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SUMMARY

With over 7 years of experience in theater performance and arts education, I am committed to inspiring the next generation of confident artists and communicators. Skilled in public speaking, one-on-one coaching, and the application of theatre games across educational and professional contexts.

EDUCATION

The New School of Drama,
New York, NY,
MFA in Acting, 2022

The National
Alliance of Acting
Teachers, New
York, NY
*Teacher Development
Program, 2025*

British American Drama
Academy, Oxford, UK
Certificate in Acting, 2014

Marymount
Manhattan College,
New York, NY
BA, Theater Arts, 2016

Lincoln Center Activate:
Concentration on Arts,
Inquiry, and Civic
Imagination, New York, NY
Winter Training Congress, 2022

EXPERIENCE

School Professionals, New York, NY

Substitute Teacher | January 2026 – Present

- 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

Private Coach, New York, NY

Freelance | January 2020 – Present

- 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

Elevate Education, Brooklyn, NY

Student Presenter and Tutor | September 2015 – Present

- 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

52nd Street Project, New York, NY

Volunteer | February 2025 – Present

- 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

Hudson Valley Shakespeare, Garrison, NY

Teaching Artist | January 2024 - Present

- 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

AFFILIATIONS

The National
Alliance of Acting
Teachers, New York,
NY
Member

Less Than Rent Theatre,
New York, NY
Associate Artist

Actors' Equity Association
Member

Curated Care, New York, NY

Teaching Artist & Kid Expert | August 2023 - Present

- *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*

Stagedoor Manor, Loch Sheldrake, NY

Drama Teacher & Counselor | June 2021 – August 2021

- *Cabin co-supervisor of campers ages 10-18*
- *Taught Shakespeare, Viewpoints, Playwriting and Cold Reading for campers ages 10 through 19*

Kids Creative, New York, NY

Theater Activity Specialist | March 2022 – August 2022

- *Taught improv to students K-5th grade in an after-school setting*
- *Worked with Group Leaders to promote children's social-emotional growth*
- *Led students through the "Create-A-Play program," where students built a play to perform for friends and family solely based on devised work*

Maine Teen Camp

Instructor & Counselor | June 2018 – August 2019

- *Cabin co-supervisor of 16 campers ages 13-17*
- *Taught Improv, Shakespeare, Storytelling & Creative Writing during daytime activities*
- *Assistant Directed four theatrical performances streamlining technical and musical elements*

NY Kids Club, New York, NY

Coach | August 2017 – June 2019

- *Substitute taught and assisted daytime classes and after school programs for pre-k students*
- *Special Events Team Member for Birthday Parties and Holiday Parties*
- *Maintained well-controlled classrooms by outlining standards and reinforcing positive behaviors*

Special Skills

Facilitating/Leading Group Activities, Curriculum Development, Extensive NYC Theatrical knowledge, Public Speaking, Creative Writing, Acting for stage and screen.

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST