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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

University of Houston - School of Theatre and Dance

Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Education (with certification) - Class of 2024

Acting/ Directing

- Jessica Ferrarone / Acting I & II (Meisner, Uta Hagen, Stanislavsky)
- Rosie Ward / Voice (Alexander)
- Sally Mayes / Song Performance for Musical Theatre
- Molly Wetzel / Musical Theatre, Voice & Movement (Laban, Suzuki)
- Sophia Watt / Directing I & II (Viewpoints)

Production and Design

- Rachel R. Bush / Stage Management
- Nina Saunders. Christina Gianneli / Lighting & Sound Tech.
- Andrew Lynch / Sound Design
- Samantha Gardecki / Makeup for the Actor
- Paige Wilson / Fund. of Design
- Amber Stepanik / Costume Tech.
- Mary Schreier / Scenic Tech.
- Gary Cooper / Stage Design

Theory and Criticism

- Dr. Alison Christy/ Dramatic Structures & Genres, American Drama
- Dr. Rob Shimko / Theatre History I & II

Pedagogy

- Frank Chuter / Intro to Educational Theatre
- Dr. Margo Hickman / Theatre in Elem. and Secondary Schools
- Dr. Chestin Auzenne-Curl / Classroom Management
- Destyne Miller / Program Management

TEACHING PHILOSOPHY

The art that is theatre is one of the most definitive versions of collaboration. As an educator, it is my responsibility to provide a safe space for my students in which they are placed in a position where they are capable of achieving success. In the theatre, we share our stories in hopes that we can impact someone else's life by allowing them to find themselves in our art. To create an environment that will allow students to develop these stories and the worlds they take place in is the destination of this journey. The path, however, is filled with an abundance of opportunities for growth and discovery for the students. We are not just teaching our students to grow as artists; the collaborative nature of theatre serves as a vessel for the students to learn skills that can be applied throughout every aspect of their lives in the real world. It's all about the kids, and my ultimate goal as a teacher is to provide my students with the resources they need in order to blossom into the best version of themselves.



EDUCATIONAL THEATRE EXPERIENCE

Iowa Colony High School - Alvin ISD

Theatre Teacher/Director

July 2024 - Present | Ages 14-18

Supervisor: Dr. Ashley Marquez

- Devised and taught curriculum for Theatre Arts and Production (Advanced Theatre) courses
- Served as Head Director for the annual musical and co-director for UIL One Act Play and annual Fall Play
- Assisted in oversight and management of Texas Thespians Theatre Troupe

Theatre Under the Stars

Teaching Artist

September 2023 - November 2023 | Ages 4-18

Supervisor: Jessica Nieto

- Developed curriculum and taught 4-7-year old students in a "Create and Explore" class
- Developed curriculum and taught acting classes for students ages 8-12 and 13-18

Education Administrative Assistant

October 2022 - May 2023 | Ages 4-18

Supervisor: Jessica Nieto

- Supervised Academy classes and served as the liaison for students and parents/guardians
- Provided support to Teaching Artists in acquiring materials and preparing classrooms for instruction
- Assisted in outreach projects with local schools to promote enrollment in Academy courses

Summer Arts Education Apprentice

May 2022 - August 2022 | Ages 4-18

Supervisor: Jessica Nieto

- Taught music classes for 7 weeks during the summer for students ages 4-7 and 8-12
- Served as an Assistant Music Director for Bring It On with students ages 13-18
- Provided classroom support for students at the River, a school for students with disabilities

Lantrip Players Theatre Troupe

Teaching Artist/Administrator

August 2020 - May 2023 | Ages 6-11

Supervisor: Gary Cooper / Pam Wilson

- Developed a year-long curriculum for the elementary theatre troupe
- Taught lesson plans to elementary school students every week, both virtually and in-person
- Organized an end-of-year celebration that utilized previous lessons and activities throughout the year



SELECTED ARTISTIC EXPERIENCE

Direction

Birthday Candles	Iowa Colony High School	Mar 2026
Alice by Heart	Iowa Colony High School	Feb 2026
The Wolves	Iowa Colony High School	Oct 2025
A Shayna Maidel	Iowa Colony High School	Mar 2025
Mamma Mia!	Iowa Colony High School	Jan 2025
Our Town	Iowa Colony High School	Oct 2024
Frankenstein	Alvin High School	Mar 2024
Things I Know to Be True	University of Houston <i>*Directing II Final</i>	Apr 2023

Stage Management/Production Assistance

Romeo and Juliet, Midsummer Night's Dream	Houston Shakespeare Festival	Jun - Aug 2024
Macbeth, Much Ado About Nothing	Houston Shakespeare Festival	Jun - Aug 2023
Sin Muros: A Latinx Theatre Festival	Stage Repertory Theatre	May 2023, 2024, & 2025
Houston Methodist Family Fun Day	Ward & Ames Special Events	May 2023 & 2025
My Favorite Things	Houston Grand Opera	May 2021

Sound Design

Cloud Tectonics	Brenda Palestina, Director	Sept 2023
Middletown	Jessica Ferrarone, Director	Nov 2021
The Oresteia	Lily Wolff, Director	April 2021

SKILLS

- Understands Spanish
- Can read music
- Proficient in Google and Microsoft Suite
- Plays various instruments
- Adobe Photoshop, Canva
- Prepared
- Driver's License

REFERENCES

John Grimmett

Head Theatre Director, Alvin High School

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