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PROFILE

Award-winning arts educator with experience in non-profit and post-secondary program administration. A seasoned bridge-builder and collaborator who leads with warmth and inclusiveness.

EDUCATION & CREDENTIALS

- M.F.A.- Theatre/Theatre for Youth- Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- B.A.- Theatre & Drama Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
- Teacher Certification: North Carolina Educator License

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Theatre Teacher, Orange County Schools, Hillsborough, NC, 2019-present

- Teach high school theatre courses including Beginning, Intermediate, Proficient, Advanced Theatre, Technical Theatre.
- Recognition & Awards: "Excellence in Directing" NC High School Theatre Festival-State festival, 2023
- "Distinguished Play" NC High School Theatre Festival- Region festival (qualifying for state finals)
- "Excellence in Directing"- NC High School Theatre Festival-Region festival, 2021

Theatre Teacher, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, Chapel Hill, NC, 2018-2019

- Teach theatre classes, grades 6-8, direct extra-curricular theatre program.

Theatre Teacher, Keller Independent School District, Keller, TX, 2014-2018

- Teach high school theatre courses including Theatre I-III, Technical Theatre I, Theatre Production, Improvisation, Movement & Combat
- Recognition & Awards:
 - UIL One-Act competition play ranked top 12 in TX out of 250 schools
 - "Fine Arts Teacher of the Year"- Timber Creek HS, 2015-2016.
 - "Walt Disney Award"- given by Texas Assoc. of Future Educators

Adjunct Faculty, Tarrant County College, Fort Worth, TX, 2014

- Courses Taught: Introduction to Theatre, Development of the Motion Picture
- Director for stage production, *U Bug Me*

Director, Performing Arts Academy, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA (2011-2014)

- Managed multidisciplinary pre-college and community arts division for children and adults with a roster of approx. 30 teaching artists and 2 graduate assistants.
- Increased enrollments by nearly 40%.
- Established partnerships with local arts & community organizations.
- Established new programs in early childhood music, Academy for Adults (50+), digital video editing, music for special needs.

Director of Education, Irondale Ensemble Project, Brooklyn, NY, 2009-2011

- Managed theatre education programs including year-long artist residencies at 5 NYC public high schools, Irondale Young Company (teen ensemble) and summer camp programming.

**Additional work history prior to 2011 available upon request.*

SKILLS

- Stage management, event planning, budgeting, stage direction, read music, novice-level piano and guitar skills.