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MATTHEW TURKLE

THEATRE EDUCATOR

PEDAGOGICAL STATEMENT

Theatre has the power to bring students to life. At its core, it allows us to create and explore entire worlds outside of our own. In an educational setting, theatre and the arts teach collaboration, communication, confidence, problem solving, and a host of other skills that are fundamental for life. My policy is to "maximize strengths and minimize weaknesses." Through theatre, I can connect with my students and bring out their best selves. By connecting to the arts, students have the opportunity to learn through diverse methods and grow as individuals.

TEACHING

I.S. 61 Leonardo Da Vinci 2023-2024
Theatre Teacher 6th-8th Grade

- Year 2 Arthur Miller Fellow
- Director : *Employees Must Wash Hands Before Murder*
- Production Manager - All-School Arts Winter & Spring Concerts
- Extra-Curricular Drama Club Advisor

Van Siclen Community Middle School 2022-2023
Theatre Arts Teacher 6th-8th Grade

- Year 1 Arthur Miller Fellow
- Facilitated New Victory Theater residency for 6th grade classes
- Member - Magnet Planning Committee

Summit Academy Charter School 2021-2022
Performing Arts & Media Teacher 8th-12th Grade

- Courses taught: Introduction to Theatre, Film Studies, Acting 1, and Middle School Theatre

New Rochelle High School 2020-2021
Theatre Teacher 11th Grade

- Teacher of PAVE III Acting: Advanced course in Performing and Visual Arts Education audition-only program. Curriculum includes: Play Production, Design and Technology for Theatre, Acting for Film, and Directing.
- Director: *She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms*
- Arts Department Substitute as needed

Gramercy Arts High School 2018
Theatre Teacher - Maternity Leave Cover 9th-12th Grade

- Covered five sections of high school theatre courses in Acting, Theatre History, and Directing
- Engaged in Manhattan Theatre Club Saint Joan residency with GAHS instructor and MTC teaching artist.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

- **Extensive Teaching Artistry work in NYC and Westchester County**
 - Wingspan Arts - Musical Theatre/Theatre
 - Sunrise Day Damp - Drama Specialist Counselor
 - Temple Israel of New Rochelle - Improvisation, Scene Study
 - Manhattan Youth - Scenic Design
- **NYC-Based Actor***
 - *The Full Monty, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder, Assassins, Sunday in the Park with George, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Dog Sees God*
- **Directing/Assistant Directing**
 - *Employees Must Wash Hands Before Murder* - I.S. 61
 - *Masks* - AATE Playwrights for Change Festival 2023
 - *She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms* - New Rochelle High School PAVE III Class
 - *Rent* - (Assistant Director/Choreographer) - Northside Charter High School
 - *Annie Jr.* - (Assistant Director) - PSMS 161

*ACTING RESUME AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

EDUCATION

CITY COLLEGE OF NEW YORK
M.S. ED. IN EDUCATIONAL THEATRE
SUMMA CUM LAUDE

2017-2019

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK AT NEW PALTZ
B.A. IN THEATRE ARTS
MINOR IN ENGLISH

CUM LAUDE
2008-2012

CERTIFICATION

Theatre, K-12

New York State

Initial Certification

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Teaching Fellow - Arthur Miller Foundation** (2022-)
- **Teacher Training Intensive** - Roundabout Theatre Company (Summer 2024)
- **Member** - American Alliance of Theatre and Education
- **RE: Theatre: Diversity & Inclusion in the Classroom**

THEATRE TRAINING

- **Directing 1, 1-Year Acting Apprenticeship** - The Barrow Group
- **Intimacy Direction Training - Level I / II** - Intimacy Directors and Coordinators
- **Musical Theatre Acting with Tony Award Winner Randy Graff** - Primary Stages
- **Private Vocal Coaching**