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## Profile

Certified Arts Teacher (theater) with extensive professional experience in theater production, directing, designing and acting for over 23 years. Professional fine artist.

## Education & Training

**Initial teacher certification K-12**

**Master of Arts in Educational Theater**, Hunter College (Spring 2017)

Lincoln Center Scholars/Hunter College partnership program(scholarship for arts teachers through an alternative teaching program)

**Master of Fine Arts in Theater Directing with an emphasis in scenic design,** Brooklyn College

Joseph Zwick Scholarship in Directing / MFA Directing Brooklyn College

Assistantship scenic artist in Theater Department

**Bachelor of Fine Arts in Painting, University of Hartford, Hartford, CT**

**S.T.A.R.S. Teaching Artist Training Program** *– collaboration between NYC schools and The Actors Fund.*

* *Received 55 hours of training & student teaching in DOE schools*

**Residencies for Inside Broadway**  2019

**PS 38Q**- 120 \*8-9 years of age. Culminated in 2 musical theater shows- Created shows using songs from Musicals to tell story of a fairy tale and Greek Myth- devised.

HSLEAPS- (high school) musical theater cultural residency. Devised 6 shows based on music history- singing, dancing acting.

HS Leaps- Art -MURAL Project.

**High School & College Theater & Public Speaking Teacher**

**Manhattan High School for Girls (private)** 2017/2018

Studio Art- Seniors 9/17 – 12/17

Teach- Drama, Public Speaking Coach in collaboration with English teacher09/17 – 06/18

School Drama Club. Studio ART\_ 1st semester.

**Humanities II New Visions Charter High School,** South Bronx, NY2015/2016

Theater teacher- High school 9-11th grade

## Adjunct/Sub - Acting Professor- Felician College, Rutherford NJ 2012, 2010

* Scene study and acting class

## Teaching artist for Teen Arts Program – Washington County, NJ 2010-2012

* **Art**: Drawing and color theory (workshop for teens
* **Acting**: Musical theater audition technique- acting a song (2 day workshop)

**Theatrical Set Painting mentoring and training (College and High school students)**

**St. Joseph’s University** -Trained college BFA theater students in painting skills 10/2017

**Surflight Theater** 2002- 2008, 2017

* Trained interns and apprentices in painting techniques for 5 shows at Summer stock season.

**Brooklyn College Departmental Scenic charge**

* Trained students in theatrical painting techniques 2006-2008

**Trollwood School of the Performing Arts**, Fargo, ND

* Scenic charge for summer theater

**Middle School Theater Teacher & Director**

## Arts Connection, NYC Shubert Residencies 2014/2015

**Director- Once on this Island**

* **MTI Broadway Junior Program/Middle School –PS05x**

**JHS. 185 Q Edward Bleeker, Flushing, NY (**ELLS- incoming**)**

* + Worked on musical theater and devised scenes on the scene of growing up.

**PS127Q, Elmhurst, NY. (**6th, 7th & 8th grade**)**

# Created a show integrating the theme of the ELA class.

**MS324. (Special Ed (**6,7,8 graders**)**

* Objective: To teach drama and teamwork skills.Used mostly improv and storytelling techniques.

**Elementary Drama Teacher**

**Sedgewick School. PS09 X** South Bronx (Morris Heights) 08/16- 11/16

Theater teacher 650 2nd-5th graders- 24 classes

## Drama Teacher - PS 112 - East Harlem (ASD Nest Program) K-3,SPED, ELL 2013/2014

* 9 months- cluster teacher- 23 separate classes over 4 day schedule.
* Responsible for teaching and creating drama curriculum

**Musical Theater Residency - PS 59, 3rd, 4th and 5th graders (Afterschool**) Spring 2013

* Lessons taught in dancing, singing, comedy scenes, improvisation.
* Broadway review show at closing of 12 weeks.

**STARRS Drama teacher**- PS19Q K- 12 2013- 2015

## Children’s Theater Director at Theaters and Theater Focused Schools

**Union County Performing Arts Center**- Opera House- August 2017

* **Aladdin Jr**-80 kids – 6- 17 yrs old

**Surflight Summer Theater-** old July 2017

* **Jungle Book JR**- directed and choreographed 30 kids- 8- 17 yrs

**Camp Silver Lake,** (Catskills) aged- 11-14 Summer 2014

* **Peter Pan** ( Adapted by me Broadway version

**Downtown Performing Arts Center** Summer 2010

* **Cinderella** (Disney version**)** H.S Seniors- 40 kids in outdoor production

**Theater Arts Center- Doylestown Pa** 2003- 2004

* **Hansel & Gretel** (musical) *Ages- 7-10 – 30 + kids in show*
* I**nto the Woods JR**. version- College & high school ages)
* **Cinderella** (original musical**)** *Ages 8- 12*

**Freelance Acting Coach**

Coached high school kids on monologues for auditions to BFA programs. 2009- present

**RELATED Experience**

**EARTH’S VACATION- a green musical about saving Earth at NY Fringe Festival** 2006

Wrote & directed this musical geared toward middle School kids.

# **Further Studies in Arts**

Actors Equity Singing scholarship –The Singers Forum 2011-­‐ 2013

Acting, Vocal, Improv, Musical Theater, and Playwriting training by request.

Professional unions: AEA, SAG, SDC,

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