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EDUCATION AND HONORS

Binghamton University, State University of New York

Bachelor of Arts in Theatre & Performance; Minor in Education (Summa Cum Laude)

Cumulative GPA: 3.92/4.00

Dean's List: Fall 2015 – Spring 2019

Vestal, NY

May 2019

Honors: Provost's Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Research; The Albert Nocciolino Excellence in Theatre Award; The Mildred Sweet Memorial Award; The Alfred Brooks Memorial Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Spotlight Kids

Teaching Artist

New York, NY

July 2022 – Present

- Teach intermediate acting principles to a class of fifteen students between the ages of 9-11 years old in order to strengthen their understanding of theatre, ensemble building, and collaboration
- Direct weekly one-hour rehearsals in order to stage the children's end-of year performance
- Coordinate with the creative team (i.e.: Choreographer, Music Director, and Costume/Set/Prop Designers, etc.) to ensure effective communication and quick problem-solving

Chickenshed NYC

Lead Teaching Artist

New York, NY

August 2019 – July 2022

- Taught acting techniques, choreography, and music in integrated workshops of approximately 40 students with a team of teaching artists for a child-led performance
- Authored and performed interactive shows for ages 0-6 to support social-emotional development
- Curated lesson plans for a class of approximately 10 students between the ages of 5-7 in order to lead the first Chickenshed Players Level 1 workshop year

BridgeUp: Shakespeare in the Schools

Teaching Artist

Remote

May 2021 – June 2021

- Led virtual workshops on theatre and Shakespeare's text with 4 different classrooms ranging from 10-25 students each, ages 8-12, in a 5-week program
- Directed class performance of a speech from *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by teaching memorization techniques, supportive collaboration, and fostering confidence.
- Edited and produced a culmination film showcasing the students' work using iMovie, Google Suite, and Creative Commons music

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Theatre in the Classroom

Founder

Vestal, NY

December 2018 – May 2019

- Created a theatre outreach initiative through Binghamton University's Theatre Department, pairing 10 theatre students with 5 local elementary school classrooms in 2 separate schools to serve as volunteer teaching artists
- Designed teaching artist training workshops to support the team's professional development and confidence
- Facilitated open discussions with participating elementary school teachers about program improvements and successes through assessment tools; ie: surveys and emails

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Technical Skills: Microsoft Suite, Google Suite, Canva, Wix Website Design

Public Speaking, Acting, Singing, Juggling

Certifications: FDNY Fireguard (F03)

Interests: Reading; Knitting; Travel; Shakespeare; Watching Gilmore Girls and Ted Lasso