELECTED)

Performer in *The Full Monty* (BroadwayWorld Nominee), *Assassins*, *Drood*, *Merrily We Roll Along*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Teaching Fellow — Arthur Miller Foundation
Roundabout Theatre Company Teaching Intensive
K-8 Co-Chair - American Alliance for Theatre & Education

TRAINING

Acting, Directing - The Barrow Group
Intimacy Direction (Level I, II) - IDC
Private Voice Lessons