

Liz Gray

THEATRE EDUCATOR

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ARTISTIC STATEMENT

As a theatre educator and practitioner, I strive to embolden and foster developing artists by deepening performance-based skills, including acting, directing, devising, and public speaking. Empowering evolving creatives through technique building, honing craftsmanship, academic rigor, and encouraging growth as an individual, is both my personal and professional mission.

EXPERIENCE

Fort Lewis College, Adjunct Professor of Theatre

AUGUST 2021 - PRESENT: Durango, CO

- Courses: Acting II (200 Level), Creative Dramatics (300 Level), and Devised Performance Art (400 Level)

Piedra Vista High School, Master Class Artist: Shakespearean Analysis

APRIL 2020: Farmington, NM

- Created a two-session Shakespearean Master Class for high school students, academically based on poetic form

Fort Lewis College, Guest Artist: Shakespearean and Vocal Performance

MARCH 2020: Durango, CO

- This Master Class explored Shakespearean soliloquy and monologue performance through literary structure and vocal technique at a collegiate level (15 hours)

Omar D. Blair Charter School, Educator: Improvisation

JANUARY 2020 - MARCH 2020: Denver, CO

- Designed a weekly improvisation class for an underrepresented middle school population with a focus on amplifying personal voice and team building

Imagine Theatre Competition, Adjudicator and Master Class Artist

FEBRUARY 12-14, 2020: Denver, CO

- Adjudicated this Musical Theatre competition by judging the singing, dancing, and acting of solo, two-hander, and group performances
- The Master Class taught was called Creating a Character: students learned how vocalization and physicality contribute to the creation of a three-dimensional character through exercises based in the Hagen and Bogart forms

Most Precious Blood Catholic School, Educator: Acting for the Camera

NOVEMBER 2019 - JANUARY 2020: Denver, CO

- This weekly class taught Pre-K through 3rd graders the skills for presentational slating, creative scene writing, and acting on film technique

Valley High School, Master Class Artist: Musical Theatre Voice and Body

APRIL 2019: New Kensington, PA

- Worked with the cast of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* on developing nuanced characters through vocal and physical coaching

The Ellis School, Theatre Director

JULY 2017 - JULY 2019: Pittsburgh, PA

- Worked at an all-girls college-preparatory independent school as the Middle School and Upper School Theatre Director. In that time, I directed after-school musicals, classical works, and modern plays
- Taught theatrical classes in: Shakespearean Performance, Acting the Scene, Monologue and Soliloquy, Technical Theatre, and the History of Modern Theatre
- Taught the mandatory Upper School Public Speaking class
- Directed plays for two week-long camps held on campus
- Coached for the Pittsburgh Shakespeare Competition at the Pittsburgh Public Theatre, my students won for Best Scene

EDUCATION and CERTIFICATION

New York University, Tisch School of the Arts: BFA in Theatre

Stella Adler Studio

Cum Laude, Honors Graduate

Tisch School of the Arts Outstanding Achievement in Acting Award

Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts, London: Certificate Program

The Upright Citizens Brigade: Improvisation

Valid CTE Teaching License

*Acting Resume and Theatre Practitioner Resume available upon request