
JACOB PRESSON

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SUMMARY

Experienced and dedicated arts educator and acting coach with over 7 years of experience in theater performance and education. Skilled in fostering creativity in various educational and professional settings, I am committed to inspiring the next generation of artists and confident communicators.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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*

National Alliance of Acting Teachers – Teacher Development Program

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

Substitute Teacher, 01/2026 – Current

School Professionals, New York, NY

- Collaborate with permanent teachers and admin to develop comprehensive lesson plans for students
- Ensure adherence to school policies and procedures, maintaining a safe and supportive environment
- **Supervisor:** Jerick Bustillo, Personal Representative

Student Presenter & Tutor, 09/2025 – Current

Elevate Education, New York, NY

- Lead interactive workshops and seminars on building a foundation for study skills and life skills to students (grades 5-12), parents, and teachers throughout the NYC and NJ school system
- **Supervisor:** Chloe Ballesteros, Manager of 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

Teaching Artist, 11/2023 – Current

Hudson Valley Shakespeare (HVS) – Garrison, NY

- Co-teach residencies ranging from one to five weeks in New York public & private schools
- Engage ELA classroom students with Shakespeare's text from the actor's perspective
- **Supervisor:** Sean McNall, Director of Education

Volunteer – Stage Combat, 02/2025 – Current

52nd Street Project – New York, NY

- Support middle school-aged Project Members as their partner in Stage Combat class
- Perform alongside Project Members in Stage Combat final showcase for a live audience
- **Supervisor:** Garret Kim, Program Manager

Teaching Artist & Kid Expert, 08/2022 – Current

Curated Care – New York, NY

- Develop and deliver engaging performing arts and STEMS classes for kids ages 4 through 10, enhancing their creativity and critical thinking skills
- Provide engaging and creatively focused childcare for families on an as needed basis
- **Supervisor:** Sarah Coote, Director of Programming

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
- 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, Playwriting and Cold Reading for campers ages 10 through 19
- Exposed students to diverse content to build a broader perspective in drama pedagogy
- **Supervisor:** Rob Scharlow, Director of Education Programming

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

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

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
- **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
- Maintained well-controlled classrooms by clearly outlining standards and reinforcing positive behaviors
- **Supervisor:** Lindsey Whorton, Education Director

SKILLS

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| • Facilitating/Leading Group Activities | • Public Speaking |
| • Curriculum Development for Arts Education | • Acting for stage and screen |
| • Extensive NYC Theatrical knowledge | • Creative Writing |

AFFILIATIONS

- National Alliance of Acting Teachers, Member
- Less Than Rent Theatre: Associate Artist

REFERENCES

Available upon request