

MATTHEW TURKLE

THEATRE EDUCATOR

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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

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 *Theatre Teacher*

2023-2024
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 *Theatre Arts Teacher*

2022-2023
6th - 8th Grade

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

Summit Academy Charter School *Performing Arts & Media Teacher*

2021-2022
8th - 12th Grade

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

New Rochelle High School *Theatre Teacher*

2020-2021
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 *Theatre Teacher - Maternity Leave Cover*

2018
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.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Teaching Fellow - Arthur Miller Foundation** (2022-)
- **Teacher Training Intensive - Roundabout Theatre Company** (Summer 2024)
- **Member - American Alliance of Theatre and Education**
 - **Co-Chair:** K-8th Grade Subdivision

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**

ACTING

Recent Credits Include:

- ***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***

*BroadwayWorld Award Nominee

Best Performance in a Musical (Off-Off Broadway)

TEACHING ARTISTRY

Wingspan Arts 2016-2020
Musical Theatre/Theatre Teaching Artist K-5th Grade

- Teaching Artist for Semester-long classes for arts/enrichment after school programming
- Developed and facilitated age-appropriate curriculum culminating in end-of-semester public performances
- Teaching Artist Cover as needed

Sunrise Day Camp 2018-2021
Drama Counselor Pre-K - 9th Grade

- Drama Specialist for specialized day camp serving children with cancer and their siblings.
- Facilitated fundamentals of drama games and activities across campers from Pre-K to High School.
- Provided general support to camp programming as needed.
- Drama/General Counselor for Summer 2020 Virtual Camp. Designed and facilitated programming presented over Zoom.

Manhattan Youth 2015
Set Design Instructor/Production Designer 6th-8th Grade

- Site: Clinton School for Writers and Artists
- After-School Elective: Basics of set design and process, work on scenery, scenic painting, and prop design and construction for production of *Little Shop of Horrors*.
- Served as Scenic Designer, Costume Designer, Hair & Makeup Designer, Lighting Designer, Stage Manager, and Crew Head for extracurricular production of *Little Shop of Horrors*.

DIRECTING

The Stinky Cheese Man 2025
The Heights Players

Universal Reunion 2024
Playwrights for Change Festival

Employees Must Wash Hands Before Murder 2024
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Masks 2023
Playwrights for Change Festival (AATE)

She Kills Monsters: Virtual Realms 2021
New Rochelle High School PAVE Theatre
(Performing and Visual Arts Education)

Rent 2019
Northside Charter High School
Assistant Director/Choreographer